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Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education - Establishment of Community Colleges in Tamil Nadu - Orders - Issued.

Higher Education (Ka) Department

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- Read:
1. From the Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai-6, Letter No. 1575/Q2/2007 dt. 2.6.2007
 2. From the Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002, Letter F.1-2/2000 (CPP-II) dt. 27.9.2007
 3. From the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University, DOTE Campus, Guindy, Chennai-25, Letter F/No.11-10(3)/Est/2007 dt. 19.11.2007 and 2.4.2008
 4. From the Director of Medical Education, Kilpauk, Chennai-10, Letter No. 6406/PME/3/2008 dated 14.2.2008.

Order:-

The Community College system in India aims at the empowerment of the disadvantaged through appropriate skills development leading to gainful employment thus making a qualitative difference in the lives of the urban poor, rural poor, tribal poor and women in collaboration with local industrial establishments and potential employers, voluntary organizations after taking into account the opportunities available for employment and self-employment in the local area. This has been included in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for establishment and funding recommended by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and University Grants Commission.

2. The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education during the demand for Higher Education (2007-2008) in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has announced that the Government will encourage the establishment of Community Colleges and take steps for their integration with the University System by providing Vertical Mobility to those who complete their study in the Community Colleges.

3. The following proposal for implementation of Community Colleges in the State has been arrived at tentatively, so as to provide vertical mobility to such candidates to enable them to pursue higher studies in affiliated college and universities as follows:-

Level - I

Below 10th Std. candidates (School drop-outs) : They are eligible for admission in certificate programmes in Community Colleges with 16 credits - 6 month duration

After completion of the above Certificate Course, students can take up a bridge course of 16 credits in Community Colleges, which will make them eligible to pursue courses for which 10th Std pass is minimum qualification.

Level - II:

10th Std. pass candidates : They are eligible to take one year Diploma Programme of 32 credits in Community Colleges.

After completion of the above Diploma Course, students can take up a Bridge course of 32 credits, which will make them eligible to pursue courses for which +2 pass is the minimum qualification.

Therefore they become eligible to enter into first year Degree Course in affiliated colleges of Conventional Universities / Open Universities and Distance Education Institutions.

4. The views of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities under the control of Higher Education Department and University Grants Commission have been obtained. Considering the fact that Tamil Nadu Open University is presently offering different programmes of study through Distance Education Mode and only, Tamil Nadu Open University will be offering the Open University courses (Non-formal Distance Education programme) to all those who have completed 18 years, the Government considered that the Tamil Nadu Open University will give recognition to Community Colleges for offering job oriented programmes and the Tamil Nadu Open University will be empowered to frame Norms, Rules and Regulations to maintain quality and standard in the Community College System.

6. Accordingly, the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University has submitted proposals for the establishment of Community College system in Tamil Nadu in Polytechnics, Industries, Hospitals, Hotels and Voluntary Organisations.

8. The Government have examined the proposals of Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University in detail and they have decided to establish the community colleges in Polytechnics, Industries, Hotels and In Voluntary Organisations excluding the scheme in Hospitals. They accordingly issue the following orders for the establishment of community colleges in Tamil Nadu:-

(i) Following types of community colleges can be established.

(a). POLYTECHNICS:

Polytechnics can start the Community Colleges in their own campus itself in the specialized vocational programmes required by the industries in their locality for the development of skills, utilizing the infrastructure and faculty available in the Polytechnics in the evenings and week end holidays. The practical training can be offered in the workshops / laboratories, related to the skills.

(b). INDUSTRIES:

Industries can start Community Colleges to offer courses related to their area of operation, so that the skilled labours working in the Industry without proper qualifications and certifications can take up these courses for the enhancement of their skills and for certification. In this connection, they have to attend only theory classes during the evening or week ends in the Community Colleges, set up by the industries within their premises. Practicals can be exempted for them, as they are already working in the same trade in the Industry.

(c) HOTELS:

Hotels with 100 rooms and restaurants in semi urban / rural & 150 rooms in Municipal Corporation area and 200 rooms with restaurants in Chennai can start the Community Colleges to offer courses related to the hotel industry for the enhancement of the skilled labour working in the industry for certification and also for the development of skills

related to the Hotel Industry for the students in their locality. Both theoretical classes and practical training can be given in the hotel and the restaurants.

