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Benevolence and Valour:
The Character of Our People!

Preface

Sangam poets, who highlighted the antiquity of the Tamil language and the lifestyle of Tamils living in harmony with nature prioritised the richness of the language. Specifically, Valluvam, endowed with celestial fame, has guided humanity not only through language, but also through virtue, upholding human equality that,

"All men that live are one in circumstance of birth;
Diversities of works give each his special worth"

(Thirukkural 972)

We possess the epochal pride of our Tamil, a language of the ancient clan born with splendour, before stones and earth appeared, the first awakening eye of human civilisation. The prestigious 10th century lexicon Pingala Nigandu speaks of Tamil as a language of profound love, filled with sweetness and empathy.

The pearl-like words of the lexicon stating "**Sweetness and adaptability constitute the very essence of Tamil**" evoke and envision the personification of Mother Tamil before our eyes. The term 'Mutthamizh', formed because our Tamil possesses the three attributes of Literature, Music and Drama, is detailed in Pingalandhai.

In modern times, contemporary literary works have profoundly documented the enduring legacy and influence of the Tamil language. Tamil has the inherent capability to adapt to changing times and assimilate new ideas. When singing

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about the sweetness and antiquity of Tamil, Mahakavi Bharathiyar praises its uniqueness as,

"Among all the languages I know, I see none as sweet as Tamil anywhere."

To cherish Tamil, endowed with such profound antiquity and literary richness, is to cherish our own history. It is the duty of all Tamils to take Tamil forward to the next generation as a language of a knowledge economy and a language encompassing world-class literature. Tamil is not merely a language; it is the identity of our existence, the very life breath of our identity.

Following the exalted path paved by Puratchi Kavignar, who proclaimed **"Let the conch blow that our life and our wealth are the eternal Tamil",** under the esteemed leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who bestows golden splendour and

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enduring glory, this Government has honoured and revered the Tamil Thai Vaazhthu.

In the same spirit, through a wide array of initiatives, the Tamil Development Department stands resolute in promoting Tamil's vibrant youthfulness across all directions and infusing it with new brilliance.

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Chapter – 1

Tamil Development Department

1.1 Implementation of Official Language Scheme

1.1.1 Inspection of Tamil Official Language Scheme

The Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, 1956 was enacted on December, 27th 1956 and published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette on 23.01.1957 to provide for the adoption of Tamil as the Language to be used for the official purposes of the State. The legislation has been enacted under the Article 345 of the Constitution of India. Under this Act, regular inspections are conducted to ensure that Tamil is actively used in all Government departments and autonomous bodies.

- The Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, **1956** - enacted 27 December **1956**, published in the Gazette on **23.01.1957** - adopts Tamil for the official purposes of the State.
- Article 345 lets a State legislature adopt any language in use in the State as its official language. The **1956** Act is enacted under it.

Inspection activities are carried out to evaluate the implementation of the Official Language Scheme in Secretariat departments. In

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departmental head offices, Boards and District Collectorates, inspections are conducted by the Director of Tamil Development. In Subordinate Offices, inspection works are carried out by District-level Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of Tamil Development.

1.1.2 Inspection Procedure

The Director of Tamil Development along with the Zonal / District-level Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of Tamil Development, prepare a list of offices to be inspected, devise a prior travel itinerary every month and systematically carryout the inspection works.

Stages of the Inspection Procedure:

- **Prior Notice and Questionnaire:** Information regarding the inspection, along with a detailed questionnaire for data compilation, will be sent in advance to the offices to be inspected. The staff of the office

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under inspection must complete the details regarding files and registers in the questionnaire and submit it to the officials of the Tamil Development Department on the day of inspection.

- **Physical Verification:** Officials of the Tamil Development Department conduct physical verification regarding the details provided by the department being inspected and the usage of Tamil in employee's documents.

- **Evaluation of Documents and Inspection Report:** A comprehensive inspection shall be conducted regarding the usage of Tamil in all office documents. In the inspection report sent to the office following the inspection, areas of commendable performance as well as identified deficiencies will be explicitly highlighted. A compliance report is obtained after the identified deficiencies are rectified.

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1.1.3 Workshops on Official Language

Workshops are conducted in all districts of Tamil Nadu to create awareness among Government officials and employees regarding the Official Language Scheme. These workshops impart awareness on subjects such as history and legislation of the official language, Government Orders, simplified implementation and digital Tamil computing. Participants receive certificates of participation. This scheme is being implemented with a financial allocation of Rs.50,000/- per district, amounting to a total of Rs.19,00,000/-.

1.1.4 Seminars on Official Language

Official language seminars are conducted annually in every district for the employees of Government departments, autonomous institutions, Boards and Corporations. Training is imparted in these seminars, through experts in

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Tamil grammar and literature, alongside domain specialists. This scheme is implemented with a financial allocation of Rs.20,000/- per district, amounting to a total of Rs.7,60,000/-.

1.1.5 Training on Official Language Scheme

Considering the large number of Government employees in Chennai district, additional training on Official Language Scheme is imparted exclusively to the employees serving in Government offices, Boards and Corporations within Chennai district. In this two-day comprehensive training program, five training sessions of two days each are conducted with a financial allocation of Rs.1,50,000 (Rupees One Lakh and Fifty thousand only), covering core subjects including Official Language Act/History, Government Orders, Coinage of Terminologies, Translation, Preparation of Official Notes and Drafts and Inspection Procedures.

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1.1.6 Official Language Act Week

The "Official Language Act Week" is observed annually from December 21 to 27 to emphasize the implementation of the Tamil Official Language Act among employees of Government offices, Boards and autonomous bodies across Tamil Nadu, as well as to create awareness among the general public and traders. Financial allocation of Rs.38,00,000/- is made to implement this scheme across districts through the Tamil Development Department with an allocation of Rs.1,00,000/- per district.

- Official Language Act Week runs 21 to 27 December, marking the enactment of the **1956** Act on 27 December.

1.1.7 Implementation of Official Language Scheme–Shields for the Best Districts

Based on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Schemes under the Tamil Nadu Official Language Act, as well as ensuring the prominence of Tamil on the name boards of commercial establishments among the 38 districts of Tamil Nadu, Sivagangai and

- Sivagangai and Kanyakumari were judged the best districts for **2023** in implementing the Official Language Act, awarded on **30.06.2026**.

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Kanyakumari districts were selected as the best districts for the year 2023. Demand drafts worth Rs.2.25 Lakhs each totalling Rs.4.50 Lakhs (for organizing Tamil language programs) along with shields and certificates of appreciation were presented to these districts by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 30.06.2026.

1.1.8 Tamil on the Name Boards of Commercial Establishments

The name boards of shops and commercial establishments in Tamil Nadu must comply with Rule 15 of the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules, 1948 and the name boards of catering establishments must comply with Rule 42-B of the Tamil Nadu Catering Establishments Rules, 1959. It is specified therein that, the name boards must feature Tamil prominently as the primary language, followed by English in second place and subsequently other languages. Furthermore, Tamil should be given more

- Name boards: Rule 15 of the Shops and Establishments Rules **1948** for shops, Rule 42-B of the Catering Establishments Rules **1959** for eating houses - Tamil first, English second.

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prominence and space compared to other languages appearing as the foremost language.

Moreover, it is specified that the name boards of factories must comply with Rule 113 of the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950. Accordingly, the name boards must feature Tamil and when other languages are used, they must appear below the Tamil text.

- For factories the rule is Rule 113 of the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, **1950** - other languages must appear below the Tamil text.

Consultative meetings with Presidents and Members of Traders association are being held and the commercial establishments are continuously emphasized to display name boards in Tamil.

1.2 Awards

In recognition of the noble service rendered by Tamil Scholars in spreading the glory of Tamil language, a total of 88 awards comprising 87 eminent scholars across 31 distinct categories and

- 88 awards a year - 87 individual scholars across 31 categories and one Tamil organisation.

one outstanding Tamil organization are being conferred annually.

Awards presented on Tiruvalluvar Day

Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
1.	Thiruvalluvar Award	2026	41
2.	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award	2025	28
3.	Pavendar Bharathidasan Award	2025	89
4.	Tamilthendral Thiru. Vi. Ka. Award	2025	46
5.	Muthamizh Kaavalar Ki. Aa. Pe. Viswanatham Award	2025	24
6.	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award	2025	20
7.	Perarignar Anna Award	2025	20
8.	Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Award	2025	2

- Eight awards are presented on Tiruvalluvar Day, each carrying **Rs.5,00,000,** a sovereign gold medal, a citation and a shawl.

- The eight Tiruvalluvar Day awards: Thiruvalluvar, Bharathiyar, Bharathidasan, Thiru.Vi.Ka, Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham, Kamarajar, Anna and Kalaignar.

For each of the eight awards mentioned above, a cash prize of Rs.5,00,000/-

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(Rupees Five Lakhs only), one sovereign gold medal, a citation and a shawl are presented.

Thagaisal Tamizhar Award (presented on Independence Day)

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
9.	Thagaisal Tamizhar Award (Distinguished Tamil Award)	2026	6

Since 2021 Thagaisal Tamizhar Award had been presented annually to Tamils who have made significant contributions to Tamil Nadu and Tamil Community through the Public Department. From 2024 onwards being presented through the Tamil Development Department. The awardee is honored with a Certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only).

- The Thagaisal Tamizhar Award - **Rs.10,00,000,** the largest in the note - has run since **2021**, on Independence Day. It moved from the Public Department to Tamil Development in **2024**.

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Awards Presented to organizations through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Organizations
10.	Tamilthaai Award	2023	12 Organizations

The award comprises a cash prize of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) along with a shield of appreciation accompanied by a citation, is presented.

Other Awards presented through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
11.	Kabilar Award	2023	12
12.	U. Ve. Sa. Award	2023	12
13.	Kambar Award	2023	11
14.	Sollin Selvar Award	2023	11
15.	Umarupulavar Award	2023	10
16.	G. U. Pope Award	2023	10

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Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
17.	Ilango Adigal Award	2023	9
18.	Chief Minister's Computer Tamil Award	2023	11
19.	Amma Literary Award	2023	8
20.	'Sinthanai Sirpi' Singaravelar Award	2023	6
21.	Ayothidasa Pandithar Award	2023	5
22.	Maraimalai Adigalar Award	2023	5
23.	Arutperunjothi Vallalar Award	2023	4
24.	Karaikkal Ammaiyar Award	2023	4

For the aforementioned 14 awards, a cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a citation and a shawl are presented.

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Award presented to Monthly Magazines through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
25.	'Tamilar Thanthai' Si.Pa.Adithanar Monthly Magazine Award	2023	4 Magazines

The award is presented with a cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a citation, a Shield and a shawl.

Awards presented to Translators through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
26.	Best Translator Award (For 10 Scholars)	2023	80

The award is presented with a cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a citation and a shawl.

Tamil Chemmal Award presented at the District Level through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
27.	Tamil Chemmal Award (For every district)	2023	317

The award is presented with a cash prize of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), along with a citation and a shawl.

