

Dr.Ponmudui: The Progenitor Of Schemes In Higher Education In Tamil Nadu

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Abstract

The Tamil Nadu state has a great history of wise political leaders by his innovative formulas and implementation. On the great path Villupuram district consisted several leaders in political phenomenon. Perhaps, Dr.K.Ponmudy became the wise personality who has implemented innovative schemes on his era. Dr.K.Ponmudy contested election on 2006 at Villupuram constituency, he got more votes and succeeded, the DMK Party selected as minister of higher education. During his ministerial service the higher education department is golden period, after long gap, Dr.K.Ponmudy ordered for recruited the college teachers in the year of 2007, 2008, (back lock vacancy) 2009 and 2011. Tamil Nadu, a state form India always leading the forefront in history of literacy perspective. Perhaps, Tamil Nadu have a high literacy accompanied with the achievement other state like Kerala and Maharastra. Perhaps, the eminent, scholarly political leaders to seated on the minstrel service in the Higher education. On the great phenomenon, Dr.ponmudi was the progenitor in the higher education department. He had been implemented several innovative schemes to implemented pleasant way to enhance the higher education over his period. Without any doubt his needful service which helpful for emergence of the higher education department into high esteem. This study mainly focused on the schemes which enhance the higher education on Dr.Ponmudi period.

Keywords: Innovative schemes, higher education, literacy, achievement, progenitor

Introduction

The Tamil Nadu state has a great history of wise political leaders by his innovative formulas and implementation. On the great path Villupuram district consisted several leaders in political phenomenon. Perhaps, Dr.K.Ponmudy became the wise personality who has implemented innovative shemes on his era. Dr.K.Ponmudy contested election on 2006 at Villupuram constituency, he got more votes and succeeded, the DMK Party selected as minister of higher education. During his ministerial service the higher education department is golden period, after long gap, Dr.K.Ponmudy ordered for recruited the college teachers in the year of 2007, 2008, (back lock vacancy) 2009 and 2011. Not only recruited the Arts and Science Colleges teachers, also the engineering, polytechnic etc. Economic development of a nation mainly depend on the quality of a human resource. The government of Tamil Nadu strives to produce. High quality human resource while Ensuring that the poorest of the poor gets access to

higher education .based on this Government has formulated various schemes in order to give quality higher education to all and due to the implementation of such schemes, Tamil Nadu has become a forerunner in the field of higher education at the National level .The schemes were formulated in Consultation with Vice –Chancellors ,principals, Representative of Teachers and Students, Press, Educationists and other stake holders. This article mainly focused on how Dr,Ponmudi schemes enhanced the higher education into high esteem.

Important achievements

Expanding the access to higher education and ensure the quality education are the aims of the this Government .In order to achieve these aims ,the following effective steps have been taken;(i) Two new Arts and Science colleges at Surandai and Kulithalai were established during 2007-2008 in addition to the year 2006-2007.(ii)As promised in the Budget for2007-2008, payment of tuition fees for UG course in Government aided college is waived. As announced in the floor of Assembly ,women student from poor families whose parents' annual income is less than Rs.50000/- are provided free education for Government Aied Arts --and Science College under EVR Nagammai Scheme from the academic year 2007-2008.As stated in the policy Note for 2007-2008, shift system has been introduced in all Government ARTS AND Science college from the academic year 2007-2008 .Owing to the in 1st year UG course has increased. As announced in the Budget of 2007-2008 with a view to improve the quality of technical education in southern districts a new Technical University in the name of Perarignar Anna has been established at Tirunelveli. Due to these steps, the number of student in Arts and Science College have gone up to 6,74,486 in 2007-2008 from 5,68,226 in 2005-2006.likewise in Technical Education the number of student in Engineering Colleges have gone up too94,127 during the year 2007-2008 from 66,261 during the year 2005-2006. 1.3 In order to provide quality higher education, this Government has taken in following steps.

The Qualified teachers have been appointed in Government College on regular basis. One month induction training on teaching methods was imparted to the newly recruited teachers. This is first of its kind in India. Accreditation of college by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)is made mandatory. To accredit the institutions and to ensure the quality, state Level Accreditation Council has been formed under the Chairmanship of a former Vice–Chancellor. this is the First of its kind in India. Community Colleges play important role in providing employment oriented education to persons who were unable to continue school education due to poverty and other reasons and also to get the opportunity of studying UG courses. Madurai – Kamaraj University ,Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Bharathiyar University, Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu Open University have been encouraging NGOs to establish Community Colleges. More than 10,000 students undergo “Learn for Livelihood” programme offered by Tamil Nadu Open University through Community Colleges and 85% of them get employment immediately after completing the course. In order to extend government’s support to them,the students of community colleges which conduct Government approved courses through Tamil Nadu Open University will be given scholarship of Rs.1000/-

per annum A sum of Rs1.00 Crore is provided for this scheme 10,000 students will be benefited by this scheme.

In order to improve the employability of the students ,the Universities under the aegis of Higher Education Department have started job oriented programmes in specialized areas like shipping and logistics management, hospital administration ,counseling and psychotherapy etc. it was brought to the notice of the Governments that students suffer academic mobility due to different syllabi ,delay in declaration of results and issuance of mark sheets by the Universities .In order to overcome these problems it is under the consideration of Government to introduce a uniform calendar across all institutions and Universities of Higher Education for conducting examination and declaring results in atime bound manner. It been brought out in a confederation of Indian Industries survey ,that around 70% students in Humanities and science subjects remain unemployed for more than three years after completion of their studies.

