

Minutes of Review Meeting of Tamil Nadu State held on 29-02-2024 at through Video Conferencing

A VC meeting to review the interventions approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) for Tamil Nadu State under Samagra Shiksha for FY: 2023-24 was held on 29-02-2024 by Dr. Amarpreet Duggal, Joint Secretary, DoSEL.

2. The meeting was attended by Smt. Aarti, SPD, Tamil Nadu and the State nodal officials. The complete list of participants is placed at Annexure –‘A’.

3. At the outset, the Joint Secretary, DoSE&L welcomed the SPD, Tamil Nadu and his team. The meeting began with a brief presentation that first touched upon the school profile and educational indicators in the context of the State.

- a) The Government schools (37,636) constitute 64.00% of the total number of schools in the State (58,801). The enrolment in these government schools is only 41.42% (UDISE+ 2021-22).
- b) Unaided schools constitute 21.00% of the total no. of schools but the enrolment there is 44.79% of the total enrolment.
- c) It was seen that the GER at elementary (98.8), secondary (95.6) and senior secondary (81.5) levels is better than the national average for elementary (100.1), secondary (79.6) and senior secondary (57.6) levels.
- d) At the elementary level, 2123 single teacher schools exist in the State.
- e) It was seen that the percentage of Elementary schools with adverse PTR has increased to 17.15% in 2021-22 as compared to 12.03% in 2020-21.
- f) The percentage of secondary schools with 4 subject teachers has decreased to 87.13% in 2021-22 as compared to 92.34 % in 2020-21.
- g) The position as far as Teachers' vacancies is concerned is as follows:

	Sanctioned	In position	Vacant (%)
Elementary	144968	143215	1.21%
Secondary	66046	65929	0.18%
Senior Secondary	76522	76128	0.51%

- h) 48.21% posts are vacant in the SCERT and 34.12% posts are vacant in the DIETs.

4. Further, discussion was held on the major interventions approved under the PAB of Samagra Shiksha FY: 2023-24 and expenditure done so far against these interventions. Key points that emerged are as follows: -

- Major part of the approvals of FY: 2023-24 covered the interventions such as, quality innovations, access & retention and RTE interventions.
- The expenditure made against these approvals seems satisfactory.

- Major expenditure was made under RTE entitlements, Quality Interventions and Financial support for teachers followed by programme management and monitoring of the scheme.
- It was observed that the proposal for second instalment had already been received against which 2nd instalment has been released to state on 22.11.2023.
- State has made expenditure upto 96.95%, illustrate a healthy gesture of fund utilisation.
- Special Enrolment campaign for the government school is being run in the State, which will continue till July, 2024. The campaign is being monitored by Chief Secretary.
- The state has urged to release the amount of 3rd and 4th instalments under Samagra Shiksha.

5. Progress in the context of the major activities under different components of Samagra Shiksha was also discussed. The State shared their best practices which are briefly given below:

Sr. No.	Major activities	Status and progress
1.	FLN (Ennum Ezhuthum)-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level Based Learning for students (Class 1–Arumbu, Class 2–Mottu, Class 3–Malar, Class 4&5–Grade Level) • Students workbooks with multi modal student friendly activities • Teacher empowerment via Cluster meetings and term-wise trainings, QR code enabled Teacher Handbooks • Digital Monitoring Tools: Student Assessments via EE App; Palli Parvai- class observations and Payirchi Parvai for • training observations • Communication of Student Progress to parents and students through Report Cards • Parent and community engagement through Ennum Ezhuthum Vizha by leveraging SMC
2.	Science-on-Wheels (Vaanavil Mandram)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative aims at creating an environment for developing and fostering a scientific temper, a spirit of reasoning and • a boundless curiosity about science and mathematics concepts among Government school students. • Science kits with 30 experiments provided to Teachers • App Based Tracking and monitoring of RPs • Hands-on experiments and engage students in questioning, observing, and learning by doing

3.	School Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities targeted at students to develop their social skills, collaboration, civic knowledge. These activities enable students • to discover their own talents, interests and grow their self-confidence which boosts their academic performance capabilities. • List of clubs: Literary, Quiz, Movie screening • School, Block, District and State level events/competitions in 4 verticals • <i>77% school-level participation and 69% block-level participation since June 2023.</i> • 99 State level winners visited foreign countries as part of Educational tour (4 clubs) • Tracking the participation and winners details in Clubs module of EMIS • Winter workshop for 380 students on Coding without Computers, Robotics and Theatre
4.	Arts & Culture (Kalai Arangam & Kalai Thiruvizha)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalai Thiruvizha is an annual event for Classes 6-12 beginning at the School, Block, District level culminating at the State • level. Children Trained in 5 art forms – Dance, Folk art, Music, Theatre & Puppetry and Visual Arts. • 2 period sessions for students in mixed age groups in a week for 3 weeks in a month for 10 months • Course material provided by State taught to students to enhance their cognitive skills, moral values, identify their innate • capabilities & improved academic performance • Kalai Arangam - Enables students to learn the basics and appreciate different art forms • 8049 art-based teachers and 865 local artists provide training for students in grades 6-9 reaching 18,50,000 students • across 13,210 schools
5.	INCLUSIVE EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapted TLMs to ensure Fundamental literacy and numeracy skills • Screening of Students tagged under Universal Health Screening by Special Educators • DEIC doctors provide authorized confirmation of disabilities • Development of IEPs by Special Educators, ITP/IRP by Therapists • Block committees and Classroom observation by special educators to ensure effective implementation