- The Tamil Chemmal Award is given in every district - **Rs.25,000** each; 317 awardees when last presented.

Ilakkiya Maamani Award presented through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
28.	Ilakkiya Maamani Award (3 categories: Traditional Tamil, Research Tamil and Creative Tamil Literature)	2025	18

The award comprises a cash prize of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only), a citation and a shawl.

- The Ilakkiya Maamani Award runs in three streams - Traditional Tamil, Research Tamil and Creative Tamil Literature - at **Rs.5,00,000**.

Best Tamil Pronunciation Award presented through the Tamil Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Year Last Awarded	Number of Awardees
29.	Best Tamil Pronunciation Award (for 4 persons)	2023	8 Media Professionals

The award is presented with a cash prize of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with a shawl.

Bharathidasan Young Creator Award presented through the Tamil Development Department

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pavendar Bharathidasan, as part of the Tamil Week Celebrations, the 'Bharathidasan Young Creator Award' shall be presented to an outstanding young writer or poet who excels in the Tamil language.

The award comprises a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only), a citation and a shawl.

1.3 Functions and Events Honouring Tamil Scholars and Language Martyrs

1.3.1 'Tamil Language Martyrs' Commemoration Day

In honour of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during the Language agitations due to their deep devotion to the Tamil language, floral tributes are offered on January 25th 'The Tamil Language Martyrs' Memorial Day at the memorials of Thalamuthu and Natarajan located at Moolakothalam, as well as at the Tamil Language Martyrs' Memorial situated in the Gandhi Mandapam.

- Tamil Language Martyrs' Memorial Day - 25 January, at the memorials of Thalamuthu and Natarajan at Moolakothalam and at the Gandhi Mandapam.

1.3.2 Tamil Literary Renaissance Day

To honour the legendary Tamil scholar Tamil Thatha U.Ve. Saminathaiyer, who searched, compiled palm-leaf manuscripts and published

Tamil literature, his birth anniversary on February 19th is celebrated annually as **'Tamil Literary Renaissance Day'** with financial allocation of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only).

Literary events including symposiums and debates are organized in this event.

19 February, U.Ve. Saminathaiyer's birth anniversary, is Tamil Literary Renaissance Day. 'Tamil Thatha' compiled and published palm-leaf literature.

1.3.3 International Mother Tongue Day

In accordance with UNESCO's declaration, International Mother Tongue Day has been celebrated in Tamil Nadu on February 21st since 2014. Programs such as symposiums and poetry forums are organized with a fund allocation of Rs.5 lakh. In addition, 'International Mother Tongue Day Pledge' is administered across all Government offices and educational institutions.

International Mother Tongue Day, declared by **UNESCO**, has been observed in Tamil Nadu on 21 February since **2014**, with a pledge in all Government offices and institutions.

1.3.4 Tamil Poets' Day

Tamil Poets' Day is celebrated on April 29th, marking the birth anniversary of Revolutionary Poet Pavendar Bharathidasan.

During this event, programs including debate and poetry forum are organized with a financial allocation of Rs.3 lakh.

- Tamil Poets' Day is 29 April, Bharathidasan's birth anniversary; the Tamil Week Festival runs from 29 April to 5 May.

1.3.5 Tamil Week Festival

In commemoration of the birth anniversary of Pavendar Bharathidasan, 'Tamil Week Festival' is celebrated from April 29th to May 5th. During this festival, events including poetry symposia, literary seminars, the conferment of the Bharathidasan Young Creator Award, research forums and Tamil programs, Tamil music and cultural events are conducted in schools. A financial allocation of Rs.50 lakh is made for organizing the Tamil Week Festival.

1.3.6 Tamil Nadu Day

The credit for naming Madras Presidency as 'Tamil Nadu' by passing the resolution in the Legislative Assembly on 18.07.1967, belongs solely to Perarignar Anna. That historically significant day, July 18th, is celebrated annually as 'Tamil Nadu Day'. In this occasion, (July 18), State-level essay writing and elocution competitions are organized for school students, where winners are awarded Rs.50,000/- for first prize, Rs.30,000/- for second prize and Rs.20,000/- for third prize. Furthermore, as an integral component of the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations, symposium featuring distinguished scholars are conducted.

A total amount of Rs.32,39,000/- is allocated for conducting the events and distributing the prizes.

- Madras State was renamed Tamil Nadu by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on **18.07.1967** - the note credits Perarignar Anna. 18 July is Tamil Nadu Day.

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1.3.7 Literary Meetings and Competitions

Literary meetings have been conducted annually on a rotational basis to promote the cultural values of Tamil language, in collaboration with local literary organizations to commemorate the birth anniversaries of eminent Tamil scholars and authors. So far, commemorative literary meetings honouring over 100 Tamil scholars and writers have been held across 30 districts.

Commemorative literary meetings for more than 100 Tamil scholars and writers have been held across 30 districts.

A financial allocation of Rs.15,00,000/- is made for conducting literary meetings and competitions.

1.3.8 Kural Week Celebrations

The 'Kural Week' is celebrated grandly across all districts through the Tamil Development Department. During the first six days, in districts selected in rotational basis, events such as Kural Commentator's Conferences, Thirukkural Workshops, Thirukkural Dance-Dramas,

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Thirukkural Debate, Thirukkural Poetry forums and symposiums, Kural-themed cultural programs and literary competitions are organized with the participation of school/college students, Government officials and employees and the general public. On the seventh day, a 'Thirukkural Awareness Rally' is conducted across all 38 districts.

- Kural Week ends on the seventh day with a Thirukkural Awareness Rally across all 38 districts.

A financial allocation of Rs.80,00,000/- is made for conducting the Kural Week celebration events.

1.3.9 Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Scientific Tamil Scholar Manavai Mustafa

- Manavai Mustafa, pioneer of Scientific Tamil, is commemorated on 15 June; Kavikko Abdul Rahman on 9 November.

In Commemoration of the birth anniversary of Manavai Mustafa (June 15th), who rendered pioneering service to Scientific Tamil, the day is celebrated as State function at the district level.

An amount of Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs only) is allocated. Scientific Tamil seminars,

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quiz competitions and book exhibitions are conducted in this event.

1.3.10 Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Kavikko Abdul Rahman

The birth anniversary (November 9th) of Abdul Rahman, honored with the title 'Kavikko' who introduced new dimensions and social perspectives into Tamil poetry, is celebrated as State function at the district level.

An annual financial allocation of Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs only) is made for this event, to conduct poetry symposiums and literary seminars.

1.3.11 Classical Tamil Language Day

In recognition of the contribution made by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar for declaring Tamil as Classical Language, his birthday (June 3rd) is celebrated as Classical Tamil Language day by the Government of Tamil Nadu from 2025.

- Classical Tamil Language Day - 3 June, Kalaignar's birthday - has been observed since **2025**, marking his role in Tamil being declared a Classical Language.

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1.4 Honouring Tamil Poets and Scholars

1.4.1 Garlanding and Offering Floral Tributes to the Statues of Tamil Poets and Scholars

Sl. No.	Tamil Poet / Scholar	Date
1	Thiruvalluvar Day Celebrations (Marina Beach and Valluvar Kottam)	Thai 2nd Day
2	Tamil Thatha U.Ve.Saminathaiyer.	February 19
3	Avvaiyar (World Womens' Day)	March 8
4	Kavichakkravarthi Kambar	March 24
5	Ilango Adigal	April 24
6	Tamil Scholar Caldwell	May 7
7	Father of Pure Tamil Movement Maraimalai Adigalar	July 15
8	Tamil Thendral Thiru. Vi. Kaliyanasundaranar	August 26

- Statue garlanding calendar: Avvaiyar on 8 March (World Women's Day), Kambar 24 March, Ilango Adigal 24 April, Caldwell 7 May, Maraimalai Adigalar 15 July, Thiru.Vi.Ka 26 August.

Sl. No.	Tamil Poet / Scholar	Date
9	Statue of Tholkaappiyar (Chennai and Kaappiyakkaadu in Kanniyakumari District)	Chithirai Full Moon Day
10	Statue of Tamil Thaai Located at Tamukkam Ground, Madurai	Daily floral garlanding.

- Tholkappiyar statues at Chennai and Kaappiyakkaadu in Kanniyakumari are garlanded on the Chithirai full moon day; the Tamil Thaai statue at Tamukkam, Madurai daily.

1.4.2 Paying floral tributes at the Memorial Pillars of the Sangam Poets

Floral tributes ceremonies are conducted annually on Tamil Poets' Day (29th April) at the six memorial pillars erected in memory of the Sangam poets listed in the schedule to commemorate the revered scholars who composed timeless works of Sangam literature.

Sl. No.	Poet's Name	Places of Installation / District
1	Okkur Masaathiyar	Okkur, Sivagangai District

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2	Nallur Naththathanar	Idaikazhinadu, Chengalpattu District
3	Mangudi Maruthanar	Mangudi, Tenkasi District
4	Twelve Classical Sangam Poets of Karur (Karuvoor Kannambalanar, Karuvoor Kadappillai Sathanar, Karuvoor Kalingathar, Karuvoor Kosanar, Karuvoor Pavithiranar, Karuvoor Poothansathanar, Karuvoor Perunchathukkathu Poothanathanar, Karuvoor Nanmarbanar, Karuvoor Othagnaniyar, Karuvoor Kanthappillai Sathanar, Karuvoor Cheraman Sathan, Karuvoor Kizhar)	Karur, Karur District
5	Kaniyan Poongundranar	Mahibalanpatti, Sivagangai District
6	Kabilar	Tirukovilur, Kallakurichi District

- Six memorial pillars for Sangam poets: Okkur Masaathiyar, Nallur Naththathanar, Mangudi Maruthanar, the twelve Karur poets, Kaniyan Poongundranar at Mahibalanpatti and Kabilar at Tirukovilur.

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1.5 Dream House

a) Dream House (Literature)

The Government of Tamil Nadu honors eminent writers who have been honoured with the prestigious literary awards including the Sahitya Akademi Award, Jnanpith Award, Tholkappiyar Award, Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award and the Nobel Prize for Tamil Language and Tamil literature works by presenting them with residential houses within Tamil Nadu. Under this scheme, a High-Income Group house of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board is allotted, or a house measuring 1,500 sq. ft. is constructed in the district of their choice subject to certain conditions and in accordance with the guidelines prescribed in the Government Order. So far, Dream houses have been provided to 25 distinguished recipients at a total cost of Rs.34,23,55,000/- (Rupees Thirty four Crores twenty three lakhs fifty five Thousand only).

- The Dream House scheme covers winners of the Sahitya Akademi, Jnanpith, Tholkappiyar and Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Awards - and the Nobel Prize.
- 25 writers have received Dream Houses at a total cost of **Rs.34.24 crore**; a 1,500 sq ft house or a Housing Board **HIG** unit.