The Governments has therefore formulated a scheme viz. 'Job oriented add on' course by which the students pursuing courses in Arts and Science colleges across the State can join a certificate programme in polytechnic Colleges / ITI Which will enhance their employment prospects .from the academic year 2008-2009 this scheme will be introduced in Government Arts and Science Colleges. Based on the experience, this will be extended to aided and Self-financing colleges in future.As stated in the last Policy Note, the Government has constituted a committee of experts headed by Dr.S.P.Thiyagarajan ,former Vice Chancellor, to suggest the measures for overhauling the present system of evaluation ,teaching and learning in the State .The committee has since submitted the report and it is under the active consideration of the government.

New Appointments

Around 914 Lecturers have been appointed through Teachers Recruitment Board in the existing vacancies in government colleges .steps are taken to appoint 1062 more Lecturers through Teachers Recruitment Board .Permission has been accorded to fill up 2600 vacant posts of Lectures in Government Aided Colleges.

Shift system in Government Colleges

Shift system was introduced in under Graduate courses in Governments Colleges during the year 2006-2007 .In the first phase, this shift system was introduced in 10 colleges. During 2007-2008, this has been extended to all the remaining Governments Colleges By this; the enrollment of students has increased considerably.

Construction of Additional Class Rooms in the Government Colleges

During 2007-2008 a sum of Rs.27.10 Crores has been sanctioned for the construction of 542 additional class rooms in Government Colleges and the works are nearing completion. Government have waived the payment of tuition fees for all the students studying under Graduate courses in Government and Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges from the academic year 2007-2008 which has very much reduced the burden of the parents. Under this scheme 3, 74,254 students have been benefited.

Periyar EVR Nagammai Free Education Scheme

Periyar EVR Nagammai Free Education scheme to women student who are pursuing degree course in Government and Government Aided Colleges is implemented since 1989-1990. Free education scheme is introduced to all students studying UG courses in Government and Government Aided Colleges, the Periyar E.V.R Nagammai Scheme was extended to the PG women students from this academic year 2007-2008. In order to provide the above benefits to more women students the parental Annual income limit had been enhanced from Rs.24,000 to Rs.50,000 from academic year 2007-2008. During 2007-2008, a sum of Rs.65.00 lakhs has been allocated for implementing the above scheme and a total of 1204 students were benefited.

National Service Scheme (N.S.S)

NSS is implemented by providing grant in the ratio of 7:5 by the Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu respectively. During the year 2007-08, 3.36 lakhs student volunteers have been serving under this scheme and a sum of Rs.766.57 lakhs have been provided for this scheme. Out of this Government of Tamil Nadu's share is Rs447.17 Lakhs and Government of Tamil Nadu's share is Rs319.40 lakhs. A sum of Rs.677.81 lakhs has been received as first and second instalment of both Centre and State share and the same have been utilized in full.

Empowerment of Women

Free coaching is given exclusively for women students for appearing in IAS/IPS Examination. Two centres –one at Queen Mary's college, Chennai and the other at Arumigu Meenakshi Government College, for women Madurai have been established by the Government to give free coaching to women students. In each centre 60 women students are given free coaching for appearing in IAS/IPS Examinations. During the current financial year the Government have provided a sum of Rs.10.00 lakhs for implementing this scheme.

Stipend for Tamil medium students

In order to encourage the students studying in Tamil Medium a scheme of giving Tamil Medium stipend was introduced during the year 1971-1972. Under this scheme, a sum of RS.400/- per annum is given as stipend to each student studying through Tamil Medium.

Special Coaching to SC/ST and MBC students

The Students studying in Government Colleges particularly in rural areas belonging to SC/ST and MBC communities face some initial difficulties in English maths and Science subjects. In order to make them fully conversant with these subjects, special coaching is given outside the class hours and also on weekends. They will be able to compete with other students and will also take up University examinations with confidence when they complete these remedial courses in the respective subjects. Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers-Farmers (Social Security and welfare) Scheme has been implemented with effect from 22.12.2006. This scheme is for the upliftment of the Agricultural Labourers, Farmers and Registered and economic status. To improve the Educational status of the children of Agricultural Labourers and farmers,

Government have provided Rs.12.00 Crores . During the year 2007-2008, 8329 students were benefited under this scheme is given below.

Sl No	Details of course	Day scholar		Hostler	
		Boys Rs.	Girls Rs.	Boys Rs.	Girls Rs.
1	UG Degree course (per year)	1750	2250	2000	2500
2	PG Degree course (per year)	2250	2750	3250	3750

Digital Libraries with Internet facilities were established 13 Government Arts and Science Colleges up to 2006-2007 and in 5 Government Arts and Science Colleges during the year 2007-2008.

Free Bus Pass to the College Students

The Government has ordered the issue of free Bus Pass to the Government College students from the academic year 2007-2008. 78840 students were benefited under this scheme.

Admissions through counselling

Government have introduced counseling by single window system for B.ED., admission in all Colleges of Education during the year 2007-2008 .By this single window counseling system, the admissions into B.ED., courses were made in a transparent manner so that the meritorious students were benefited .single window system through counseling is also introduced for admissions in Government Arts and Science Colleges from the academic year 2007-2008. Students and parents have welcomed this system.

Conclusion

Tamil Nadu, a state form India always leading the forefront in history of literacy perspective. Perhaps, Tamil Nadu have a high literacy accompanied with the achievement other state like Kerala and Maharastra. Perhaps, the eminent, scholarly political leaders to seated on the minstrel service in the Higher education. On the great phenomenon, Dr.ponmudi was the progenitor in the higher education department. He had been implemented several innovative schemes to implemented pleasant way to enhance the higher education over his period. Without any doubt his needful service which helpful for emergence of the higher education department into high esteem.

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