(d). VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS)

Voluntary Organizations, who have already established Community Colleges and offering skill development programme with industrial tie-up for providing practical training can also apply for recognition.

(ii) The non - industrial agencies should have a strong tie-up with Industries, where internship and hands on experience will be provided and the evidence of tie-up should be submitted to Tamil Nadu Open University along with the application. No Community College other than Industries and Hotels shall be given recognition without industrial tie up.

(iii) Tamil Nadu Open University will give recognition to Community Colleges for offering Job Oriented Programmes. The recognized Community Colleges will conduct any of the following Vocational Education Programmes offered by Tamil Nadu Open University.

- > DTP Operator
- > Early childhood care education
- > Fashion Designing and Garment Making
- > Diploma In Apparel and Fashion Design
- > Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technician
- > House Electrician
- > Catering Assistant
- > Four Wheeler Mechanism
- > Beautician
- > Plumbing

Additional Certificate / Diploma courses in other trades in consultation with industries and Voluntary Organisations can also be offered by Tamil Nadu Open University.

(iv) The Tamil Nadu Open University will supply study materials, conduct examinations, evaluation and award Diploma / Certificates.

Community Colleges will carry out activities related to publicity of the courses, conduct of theory classes and practical training.

(v) The following Infrastructure and other facilities are to be provided by Community Colleges:

(A). FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN INDUSTRIES / HOTELS

I. Infrastructure

- i. Class Rooms
- ii. Laboratory / Workshop / Equipments and Instruments for offering practical training.
- iii. Small Library / Computer Centre / Office

II. Faculty:

- I. Co-ordinator / Principal

- ii. Work skilled teachers, one per course based on requirement.
- iii. Lab Assistant for offering practical training based on requirement.

iii. Equipments

Equipments required for offering practical training in the relevant trade

iv. Furniture

Minimum Furniture required in Class rooms / Laboratory / Workshop / Computer Centre

(B) FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES ESTABLISHED BY THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS:

i. Infrastructure

1.	Office cum Principal and Staff room	-	500 sqft
2.	Class rooms per course based on requirement.	-	250 sqft
3.	Laboratory per course based on requirement.	-	300 sqft
4.	Library	-	300 sqft
5.	Computer Centre (required only for Computer related Courses)	-	300 sqft
6.	Toilets	-	300 sqft

ii. Faculty

1. Principal or Co-ordinator with Degree / Diploma qualification.
2. Work skill Teacher with Diploma / Degree / ITI Certificate in the Trade 1 per Course based on requirement.
3. Lab Assistant - 1 in each Lab based on requirement.
4. Assistant / Data Entry Operator - 1.

iii. Equipments

As prescribed by Tamil Nadu Open University for each course.

iv. Furniture

Required number of furniture for Class Rooms, Laboratories, Library, Computer Centres, Office, Staff Rooms & Principal's Room should be provided.

(vi) Tamil Nadu Open University, which gives recognition to the Community Colleges is empowered to frame Norms, Rules and Regulations to maintain quality and standard in the Community College System.

(vii) The fee structure for giving approval by Tamil Nadu Open University shall be fixed as follows:-

Application / Processing / Inspection Fee	Rs. 5000/-
Recognition Fee	Rs. 25000/-
Refundable Deposit	Rs. 50000/-

7. The Government also direct that Community Colleges Development Council be formed with the following composition:-

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| 1. | Minister for Higher Education | Chairman |
| 2. | Vice-Chancellor,
Tamil Nadu Open University | Member |
| 3. | The Secretary, Higher Education,
Government of Tamil Nadu | Member |
| 4. | Director of Technical Education | Member |
| 5. | Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for
Higher Education | Member |
| 6. | Two Industrial establishment representatives | |
| 7. | Three Government Representatives | |

(One from Employment & Training,
One from Polytechnic Colleges and
One from Government ITI)

8. Two Representatives from Community Colleges.

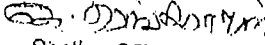
8. The modalities for Integration of Community Colleges with the University system by providing vertical mobility to the students who complete their studies in the community colleges will be examined on the lines indicated by the University Grants Commission and orders will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. GANESAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Registrar of all Universities,
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The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai-6.
The Commissioner of Technical Education, Chennai-25.
The Director of School Education, Chennai-6.
The Director of Government Examinations, Chennai-6.
The Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.
The Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai-5.
The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.
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