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b) Dream House (Translation)

As an extension of the 'Dream House' Scheme, a Middle-Income Group residential unit valued at Rs.40.00 Lakhs (inclusive of Registration expenses) is being provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu to recipients of the Sahitya Akademi award for Translation, subject to prescribed guidelines and conditions. So far, Dream houses have been provided to 10 translators at a total cost of Rs.3,76,43,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Three Thousand only).

- Dream House (Translation) gives Sahitya Akademi translation awardees an **MIG** unit worth **Rs.40 lakh**; 10 translators so far at **Rs.3.76 crore**.

1.6 Nationalization of Books

In order to seamlessly disseminate the literary works of Tamil scholars to Tamil living across the globe, their creations are nationalized in accordance with prescribed rules and royalty compensations are provided to the authors. So far, 7,397 books belonging to 196 Tamil

- Nationalisation of books: 7,397 works of 196 Tamil scholars nationalised, with **Rs.16.12 crore** paid as royalty.

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scholars have been nationalized, with a total royalty amount of Rs.16.12 Crores disbursed.

1.6.1 Scheme for Printing and Publishing Nationalized Books

The works of nationalized Tamil scholars are being printed and published through the International Institute of Tamil Studies, thereby facilitating easy access to these valuable works for the general public. Furthermore, these books are uploaded to the digital library portal of the Tamil Virtual Academy (https://tamildigitallibrary.in). An annual financial allocation of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) is sanctioned for this purpose.

- Nationalised books are printed through the International Institute of Tamil Studies and uploaded to the Tamil Virtual Academy's digital library.

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1.7 Prizes and Financial Assistance

1.7.1 Prizes for Outstanding Tamil Books

An expert committee selects outstanding works across 33 distinct categories to encourage the publication of best books in Tamil. Under this scheme, the author of each selected book is honored with a cash prize of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) along with a certificate of merit, while the publisher is awarded a cash prize of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) along with a certificate.

- Prizes for outstanding Tamil books run across 33 categories - **Rs.50,000** to the author and **Rs.25,000** to the publisher.

1.7.2 Financial Assistance for Publication of Books for the Development of the Tamil. (Best books / Rare books / Translated books)

The Tamil Development Department consolidated its financial assistance schemes for book publication which were operated separately during the years 1966, 1994–95 and 1996–97 into a unified scheme as 'Financial Assistance

- Three older publication-assistance schemes of **1966**, **1994-95** and **1996-97** were merged into one scheme in **2002**, with assistance up to **Rs.50,000** in two instalments.

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Scheme for Publication of Books for Tamil Development', implemented since 2002. Under this scheme, financial assistance upto the ceiling of Rs.50,000/- in two instalments is provided to the authors of the outstanding books, selected by the expert committee for printing and publication of such books.

1.7.3 Thirukkural Prize Scheme

Among the earliest great literary works that arose in Tamil Nadu several centuries ago, the Thirukkural holds the masterpiece in every aspect. It’s core principles, philosophical tenets and exquisite diction are widely reflected across virtually in all Tamil literary works.

This scheme propagating the ethical values embodied in the Thirukkural among students and enhancing their language proficiency of students. Under this scheme, students who memorise and recite 1,330 couplets of the Thirukkural in their

- The Thirukkural Prize goes to students who recite all 1,330 couplets - **Rs.15,000** each; 1,189 students have won it since the competitions began at the turn of the millennium.

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entirety, with the objective of awarding a cash prize of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) each along with a certificate of merit. With the objective of fostering proficiency in the complete recitation of the Thirukkural, the foremost treatise on ethics, among school students the Tamil Development Department has been conducting Thirukkural recitation competitions since the beginning of the millennium. Under this scheme, 1,189 students have been awarded prizes to date.

1.8 Training Programmes for Students

1.8.1 Tamil Literary Workshop for the Youth

An intensive one-week training workshop is organized annually by the Tamil Development Department at an expenditure of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) for 200 students who won in poetry, essay writing and elocution competitions. In addition, for the literary quiz

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competition conducted alongside this workshop, cash prizes are awarded to the top three. The first prize of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), the second prize of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) and the third prize of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only).

1.8.2 Youth Literary Training Camp

A one-day training workshop is conducted across all 38 districts by domain experts, at an expenditure of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) per district to foster an interest in the Tamil language among college students.

1.8.3 "Thamizhal Mudiyum" (Achievable through Tamil) - Life Guidance Training

'Thamizhal Mudiyum' gives 200 Tamil-medium college students a three-day life guidance programme on careers through Tamil - journalism, cinema, translation.

To empower students studying in the Tamil medium, 200 college students selected from across all 38 districts are provided with a 3-day Life Guidance Training Program at an expenditure of Rs.15.50 Lakhs. The curriculum covers key

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domains including employment opportunities through Tamil, Tamil in journalism, history of ancient Tamils, Tamil in cinema, personality development and career prospects in the field of translation.

1.8.4 Thirukkural Tiruppanigal (Thirukkural Promotional Services)

Every year an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only) to each district has been allocated for training program for teachers in order to conduct Thirukkural training classes and workshops across districts.

1.9 Financial Assistance

1.9.1 Financial Assistance to Tamil Scholars

Eminent scholars who have preserved and nurtured Tamil literature and culture are granted with a monthly financial assistance of Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven thousand five hundred only) along with a medical allowance of Rs.500/- (Rupees five

- Tamil scholars receive **Rs.7,500** a month plus **Rs.500** medical allowance for life; their legal heirs **Rs.2,500** plus **Rs.500**.

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hundred only), a total amount of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight thousand only) per month throughout their lifetime.

1.9.2 Financial Assistance to Legal Heirs of Tamil Scholars

The legal heirs of deceased Tamil scholars who were receiving financial assistance from the Government of Tamil Nadu are granted with a monthly financial assistance of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two thousand five hundred only) along with a medical allowance of Rs.500/-, (Rupees Five hundred only) totalling to an amount of Rs.3,000/- per month.

1.9.3 Financial Assistance to Aged Tamil Scholars

To prevent aged Tamil scholars who have rendered service to the development of the Tamil language from living in penury, 150 scholars aged 58 years and above with an annual income not exceeding Rs.1,20,000/- (Rupees One lakh twenty

150 aged Tamil scholars - 58 years and above, annual income up to **Rs.1,20,000** - are selected each year for lifelong assistance of **Rs.8,000** a month.

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thousand only) are selected annually. They receive a lifelong monthly financial assistance of Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven thousand five hundred only) along with a medical allowance of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only), totalling to an amount of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight thousand only) per month.

1.9.4 Financial Assistance to Legal Heirs of Aged Tamil Scholars

In the event of the demise of an aged Tamil scholar receiving financial assistance, a monthly financial assistance of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two thousand five hundred only) along with a medical allowance of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only), a total amount of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three thousand only) per month, is provided to the legal heir of the deceased scholar throughout their lifetime.

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1.9.5 Financial Assistance to Border Saviours

Border Saviours who endured imprisonment for struggling to integrate area like Kanniyakumari, Tiruttani, Peermade, Gudalur and Devikulam that were annexed to neighbouring States during the linguistic reorganization of States in 1956, are provided with a lifetime monthly financial assistance of Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven thousand five hundred only) along with a medical allowance of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only), totalling to an amount of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight thousand only) per month.

Border Saviours are those jailed in the agitations over Kanniyakumari, Tiruttani, Peermade, Gudalur and Devikulam during the linguistic reorganisation of States in **1956**. They receive **Rs.8,000** a month for life.

1.9.6 Financial Assistance to Legal Heirs of Border Saviours

After the demise of the beneficiaries who participated in the Border agitation and received financial assistance, their legal heirs are provided financial assistance of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three thousand only) along with a medical allowance of

Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only), a total amount of Rs.3,500/- (Rupees Three thousand five hundred only) per month, throughout their life time.

1.9.7 Funeral Expenses allowance for Tamil Scholars / Border Saviours

In the event of the demise of Tamil scholars or border saviours receiving financial assistance through the Tamil Development Department, a lump sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) is sanctioned to their legal heirs to meet funeral expenses.

1.9.8 Free Travel Concession in Government Buses

To honour and encourage the contributions rendered to the Tamil language by awardees, Aged Tamil Scholars, Border Saviours and Tamil Scholars, a free travel concession in Government buses is provided to them.

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1.10 Competitions

1.10.1 Poetry, Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions for School / College Students

With a view to encouraging literary aptitude among students studying in classes 11th and 12th in schools as well as college students, competitions are conducted in Poetry, Essay writing and elocution at the district and state levels and prizes are awarded to the winners.

Details of Cash Prize

Category	Prize Details	Amount (in Rupees)
Cash Prizes awarded to School / College Students at District level	First Prize	10,000
	Second Prize	7,000
	Third Prize	5,000
Cash Prizes awarded to School / College Students at State level	First Prize	15,000
	Second Prize	12,000
	Third Prize	10,000

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1.10.2 Conducting District-Level Elocution Competition for School and College Students on the Leaders' Birth Anniversaries

District-level elocution competitions are organized across all districts for school and college students to mark the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Thanthai Periyar, Arignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar. Winners are awarded cash prizes along with certificates of appreciation. Furthermore, to incentivize Government school students, a special cash prize of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) each is awarded to two outstanding speakers among them.

Details of Cash Prize

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

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1.10.3 Classical Language Day Celebrations Competitions

To create awareness among students about the significance and greatness of Classical Tamil, essay writing and elocution competitions are conducted annually in all districts for school students studying in Classes 11 and 12 as well as college students.

Details of Cash Prize

Category	Prize Details	Amount (in Rupees)
Cash Prizes Awarded for District-Level Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions for School and College Students	First Prize	10,000
	Second Prize	7,000
	Third Prize	5,000

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Category	Prize Details	Amount (in Rupees)
Cash Prizes Awarded for State-Level Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions for School and College Students	First Prize	15,000
	Second Prize	10,000
	Third Prize	7,000

1.10.4 Tamil Nadu Day Celebrations Competitions

Essay-writing and elocution competitions are conducted for school students in all districts to commemorate Tamil Nadu Day. Cash prizes are awarded to the students who secure prizes at District and State-level during the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations, held annually by the Tamil Development Department on 18th July.

Category	Prize Details	Amount (in Rupees)
Cash Prizes Awarded for District-Level Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions for School and College Students	First Prize	10,000
	Second Prize	7,000
	Third Prize	5,000

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Category	Prize Details	Amount (in Rupees)
Cash Prizes Awarded for State-Level Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions for School and College Students	First Prize	50,000
	Second Prize	30,000
	Third Prize	20,000

1.10.5 Poet Tamil Oli Endowment Competitions

On the occasion of the centenary of poet Tamil Oli, a poetry recitation and elocution competition are conducted among school students to promote their interest in Tamil. For this purpose, prizes and shields are awarded to the winning students from the interest amount earned on an endowment fund of Rs.50 Lakh.