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mobile application - “Nalam Naadi” (Towards Wellness) for special educators - From identification to Intervention Design • Screening for 21 types of disabilities. Comprehensive assessment by Special Educators to assess the current performance level across various domains
6.	READING MOVEMENT (VASIPPU IYAKKAM)	<p>- School libraries, as crucial areas, house over ~3 crore books available for student access.</p> <p>A committee has been established to oversee the centralized procurement of books, utilizing a book selection panel of experts from diverse fields to select relevant and meaningful books for students statewide.</p> <p>- Technology enhances library management by <i>automating inventory</i> and <i>book assignments</i>, freeing teachers to focus on library periods. Students take home books, engage in related activities the next week, and are recognized for participation in competitions at various evels.</p> <p>- Vaasippu Iyakkam, a reading movement launched under the school libraries program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Initiative:</u> The Vaasippu Iyakkam initiative was launched to cultivate a habit of reading among students by enhancing children's motivation to read. The pilot phase of the Vaasippu Iyakkam Initiative spans <i>914 schools across 11 blocks</i>, reaching approximately ~66,000 students in grades 4-9. • <u>Approach:</u> The approach involves Resource Persons conducting meaningful activities to promote the habit of reading and distributing books across four proficiency levels: <i>Enter, Walk, Run, and Fly</i>. Since July 2023, 143 Resource Persons have been active in 11 pilot blocks. The goal is to develop 250 leveled books, with 53 currently available across the state and 197 books under development.
7.	Magazines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Children Magazines issued Fortnightly • 1 Monthly Magazine for Teachers • Online Subscription available via tnschools portal • 88 teacher reporters trained as magazine DCs to contribute articles • Convergence with literary and movie screening Clubs

8.	Naan Mudhalvan Career Guidance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.4L Uyarkalvi Vazhikaatti Book Distributed to Class 11 & 12 students • 3.657 Teacher Counsellors from HSS, Out of whom 3093 TCs attended Assessment till date.8,239 Class 9 & 10 Teachers • nominated themselves as Teacher Counsellors .194 KRPs, 38 DCs, 38 Fellows & 200 Subject Experts were trained • 18,744 Students applied for CLAT, IIT-JEE, 412 Students cleared the CLAT exam, 8 got admission till date • 3123 Career Guidance Cells in HSS, 40,599 CG Cell Members consists SMC, Alumni, NSS volunteers, TC & HM, • Out of whom 35,588 were trained • EMIS tracks each Student with a Unique ID throughout the schooling years of a students, This EMIS ID has been Integrated • and carried to the Higher Education through University Management Information System (UMIS) around 220475 students • joined Higher Education tand other studies racked through EMIS ID. • 610 NSS Program Officers, 38 NSS Coordinators & 40 DLOs were trained.
9.	Breakfast Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiated Delivery: Rural centres - SHGs & PLFs @ school kitchen, urban centres centralised kitchens • 18.54 lakh children are benefited. • App/Website for Tracking and monitoring • 77% increase in attendance
10.	Schools of Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2093 students attend IIT-JEE coaching. 450 JEE applicants from 28 SOE received training and assistance to face the exam, 56 students onboarded for CUET online training tailored. • Exclusive Coaches hired for Sports, Library and Arts • Career Guidance webinars where Weekly experts live streaming addressing students to explore diverse career paths • 440 students attend CLAT Coaching.

11.	Assessment Cell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team of 50 Educational specialists and 08 Technical specialists in SCERT • Question Bank with 70% of knowledge, 25% of understanding and 5% of application questions. • Assessment Portal with Exam scheduler & Question paper generator Features • Dashboards - Data to drive student outcomes and teacher training • 73% Students completed assessments, 96% schools downloaded the question papers and conducted the assessments • 3 cycles of Learning outcome/Competitive based Test, 3 cycles of Hi-tech lab assessments Completed
12.	Digi Content (Manarkeni)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Source app aiding in enhanced conceptual understanding for students and teachers • Mapping to 27000 concepts in the taxonomy framework developed by the State Council for Education, Research and Training (SCERT) in progress • Users can download it for free; all videos can be downloaded for repeated viewing. Complete content to be available in 2026 • 1254 video classes for 6 – 12 are provided.
13.	School Monitoring App (Palli Paarvai)-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of service delivery by periodic and effective school visits & spot assessments • Conducting periodic review meetings at State & District levels based on the data collected. • Data veracity checks conducted by officials that enables triangulation & truthing • Building system capacity to conduct effective observations & collect accurate data • 31267 schools observed . • 5.55L Observations done.
14.	IILAM THEDI KALVI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused curriculum aligned with state syllabus focused for Grades 1-8 • Program Evolution from “<i>Bridge learning loss owing to closure of schools with deep school integration</i>” to “<i>Focused remediation aligned with state syllabus to help attain grade level learning outcomes</i>” • School community integration through participation of volunteers in SMC meetings • 23,079 students was surveyed as part of the third party