S. No.	Prize Details	6th–8th (Recitation of Poems of Kavignar Tamil Oli)	9th–12th (General Elocution Competition)	9th–12th (General Poetry)
1	First Prize	15,000	15,000	15,000
		Prize amount Rs.10,000/- and shield Rs.5,000/-		

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2	Second Prize	10,000	10,000	10,000
		Prize amount Rs.7,000/- and shield Rs.3,000/-		
3	Third Prize	7,000	7,000	7,000
		Prize amount Rs.5,000/- and shield Rs.2,000/-		

1.10.6 World Tamil Olympiad Competition

With the objective of promoting awareness among Tamil youth across the world about the richness of Tamil as a Classical Language and the uniqueness of Tamil culture, the World Olympiad competition will be conducted with the participation of school students not only in Tamil Nadu but also in other cities across India and students studying in World Tamil Centers. The World Tamil Olympiad competition will be conducted at an expenditure of Rs.3,15,50,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) and prize money will be awarded to the winners.

- The World Tamil Olympiad, at **Rs.3.16** crore, extends to students in other Indian cities and in World Tamil Centres abroad.

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1.10.7 Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Student Tamil Forum in Government Colleges

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Student Tamil Forum has been newly established across Government Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Medical Colleges to enhance interest in Tamil among college students in Tamil Nadu. To organize annual Tamil-related student competitions, an endowment grant of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh only) to each college and a total amount of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crores only) has been sanctioned for 100 colleges.

- Student Tamil Forums newly set up in 100 Government colleges with an endowment of **Rs.5,00,000** each - **Rs.5** crore in all.

1.10.8 Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Student Tamil Forum in Government Schools

The existing Tamil Forums in 6,218 Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools across Tamil Nadu are upgraded to help students appreciate the ancient heritage of the

- Tamil Forums in 6,218 Government high and higher secondary schools upgraded, with an annual grant of **Rs.9,000** per school - **Rs.5.60 crore** for **2026-27**.

Tamil language, develop a passion for Tamil literature and grammar and gain knowledge about Tamil scholars and stalwarts who dedicated their lives to the cause of Tamil. Through these upgraded Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Tamil Forums, Tamil Koodal activities are conducted with an annual grant of Rs.9,000/- (Rupees Nine thousand only) provided to each school.

A financial allocation of Rs.5,59,62,000/- (Rupees Five Crores fifty nine lakhs sixty two thousand only) has been sanctioned for the year 2026–2027.

1.11 Grants / Financial Assistance

1.11.1 Grants Provided in Tamil Nadu

Grants are provided annually required to meet administrative expenses, including staff salaries and project implementation works of the Tamil University, Thanjavur, International

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Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai and the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai.

1.11.2 Financial Assistance to Tamil Sangams in Other States

To safeguard the language, culture and Tamil identity of Tamils living in other States of India and to conduct Tamil classes and functioning the libraries, financial assistance and infrastructure facilities are provided in accordance with rules, based on requests from the respective State Tamil Sangams.

1.11.3 Grants to Other Departments

An annual recurring expenditure of Rs.1.00 Crore is sanctioned for the implementation of the Tamil Outreach Academy (Parappurai Kazhagam Scheme) through the Tamil Virtual Academy.

- **Rs.1.00 crore** a year is sanctioned for the Tamil Outreach Academy (Parappurai Kazhagam) through the Tamil Virtual Academy.

Publication of the Dravidian Encyclopedia (Dravida Kalanjiyam) multi-volume set is being

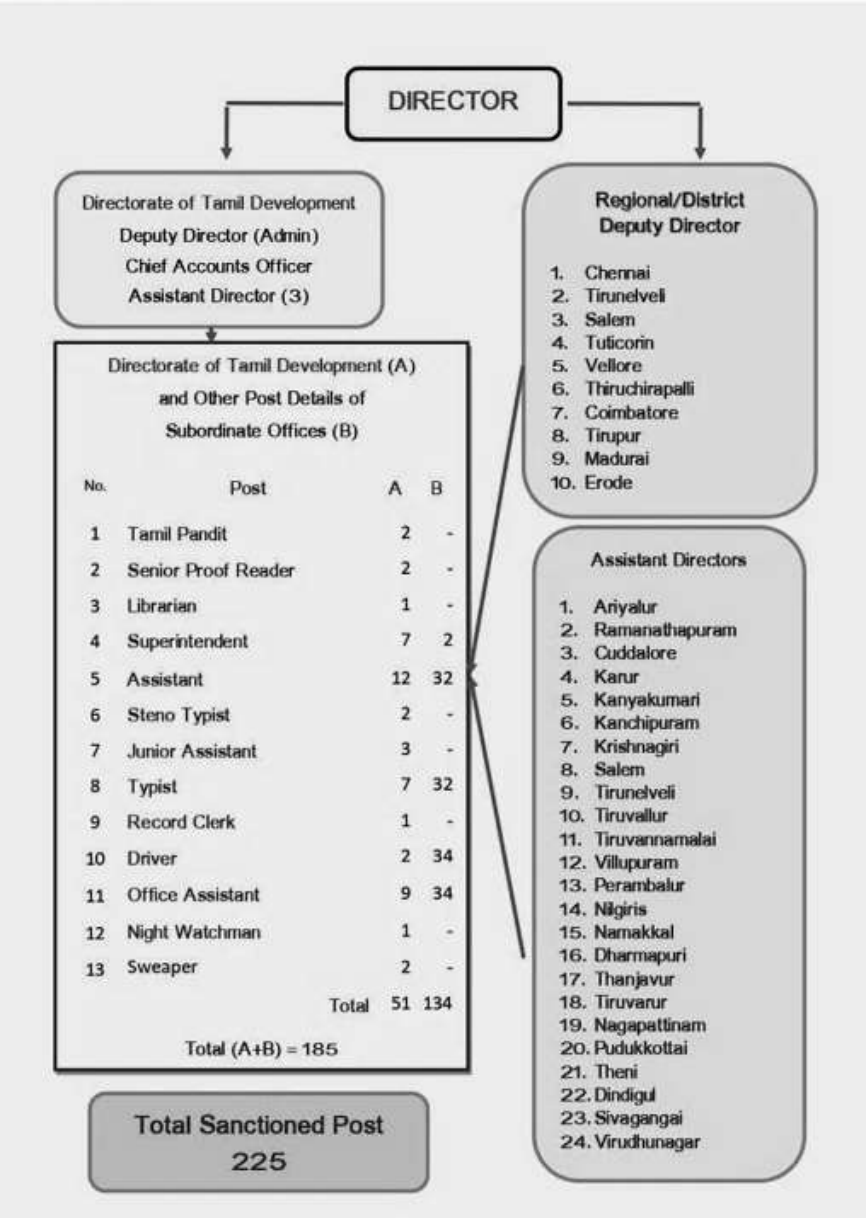
- The Dravidian Encyclopedia (Dravida Kalanjiyam) is being published through the Textbook Corporation - four volumes out, three to come.

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undertaken through the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation at an expenditure of Rs.1,38,01,276/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty eight Lakhs One thousand two hundred and seventy six only). Four volumes have been published so far and the remaining 3 volumes will be published during this financial year.

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1.12 Organizational Structure



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Chapter – 2

Translation Wing

The Translation Wing efficiently carries out official translation works received from the departments of the Secretariat in a prompt and meticulous manner.

2.1 Subjects of Translation

Key Documents Translated:

- Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Notifications, Legislative Assembly Papers, Election manuals and Statutory Forms.
- Speeches of the Hon'ble Governor and the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and White Papers.
- Annual Reports of Commissions of Inquiry, State Information Commission, Human

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Rights Commission and Vigilance Commission.

- Reports and Recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Public Undertakings.

In addition to Tamil and English in this wing, the letters received in Malayalam, Telugu and Hindi are also translated into Tamil or English as required and transmitted to the respective departments via email.

2.2 Staff Strength

Sl. No.	Sanctioned Posts	Filled Posts	Vacancies
1	29	25	4

- Translation Wing staffing: 29 sanctioned posts, 25 filled, 4 vacant. It also handles Malayalam, Telugu and Hindi letters.

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Chapter-3

Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project

As a result of the great efforts of the 'Mozhi Gnayiru' Devaneya Pavanar, who proclaimed the glory of Tamil, the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project has been functioning as a distinct department of the Government since 1974, enriching the vocabulary resources of Tamil and creating pure Tamil dictionary works.

- The Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project has been a distinct department since **1974**, born of Mozhi Gnayiru Devaneya Pavanar's work.

3.1 Activities of the Directorate

A Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary consisting of 31 volumes has been published through this Directorate. These are available for public use both in printed book form and digital formats. Its abridged edition, Tamil Verb Dictionary, 7 volumes Revised edition of comprehensive Tamil Etymological Dictionary, Glossary of Medical terms, a Regional Dialect

- A Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary in 31 volumes has been published, with a 7-volume Tamil Verb Dictionary, a medical glossary, a regional dialect dictionary and a 3-volume administrative glossary.

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Dictionary and an Administrative Glossary in 3 volumes for Government officials have been updated to meet contemporary needs and made available. All publications of this department have been made available for public use under a common license through online platforms such as the free universal encyclopedias, source repositories and 'Sorkuvai'.

3.2 Tamil Kalaikkazhagam

Tamil Kalaikkazhagam, functioning since 2016, coins pure Tamil terminologies equivalent to loan words widely used among the public. The Expert committee conclave twice a month and upon approval, Tamil terminologies are published for public use through the ‘Sorkuvai’ website.

- Tamil Kalaikkazhagam, working since **2016**, coins pure Tamil equivalents for loan words; its expert committee meets twice a month.

3.3 Sorkuvai Website

All words of the ancient and resource-rich Tamil language has been consolidated under a single platform for the use of worldwide people,

new terminologies are continuously uploaded to the 'Sorkuvai' website (www.sorkuvai.tn.gov.in). A total of 15,53,079 Tamil terminologies along with their English translations have been uploaded till 15.08.2026.

- The Sorkuvai website carries 15,53,079 Tamil terms with English equivalents as on **15.08.2026**.

3.4 Tamil Lexicography Day Celebration

In honour of the Tamil contributions of Veeramamunivar, who authored dictionaries including the Chathurakarathi, his birth anniversary on November 8th is celebrated every year as **"Tamil Lexicography Day"** through the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project

- Tamil Lexicography Day is 8 November, the birth anniversary of Veeramamunivar, who compiled the Chathurakarathi.

a) Agarathi Aaivu Malar - Dictionary Research Magazine

Agarathi Aaivu Malar containing articles received from Tamil scholars and researchers on subjects including Tamil lexicography, coinage of terminologies, regional dialects and usage of

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Unicode in Tamil font is distributed free of cost to Tamil enthusiasts.

b) Competitions for School Students

To enrich the Tamil speaking skills and usage of Tamil technical words among school students, State level drawing and coining of word competitions are being conducted. The winners of both the competitions were awarded a first prize of Rs.10,000/- and a second prize of Rs.5,000/-.

3.5 Awards

3.5.1 Devaneya Pavanar Award

The **'Devaneya Pavanar Award'** is awarded to an eminent native scholar who excels in Tamil root-word research and dictionary compilation, following the footsteps of Mozhi Gnayiru Devaneya Pavanar. This award carries a cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh along with Citation.

- The Devaneya Pavanar Award (**Rs.2** lakh) is for root-word research; the Veeramamunivar Award (**Rs.2 lakh**) for lexicography, open to foreign scholars too.

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This award has been presented to 5 Scholars till 2024.

3.5.2 Veeramamunivar Award

'Veeramamunivar Award'—comprising a cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh and a citation is presented to a native or foreign scholar who excels in the field of lexicography through the creation of minor literatures, translations and lexicons, following the tradition of Veeramamunivar. This award has been presented to three Tamil scholars till 2024.

3.5.3 Thooya Tamil Patralar Award

- The Thooya Tamil Patralar Award - **Rs.20,000** - goes to one pure-Tamil speaker in each district; 143 recipients till **2024**.

To encourage individuals who are passionate about the Tamil language and consistently speak in pure Tamil without mixing loan words the Thooya Tamil Patralar Award is presented to one individual in each district. This award carries a cash prize of Rs.20,000/- and a

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certificate of appreciation. Till 2024, this award has been presented to 143 enthusiasts.

Similarly, at the State level, a cash prize of Rs.5,000/- each along with a certificate is awarded to three pure Tamil enthusiasts. Till 2024, 18 individuals have received this Award.

3.5.4 Thooya Tamil Oodagam Award (Pure Tamil Media Award)

"Thooya Tamil Oodagam Award" (Pure Tamil Media Award) is presented annually to one print media and one visual media organization to encourage media organization that publish news with pure Tamil along with new terminologies. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.50,000/- along with a citation. Till the year 2024, 3 visual media and 4 print media have received this award.

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3.5.5 Natramizh Pavalar Virudhu

Natramizh Pavalar Award is presented annually to two poets, one traditional poet and one in the modern poet to encourage creative writers who compose poetry utilizing chaste Tamil words. Each award carries a cash prize of Rs.50,000/- alongwith a citation. Till 2024, a total of ten poets, including five traditional and five modern poets have received this award.

3.6 'Solvayal'- monthly e-magazine

The e-magazine 'Solvayal' is published monthly on the 'Sorkuvai' website, featuring articles related to the Tamil language, including word studies, coinage of terminologies, linguistic concepts and the activities of Directorate. As on July 2026, totally 74 issues have been published.

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3.7 Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training / Workshop for Young Lexicographer

Under the 'Sorkuvai Student Ambassador / Young Lexicographer Training Programme', a two day training session is conducted by experts to 200 students to cultivate on affinity for pure Tamil and develop the skills of coinage of terminologies among college students and certificates are distributed to them.

3.8 Departmental Expert Committee Meeting

New scientific and technical terms emerging daily across various fields are refined with the support of the respective field experts and uploaded to the Sorkuvai website. In addition, 50 handbooks containing these technical terms have been printed and distributed to the departments concerned.

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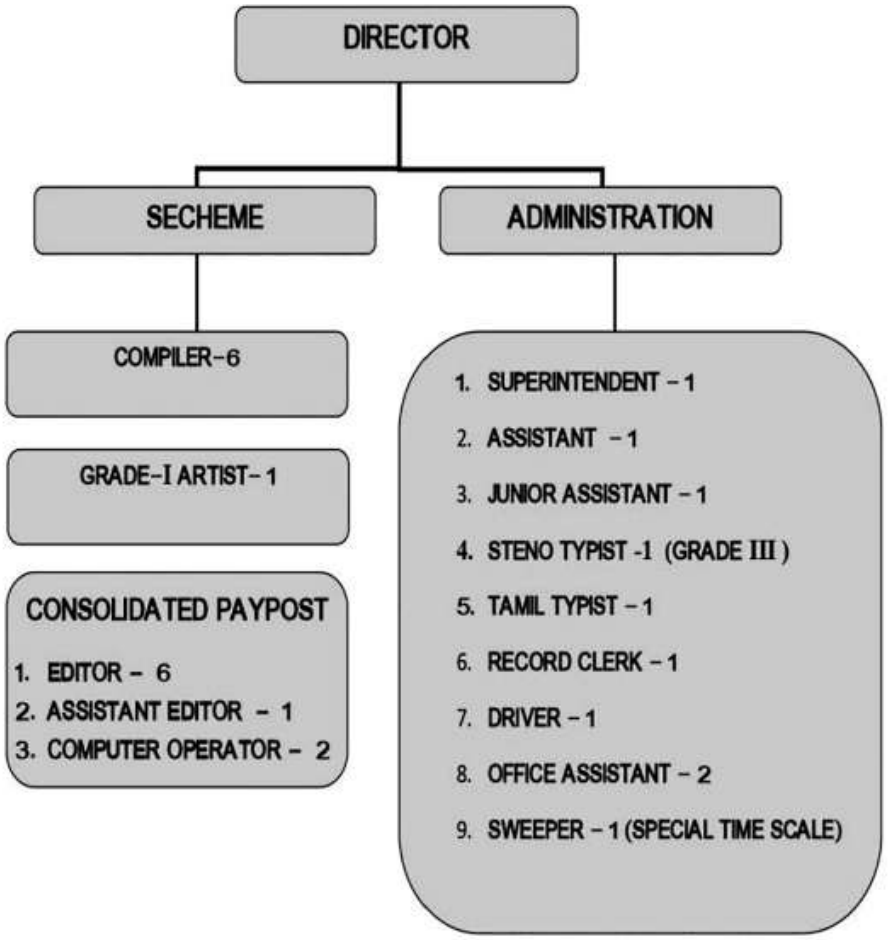
3.9 Publication of Comparative Etymological Dictionary Tamil and Indo–European Root words

To highlight the relationship between the Tamil language and the Indo–European language family an amount of Rs.6,90,98,513/- (Rupees six crore ninety lakh ninety-eight thousand five hundred and thirteen only) has been sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation for the project of publishing a comparative Etymological Dictionary of Tamil and Indo–European language covering the financial years 2022-2023 to 2025-2026. Under this project, a General Introductory volume and four main volumes have been published so far. The project duration has been extended by two years up to 2027-2028.

- **Rs.6.91 crore** has been sanctioned for a comparative etymological dictionary of Tamil and Indo-European root words, extended to **2027-28**.

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3.10 Establishment



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Chapter - 4

International Institute of Tamil Studies

4.1 Genesis

The International Institute of Tamil Studies was established in 1970 under the Societies Registration Act, with the primary objective of undertaking research related to the Tamil language, literature, culture and arts as well as coordinating Tamil scholars worldwide to advance Tamil research. Conceived through the visionary thoughts of Perarignar Anna, this institute serves as a premier organisation for Tamil research.

The International Institute of Tamil Studies functions as an autonomous institution, under the guidance of the Governing Council chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information and Publicity.

- The International Institute of Tamil Studies was established in **1970** under the Societies Registration Act, conceived by Perarignar Anna.

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4.2 Objectives

- Encouraging multidisciplinary researches by facilitating indepth analysis of Tamil Language, Literature, Culture, History, Philosophy, Archaeology and Epigraphy.
- Developing infrastructure conducive to research.
- Establishing overseas communication to enhance the academic environment with emphasis on preserving Tamil heritage and preserving its global significance.
- Maintaining a high-quality, advanced research library.
- Collaborating with other academic Institutions, Government bodies, Foreign organisations and Private institutions without compromising the institute's academic ethos.

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4.3 Functional Faculties

Besides conducting National and International seminars, workshops and endowment lectures, the institute carries out advanced research projects through the following four faculties:

1. Faculty of Tamil literature and Manuscriptology
2. Faculty of Tamil language and Linguistics
3. Faculty of Sociology, Arts and Culture
4. Faculty of Overseas Tamils

Four faculties at the Institute: Tamil Literature and Manuscriptology; Tamil Language and Linguistics; Sociology, Arts and Culture; and Overseas Tamils.

4.4 Academic activities

Beyond its role as a premier Tamil research institute, the institute actively imparts higher education programs for the benefit of students.

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Doctoral Degree (Ph.D)

- The institute offers full-time and part-time doctoral research programmes with the approval of the University of Madras and Tamil University. Through this institute, 268 scholars have obtained their doctoral degrees in Tamil so far. During the current academic year, 31 research scholars are pursuing their doctoral research.

268 scholars have taken doctorates through the Institute, which works with the University of Madras and Tamil University.

Master's Degree (M.A.)

- The institute conducts a two-year M.A. in Tamil and a five-year Integrated M.A in Tamil in affiliation with Tamil University, Thanjavur. In the current year, 45 students are enrolled in the M.A program and 30 students in the five-year Integrated M.A programs.

Diploma Programs

- Along with degree programs, one-year Diploma program in 'Manuscriptology and Editing' and 'Epigraphy and Archaeology' are also conducted in this institute.
- So far, 425 students have completed the Manuscriptology course and 1,626 students have passed the Epigraphy course.
- In 2026-27 academic year, 272 students are enrolled in the Diploma in Epigraphy and Archaeology and 21 students in the Diploma in Manuscriptology and Editing.

Diploma output: 425 students have completed Manuscriptology and Editing and 1,626 the Epigraphy and Archaeology course.

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4.5 Educational and Research Fellowships / Stipends

a) A monthly Research Fellowship of Rs.5,000/- is provided to Ph.D., research scholars selected on merit basis.

b) A monthly stipend of Rs.2,000/- is awarded based on examination performance to each of 30 students (15 first-year and 15 second-year students) enrolled in the M.A., Tamil program.

c) A monthly stipend of Rs.2,000/- is provided to all students from the first to fifth year of the five-year Integrated M.A., Tamil programme.

d) An educational incentive of Rs.3,000/- per month is provided to 10 students selected on the basis of examination in the Diploma in Manuscriptology and Editing.

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e) Besides, food is being provided to 45 students residing in the hostel.

4.6 Eligibility Examination Coaching

Free special coaching is provided for the National / State level Eligibility Tests for Lectureship and Research Fellowship conducted by the University Grants Commission. These classes enable students to clear these eligibility tests, secure professor posts in higher educational institutions and obtain research fellowships from the Central Government.

Beyond the institute's own students, students from various colleges and universities attend and benefit from this coaching program.

4.7 Teaching Tamil Language

The Faculty of Tamil Language and Linguistics conduct an annual 20 day **Training Programme on Linguistic Techniques** for

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50 Government school Tamil teachers with the financial assistance of Government of Tamil Nadu.

4.8 Palm-Leaf Manuscripts Preservation Centre

This centre was established at the International Institute of Tamil Studies with the financial assistance of Rs.34 lakhs provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the objective of preserving and digitizing ancient, endangered palm-leaf manuscripts. A total of 38,266 manuscripts of various disciplines are preserved here with detailed explanatory notes.

- The Palm-Leaf Manuscripts Preservation Centre, set up with **Rs.34** lakh, holds 38,266 manuscripts with explanatory notes.