		<p>impact assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.4Lakhs students reached by volunteers as part of the enrollment campaign. • 1.52 lakh ITK centres with the support of active volunteers are running efficiently for the benefit of 23.2 lakh students.
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6. The expenditure under Samagra Shiksha for the year 2023-24 for different components is seen as below:-

Major Components ⁴	Spill Over	Fresh Approval	Total	Expenditure against Spillover	Expenditure against Fresh Approval	TOTAL Expenditure as on 31.03.2023
Access and Retention	8366.39	18426.80	26793.19	2253.50	7021.48	9274.98
RTE Entitlements	0	58549.47	58549.47	0	890.50	890.50
Quality Interventions	12090.70	101266.23	113356.93	0	76135.25	76135.25
Financial support for teachers	0	106039.40	106039.40	0	57475.18	57475.18
Gender & Equity	1515.78	7316.89	8832.67	0	2599.32	2599.32
Inclusive education	826.00	8746.81	9572.81	826.00	4209.31	5035.31
Vocational education	210.00	2598.36	2808.36	0	1274.28	1274.28
Sports & Physical education	0	3474.55	3474.55	0	1908.30	1908.30
Monitoring of the Scheme	415.00	377.71	792.71	0	369.57	369.57

Program Management	0	15711.10	15711.10	0	6922.57	6922.57
Teacher Education	168.78	7425.80	7594.58	71.82	3722.68	3794.50
TOTAL	23592.65	329933.12	353525.77	3151.32	162528.44	165679.76

7. Suggestions:

- Ensure proper planning for each PAB-approved intervention to maximize utilization of both central and State funds.
- The State has urged to release the amount of 3rd and 4th instalments for the current financial year 2023-24 at once.

8. Issues:

- The Ministry of Education releasing the funds in 4 quarters.
- State has raised to release the fund in three-installment of the funds (50% + 25% + 25%) instead of four installment.
- In the first quarter, the non-recurring funds shall be released to complete the non-recurring activities within the financial year.

9. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to SPD, Tamil Nadu and other State officials.

List of Participants

1. Dr. Amarpreet Duggal, Joint Secretary, DoSEL
2. Sh. Guljari Lal, Deputy Secretary, DoSEL
3. Sh. B. Saha, Under Secretary, DoSEL
4. Sh. Bansidhar Tiwari, SPD, Uttarakhand
5. Sh. Mukul Sati, ASPD, Uttarakhand
6. Sh. Madan Joshi, SPO, Uttarakhand
7. Ms. Meenakshi Khandari, State Coordinator, Senior consultantTSG
8. All other officials of Samagra Shiksha, Uttarakhand

Annexure-B

Commitment made by the State for Expenditure by 31.3.2024

*All figures (In Lakhs)

Major Component wise Details

SNo	Major Component	Figures for F.Y. 2023-24								
		Budget Approvals			Expenditure till 31st March 2024			Expenditure in % against Approval		
		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
1	Access & Retention	923.19600	11001.68000	11924.87600	712.26420	5285.88000	5998.14420	77.15	48.05	50.30
2	Financial Support for Teachers	11012.94400	0.00000	11012.94400	11012.94400	0.00000	11012.94400	100.00	0.00	100.00
3	Gender & Equity	2636.86600	298.45000	2935.31600	2376.29600	0.00000	2376.29600	90.12	0.00	80.96
4	Inclusive Education	485.62000	12.00000	497.62000	240.12000	0.00000	240.12000	49.45	0.00	48.25
5	Monitoring of the Scheme	102.75252	0.00000	102.75252	80.00000	0.00000	80.00000	77.86	0.00	77.86
6	Program Management	3618.38000	0.00000	3618.38000	3618.38000	0.00000	3618.38000	100.00	0.00	100.00
7	Quality Interventions	16320.95965	2377.35000	18698.30965	11989.80306	0.00000	11989.80306	73.46	0.00	64.12
8	RTE Entitlements	18649.08200	0.00000	18649.08200	18585.63900	0.00000	18585.63900	99.66	0.00	99.66
9	Skill Education	2851.84545	398.24000	3250.08545	1609.00717	0.00000	1609.00717	56.42	0.00	49.51
10	Sports & Physical Education	1407.20000	0.00000	1407.20000	1407.20000	0.00000	1407.20000	100.00	0.00	100.00
11	Teacher Education	2800.14220	1089.29800	3889.44020	2064.56220	420.92400	2485.48620	73.73	38.64	63.90
12	Total	60808.98782	15177.01800	75986.00582	53696.21563	5706.80400	59403.01963	88.30	37.60	78.18