4.9 Thirukkural Art Gallery

To showcase the greatness of Thirukkural, the repository of Tamil life and ethics to the world, a 'Thirukkural Art Gallery' was established at the International Institute of Tamil Studies displaying photographs, rare books and fine paintings depicting Thiruvalluvar and Thirukkural.

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It attracts school and college students, as well as the general public daily.

4.10 Ancient Tamils' lifestyle Exhibition Gallery

'Ancient Tamils' Lifestyle Exhibition Gallery' has been established at the International Institute of Tamil Studies to introduce the magnificent and glorious heritage of ancient Tamils to the younger generation.

- **Exhibits**: Stone sculptures, bronze sculptures, wooden sculptures, wooden carvings, war weapons, musical instruments, ornaments, paintings and photographs depicting the ancient Tamils heritage are showcased.

- **Short Films Screenings:** Short films on the following themes are screened to enable the younger generation to easily understand the history of Tamils:-

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1. Ancient Tamil Lifestyle 2.Tamil Medicine 3.Water Management 4.Warfare 5.Governance skills 6.Ancient Tamils' Weaving Technology 7.Ancient Tamils' Architectural Techniques 8.Ancient Tamils' Life Style across the five landscapes 9.Ancient Tamils' Agriculture 10.Tamils' Traditional Arts.

- **Visiting Hours :** Open all days (no weekly holidays) from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM
- Free entry for everyone

4.11 Endowments

54 endowments have been established at this institute with the financial assistance from individuals or associations to encourage advanced Tamil research. Special lectures by department experts are conducted through these endowments and subsequently printed and published as

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research books. So far, books on 569 titles have been published.

4.12 Research Chairs

❖ Tholkappiyar Research Chair

With the aim of thoroughly researching Tholkappiyam, the ancient grammar treatise of Tamil and proclaiming its significance across the world, the Tholkappiyar Research Chair was established at the Institute with a deposit amount of Rs.50 lakhs granted by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Two research chairs at the Institute - Tholkappiyar with a **Rs.50 lakh** deposit, and the Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Chair for Arts and Sociology with **Rs.1 crore**.

Through this research chair special lectures are being delivered and research editions are also being published. In the current year, work on the publication of Sami Velayudham Pillai's book **"Thirukkural Solladaivu"** is in progress through this chair.

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❖ Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Chair for Arts and Sociology Development Research

This research chair has been established in this institute with a deposit fund of Rupees One Crore provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu to enable today's youth to learn about the cinematic career, political life and public service of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. to conduct national / international level research seminars in research work annually and with the objective of gathering through field work and publishing the unpublished historical records of M.G.R.

So far, 10 books have been published through this chair. For the current year, papers have been received to conduct a seminar and work is in progress to compile them into a book format.

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4.13 Publication of Books

Books play a vital role in understanding the lifestyle, culture and traditions of global populations as well as transmitting human thoughts to future generations.

Research findings are being published as books at this institute, which was established exclusively for advanced Tamil research. These include Seminar papers, endowment lectures, Academic research projects, Translations, works of other Tamil scholars, manuscript editions, reprints of rare books and nationalised works of Tamil scholars. Till date, 1,398 books have been printed and published. In the previous year alone, 54 books including new publications and reprints were published.

- 1,398 books published by the Institute to date; the Journal of Tamil Studies (Tamiliyal), a bilingual quarterly running over 50 years, has reached 129 issues.

4.14 Journal of Tamil Studies (Tamiliyal)

Reflecting the insights of Tamil scholars, the Journal of Tamil Studies has been published

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continuously as a bilingual quarterly journal in Tamil and English for over 50 years. So far, 129 issues have been published.

4.15 Research Library

Established in 1970, this library currently operates with 1,55,000 books with infrastructure upgraded and fully computerised through financial assistance from the Government of Tamil Nadu. This library immensely benefits researchers as well as students preparing for competitive examinations.

- The Institute's Research Library, established in **1970**, holds 1,55,000 books.

New books related to Tamil research are continuously procured for this library using the annual financial grant of Rs.1.50 lakhs provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

4.16 Founder's Day

September 15th, the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, is celebrated every year as the

- Founder's Day of the Institute is 15 September, Anna's birth anniversary - the same day Tamil University was established in **1981**.

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"Founder's Day" of the International Institute of Tamil Studies.

4.17 Student Tamil Forum

The 'Student Tamil Forum' has been established at the institute with a deposit fund of Rs.5 lakhs provided by the Directorate of Tamil Development to encourage the individual talents of students. Using the interest income generated from this deposit, poetry, essay and elocution competitions are conducted for students every year and cash prizes are awarded.

4.18 Innovative Schemes approved and implemented by the State Planning Commission

1. Works of 'Creating an Integrated Database, Digitizing and Uploading to the website are progressing rapidly with a financial allocation of Rs.150.00 Lakhs (1.50 Crore) with the objective of preserving Tamil palm

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leaf manuscripts and passing them on to the future generations.

2. 'The global innovative for Tamil Higher Education (Tamil studies video repository / Tamililyal Kanoli Kuvai)' has been launched with a financial allocation of Rs.150.00 Lakhs (1.50 Crore) to enable students across the world to pursue higher education in Tamil and high-quality video recording works are underway.

3. Modernization work incorporating innovative and global standards are progressing excellently with financial allocation of Rs.150.00 Lakhs (1.50 Crore) to upgrade the Library of International Institute of Tamil Studies to international standard.

4.19 Short-term Projects

With the financial assistance of the Government of Tamil Nadu, one-year project

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works are in progress under the titles pre-research Compilation in Tamil Language, Maalaiyamman Kathai Suvadi – Edition and Research, Social Anthropological Research in Foreign Countries, Tamils' Migration: Timeline and Factors.

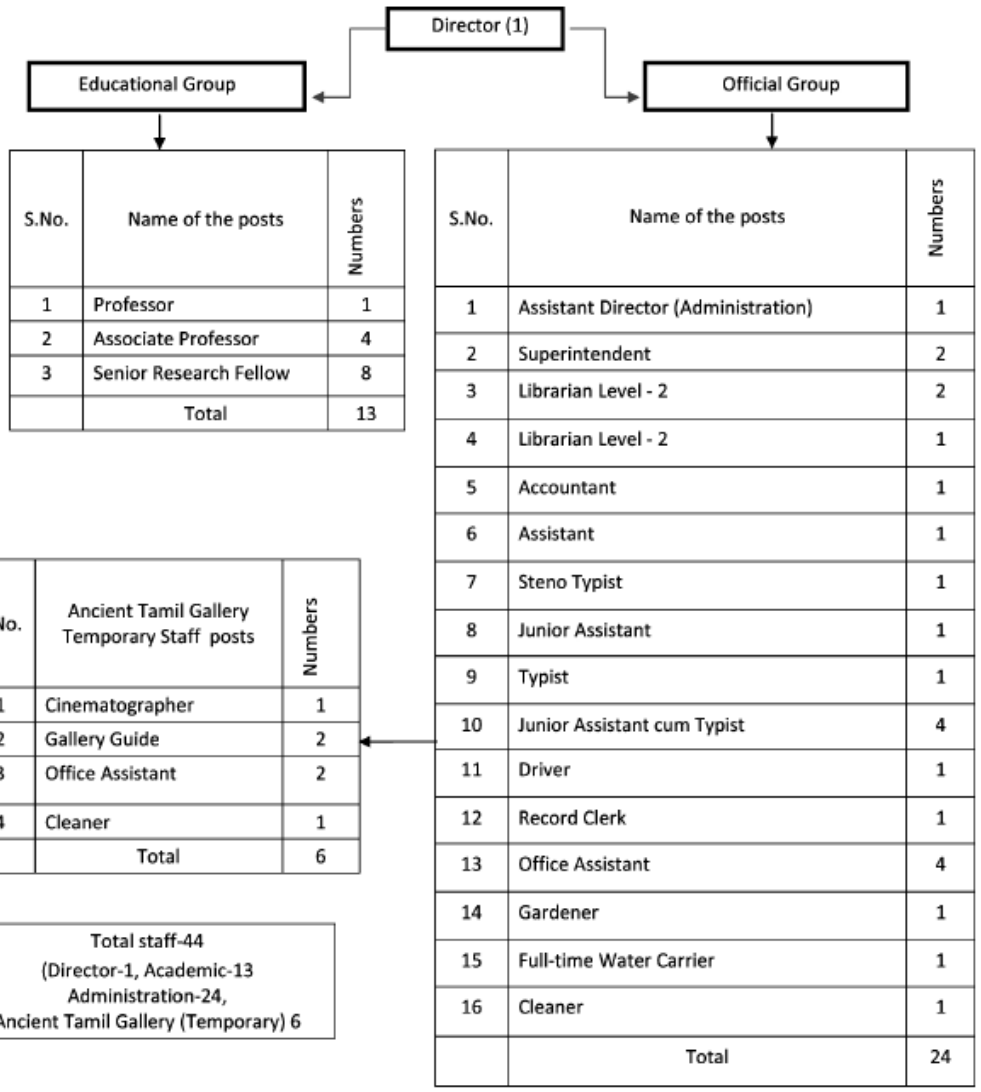
4.20 Classical Language Literature Award

With the objective of encouraging outstanding literary works across India, on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu, **"Classical Literature Award"** is being newly instituted from this year. Preparatory steps have been initiated to award a cash prize of Rs.5.00 Lakhs each to the best literary works published in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Bengali and Marathi languages.

- A new Classical Literature Award of **Rs.5 lakh** each covers Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Bengali and Marathi - Tamil Nadu funding awards in other Indian languages.

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4.21 Organizational Structure



S.No.	Name of the posts	Numbers
1	Professor	1
2	Associate Professor	4
3	Senior Research Fellow	8
	Total	13

S.No.	Name of the posts	Numbers
1	Assistant Director (Administration)	1
2	Superintendent	2
3	Librarian Level - 2	2
4	Librarian Level - 2	1
5	Accountant	1
6	Assistant	1
7	Steno Typist	1
8	Junior Assistant	1
9	Typist	1
10	Junior Assistant cum Typist	4
11	Driver	1
12	Record Clerk	1
13	Office Assistant	4
14	Gardener	1
15	Full-time Water Carrier	1
16	Cleaner	1
	Total	24

S.No.	Ancient Tamil Gallery Temporary Staff posts	Numbers
1	Cinematographer	1
2	Gallery Guide	2
3	Office Assistant	2
4	Cleaner	1
	Total	6

Total staff-44
(Director-1, Academic-13
Administration-24,
Ancient Tamil Gallery (Temporary) 6

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Chapter – 5

World Tamil Sangam, Madurai

5.1 Origin

In accordance with the lines of Pavendar, “Vayyam Aanda Vantamil Marabe” ("The ancient Tamil heritage that ruled the world"), the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai which propagates Tamil heritage across the world was established in the year 1986 and subsequently given a vibrant facelift by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the year 2012.

- The World Tamil Sangam, Madurai was established in **1986** and given a new campus in **2012** - **14.15 acres** with 87,300 sq ft built up.

In the historic city of Madurai, nurtured by the Sangam tradition, a Master Plan campus dedicated to the Tamil language has been established over an extent of 14.15 acres with a built-up area of 87,300 square feet. The facade of this architecturally designed building features a surrounding compound wall inscribed all

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1330 Thirukkural couplets alongside a majestic statue of Thiruvalluvar.

The compound wall of the World Tamil Sangam carries all 1,330 Thirukkural couplets, with a statue of Thiruvalluvar.

5.2 Objectives of the Sangam

- To compile information about all Tamil associations, organizations and institutions and those engaged in Tamil research works functioning worldwide.
- Based on the collected data, register and coordinate these global Tamil organizations under a single umbrella and form a federation.
- To send Tamil scholars and artists abroad to promote Tamil language, literature and culture.
- To send researchers to foreign countries where Tamils reside in large numbers to study their cultural status and invite foreign

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researchers to Tamil Nadu for a knowledge exchange.

- Compile / Prepare and publish an encyclopaedia on overseas Tamils.

- Providing linguistic, literary and cultural support to Tamils residing in countries where Tamils settled centuries ago due to historical reasons such as Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Fiji, Mauritius, French Guiana and countries where Tamils settled in the latter part of the twentieth century, such as USA, France, Australia, New Zealand and Kuwait.

- To create opportunities for overseas Tamils to access Tamil literary works and Sangam literature.

- To take steps to establish research centers on Tamil language in universities worldwide through this Sangam.

The Sangam's diaspora mandate distinguishes older settlements - Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Fiji, Mauritius, French Guiana - from twentieth century migration to the **USA**, France, Australia, New Zealand and Kuwait.

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- To select two countries each year where Tamils reside and organize research conferences and seminars in those countries.
- To arrange cultural programs showcasing Tamil sculptures, folk songs and artistic performances for overseas Tamils through this Sangam.
- To collect and archive palm leaf manuscripts, rare handwritten scripts and unique artifacts related to Tamil heritage from museums worldwide.

5.3 The Excellence of Tamil Lifestyle Ethics

The history of ancient Tamil society is vividly portrayed at the **"Sangam Tamil Gallery"** functioning under the control of the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai. This gallery features rare artistic exhibits including state-of

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the-art paintings, relief sculptures, murals and stone statues.

Furthermore, the gallery regularly hosts special lectures catering to the intellectual pursuits of college students, as well as competitions organized by the District Tamil Development Department to foster the talents of school and college students.

5.4 Tamil Koodal in Naanmadakoodal (Madurai)

In the historic city of Madurai, where Sangam poets nurtured Tamil through their poetic compositions, a weekly literary programme titled "Tamil Koodal" is being continuously conducted through the World Tamil Sangam with a objective of providing platform for Tamil scholars, Tamil enthusiasts and students to share their research ideas and insights.

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5.5 Launch of Distinguished Tamil Books

Creators transform their ideas into books and present them to the world. With the objective of bringing their significance to the public, book launch events are held monthly at the World Tamil Sangam, where the authors' works are honored with insightful reviews and certificates of appreciation.

5.6 Remembrance of the Founder

To honor and commemorate the services of the Hon'ble Former Chief Minister Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, his birthday on January 17th is celebrated every year as the 'Founder's Day' of the World Tamil Sangam in a grand manner.

The World Tamil Sangam's Founder's Day is 17 January, M.G. Ramachandran's birthday.

5.7 International Seminar

The World Tamil Sangam, organizes and coordinates International Seminars in

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collaboration with other colleges and universities. Research papers presented by scholars around the world are compiled and published in the form of books.

5.8 Endowment Lectures

Four Endowments have been established at the World Tamil Sangam under which lectures are being conducted annually.

- Chinese Poet Yushi - Thirukkural Endowment with an estimate amount of Rs.6,00,000/-.
- Sinthanai kavignar Kavidasan – Publishing Excellence (Noolpathippu Semmal) S. Vairavan Endowment with an estimate amount of Rs.5,10,000/-.
- Sydney Tamil Art and Culture Endowment (Australia) with an estimate amount of Rs.1,05,993/-.

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- Singapore Dr. A. Ra. Sivakumaran - Thenmozhi Endowment with an estimate amount of Rs.1,25,000/-.

5.9 Overseas Tamil Book Park

A noble book of 300 pages titled ‘Repository of overseas Tamil Journals and E-Journals Information' has been published by collecting print journals and e-journals run by the Tamil Diasporas worldwide. Under this scheme, so far, more than 1,300 journals and over 2,000 rare works have been documented and made accessible to researchers.

5.10 Library

A library comprising thousands of rare and valuable books is functioning within the campus of the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai, with fully air-conditioned facilities and modern infrastructure. At present, as part of library development, barcoding of books is in full swing.

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Further, a dedicated reading hall has been established for students preparing for competitive examinations and hundreds of students are benefiting from it daily.

5.11 Honouring Diaspora Tamils

The **'World Tamil Sangam Awards'** are presented annually under three primary fields namely **Literature, Grammar and Linguistics** to outstanding diaspora Tamil scholars who overcome the obstacles faced in the countries they live in and contribute to their mother tongue. From the year 2016 to 2023, awards have been presented to a total of 24 diaspora Tamil scholars with 8 scholars recognized per field across the three fields.

5.12 Membership Enrolment

With a strong commitment to actively participate in the Tamil-related activities of the World Tamil Sangam, more than 3,000 Tamil

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scholars and Tamil enthusiasts across the world have enrolled so far and continue to join as members of the Sangam.

5.13 Publications

Through the publishing initiatives of the World Tamil Sangam, Madurai, a total of 42 research volumes have been published so far. Of these, 36 volumes are made available for sale for the benefit of the general public. Further, as part of modern technological advancement, nine books have been converted into e-books and uploaded on the official website of the World Tamil Sangam.

5.14 Global Tamil Organizations Under One Roof

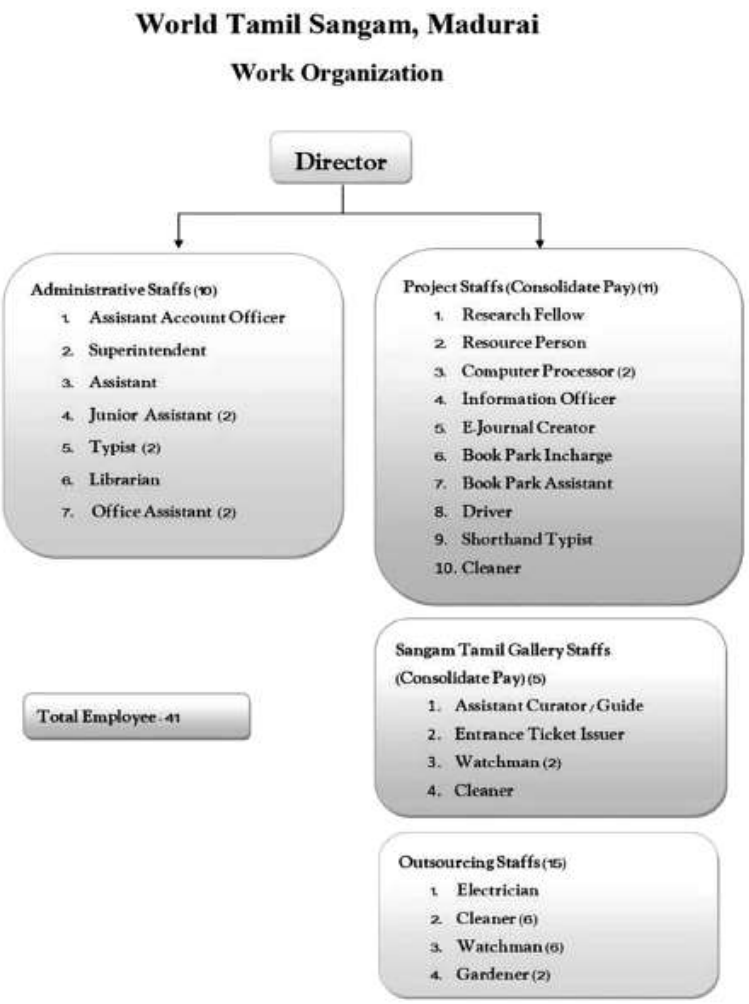
A key function of the Madurai World Tamil Sangam is the coordination of Tamil associations. Accordingly, 311 Tamil organizations operating at Global, National and State levels have so far joined the World Tamil Sangam as lifetime

- 311 Tamil organisations at global, national and State level have joined the World Tamil Sangam as lifetime members.

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members. Complete details regarding these organizations have been uploaded to the website.

5.15 Organizational Structure



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Chapter-6

Tamil University, Thanjavur

6.1 Origin

The Tamil University was established in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu on 15th September, 1981 on the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, with the primary objective of preserving and spreading the Tamil language worldwide. Tamil University stands as a premier center for Tamil Language Research.

- Tamil University was established at Thanjavur on 15 September **1981**, Anna's birth anniversary.

This university comprises five faculties - Arts, Manuscriptology, Developing Tamil, Languages and Science and 26 departments under them. Its architectural layout designed in the shape of the Tamil letters 'தமிழ்நாடு' is uniquely distinctive. Moreover, this university functions excellently featuring an excellent library, museum and a publication department.

- Tamil University has five faculties - Arts, Manuscriptology, Developing Tamil, Languages, and Science - with 26 departments, and its campus is laid out in the shape of the Tamil letters for Tamil Nadu.

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6.2. Objectives

- To function as a high-level research centre in Tamil language and literature.
- To impart training to those residing within and beyond India who desire to study Tamil language and literature
- To facilitate and regulate advanced study and research in fields like Art, Culture, Music, Stage plays, Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Literature, Grammar, Linguistics, History, Religion, Philosophy, Geography, Soil Science, Astronomy, Navigation and Shipping, Astrology, Siddha Medicine, Engineering Science and Handicrafts that have developed on the basis of the Tamil language and literature.
- To translate books in other languages into Tamil according to the needs in consonance with the objectives of the University and

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also to translate books in Tamil into other languages.

- To preserve and publish palm-leaf manuscripts and rare ancient books.
- To search for and compile epigraphs relating to Tamil language and literature, Tamil Culture and History of Tamils and publish them with its findings based on research.
- To compile and publish Tamil words, expressions, colloquial terms, words peculiar to Industries and Agriculture, which are used by the Tamils in Tamil Nadu and other parts of India and in other countries where the Tamils live.
- To provide for research in Tamil language and literature in the ancient times with an eye on future scientific development.

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- To provide for research and determine the procedures regarding development of Tamil language and literature embodying in itself all the educational fields existing in the developing world and evolving suitable approach therefor.

- To institute studies in Tamil language and literature in relation to other Indian Cultures.

- To organise advanced studies and research programmes based on a deep understanding of the trends in Tamil language and literature.

6.3 Details of Direct Admission of students in the year 2026-2027

The Admission wing of Tamil University efficiently carries out student admissions in accordance with the Government rules. Students are enrolled and studying in Arts, Science,

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Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), Integrated five-year Postgraduate and Ph.D., research programs. Furthermore, Postgraduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate courses are also offered.

Student Admissions for the academic year 2026-2027

a)	Programmes offered by the University	No. of Students
1	Doctoral Degree	30
2	Master's Degree	123
3	Integrated Master's Degree	74
4	Diploma and Certificate Courses	130
	Total	**357**

b)	Programmes Approved by the National Council for Teacher Education	No. of Students
1	Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) First Year	17
2	Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) Second year	41
3	Master of Education (M.Ed) First year	4
	Total	**62**

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6.4 Activities

- **Preservation of Palm-Leaf Manuscripts:** Preserving and digitizing over 8,000 palm-leaf and printed manuscripts related to grammar, literature, medicine, astronomy and philosophy, as well as providing training in manuscript preservation.
- **Siddha Medicinal Service:** Providing treatment to public through the Siddha Medicine Outpatient Department; creating awareness through medical camps and herbal exhibitions.
- **Library and Knowledge Sharing:** Maintaining a massive library containing 1,89,454 books. Furthermore, it hosts regular seminars and lectures through 100 endowments.
- **Translation and Teaching:** Understanding excellent teaching alongside research work

Tamil University's library holds 1,89,454 books, and it preserves over 8,000 palm-leaf and printed manuscripts.

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and translating books from other languages into Tamil and Tamil books into other languages as needed.

- Scholarly Research papers are published in the Research journal "Tamilkalai".

6.5 Ongoing projects

6.5.1 Documentation of Cultural heritage of Tamil land and Revival of Traditional Arts

A sum of **Rs.1.50 Crore** have been received to document traditions and revive traditional arts and works have been undertaken. Under this scheme, works such as reviving handicraft, establishing a Folklore Museum, revival of music and dance compositions of Silappadigaram and studying medieval Tamil fine arts through inscriptions have been exceptionally well executed.

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6.5.2 Securing a high score through NAAC Re-accreditation

Tamil University is focusing intensively on infrastructure development and research activities. To achieve a high tier in the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** rating. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.2 Crore has been allocated under a special scheme.

- **Rs.2 crore** has been set aside for Tamil University to secure a higher **NAAC** re-accreditation grade.

Renovation and development works for the University's Library, Administrative Building and Koothukalari campus have been executed at a cost of Rs.1.50 Crore. Further, to encourage Tamil research, Seed Money was provided to academicians and research reports from 32 academicians have been received. Measures will be taken to publish these as books shortly.

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6.5.3 Tamil scholar Robert Caldwell Research Chair

Special Research works are being carried out on the title "Comparative Studies of Dravidian Languages" after Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell.

The Robert Caldwell Research Chair at Tamil University works on comparative studies of the Dravidian languages - Caldwell's 1856 comparative grammar is the founding text of that field.

6.5.4 Providing scholarships to students pursuing postgraduate studies in Tamil Literature

To encourage students pursuing Post-Graduation and Five-Year Integrated Tamil Literature programs, at Tamil University, a monthly scholarship of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) is provided. Under this scheme, **148 students** benefit annually.

6.5.5 Establishing a Tamil Forum for Students and Conducting Tamil-related Competitions

With an endowment of Rs.5.00 Lakhs provided through the Directorate of Tamil Development, 'Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Students' Tamil Forum' has been established in

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the Tamil University. To motivate students' skills, poetry, essay and oratorical competitions are conducted. Through this forum, Cash prize of Rs.5,000/- for First Place, Rs.3,000/- for Second Place, Rs.2,000/- for Third place are being awarded.

6.6 Tamil Cultural Center / Tamil Development Center

Tamil University is spreading the Tamil language and arts worldwide through online learning and memorandum of understanding.

Arts and Heritage based Education: Certificate courses are offered through the Tamil Cultural Center in music, Bharatanatyam and traditional arts. For this purpose, MoUs have been signed with 73 institutions inland and abroad. Through this initiative, around 3500 students are currently pursuing their studies online.

- MoUs with 73 institutions in India and abroad carry Tamil Cultural Centre certificate courses in music, Bharatanatyam and traditional arts to about 3,500 online students.

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Tamil Language and Diploma Education: Tamil language certificate and diploma courses are conducted online through the Tamil Development Center. For this purpose agreements have been executed with 14 institutions and currently around 302 students are enrolled and pursuing their education in these online classes.

6.7 Endowments

Around 100 endowments have been established In Tamil University by retired academicians and staff members of Tamil University. With the financial support from these endowments, seminars, lectures and special events are continuously conducted across 26 departments of the University.

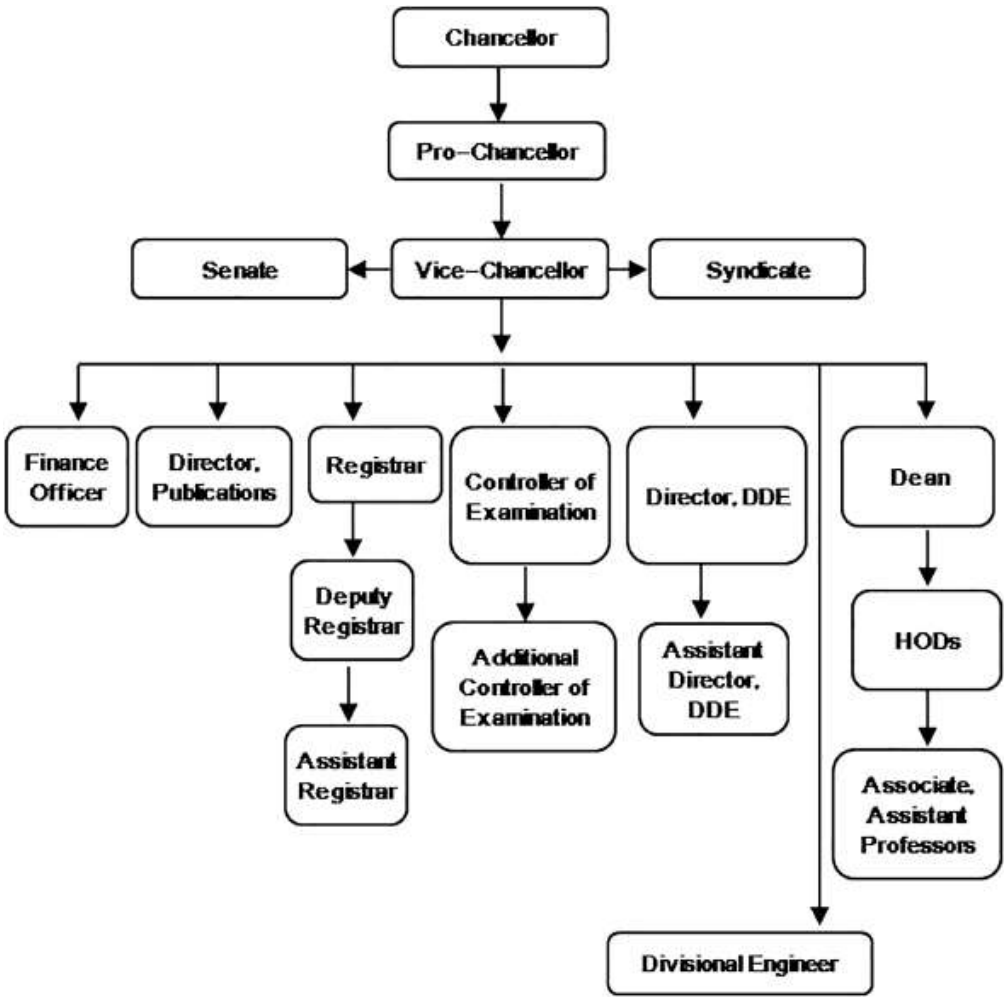
During the academic year 2025–2026, 24 Departmental-level seminars, 22 special

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events and 62 endowment lectures were conducted.

6.8 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Tamil Development Department

Quality education is being provided through the Tamil University and the International Institute of Tamil Studies. Moreover, Tamil University and the International Institute of Tamil Studies are offering educational opportunities to all sections of society. Thus, the Tamil Development Department is working towards attaining sustainable development goals while serving the Tamil language.

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Conclusion

Tamil, which blossomed on palm-leaf manuscripts and was carved into stone inscriptions, shines today on computer screens. Thus, the successful journey of sweet Tamil continues into the present era, by combining the depth of antiquity with the height of modernity. To ensure that Tamil continues to grow and flourish to meet the needs of technological advancements all initiatives will be seamlessly implemented through the Tamil Development Department, Translation Wing, the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project, the International Institute of Tamil Studies, the World Tamil Sangam and Tamil University.

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Budget Estimate

2026 -2027

S. No.	Department	Revised budget estimates – for the year 2026-2027 (Rs. in thousands)
1.	The Directorate of Tamil Development	63,83,18
2.	Tamil University, Thanjavur	44,54,57
3.	The Department of Tamil Development, Secretariat, Chennai	16,75,29
4.	The International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai	7,19,37
5.	The Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project	4,48,01
6.	The World Tamil Sangam, Madurai	2,25,63
	Total	**1,39,06,05**

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- Total budget for **2026-27** is **Rs.1,39,06,05** thousand - about **Rs.139** crore. The Directorate of Tamil Development takes **Rs.63.83 crore** and Tamil University **Rs.44.55 crore**.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, presented awards for the year 2023 to Tmt. Asha Ajith, I.A.S., former District Collector of Sivagangai and Thiru. P.N. Sridhar, I.A.S., former District Collector of Kanyakumari on behalf of the Tamil Development Department for effectively implementing the Tamil Official Language Scheme, in the conference of District Collectors, Police and Forest Department Officers presided over by him on 30.06.2026.







Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C.Joseph Vijay, chaired a review meeting on 17.07.2026 at Secretariat regarding the schemes and activities of the Tamil Development and Information Department

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, honoured former Member of Parliament Thiru. M. Krishnasswamy, who contributed immensely to the development of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil community, by presenting him with the Thagaisaal Thamizhar Award, along with a cheque for Rs.10 lakh and a citation, during the Independence Day celebrations held in Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, on 15.08.2026.

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Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. Rajmohan, inaugurated and visited the Science Tamil Book Exhibition, at the auditorium of the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Anna Salai, Chennai organized on behalf of the Tamil Development Department on 09.07.2026 to mark the birth anniversary of Science Tamil Scholar Manavai Mustafa.

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Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. Rajmohan, distributed prizes to college students who won the Science Tamil Quiz competition organized by the Tamil Development Department on 09.07.2026 at the auditorium of the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Anna Salai, Chennai, to mark the birth anniversary of Science Tamil Scholar Manavai Mustafa.

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Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. Rajmohan and Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Management Thiru. D. Sarathkumar, paid homage by garlanding the statue of Maraimalai Adigal, the Father of the Thanith Tamil Movement, at Pallavapuram in Chengalpattu district on 15.07.2026.

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Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. Rajmohan, distributed prizes to the students who won the essay and elocution competitions held on the occasion of the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations organized by the Tamil Development Department on 18.07.2026.

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