



# TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

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## Committee for Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST)

In the Indian Society the Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST) are classified by the Government who are coming under SC & ST castes. These groups are needed certain concessions and provisions to cope with others in social life. They face social, economic and educational challenges which are addressed by giving them equal opportunities. The SC & ST Committee has been established to help, support and bring learners from such communities in the mainstream.

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) established the Committee for SC&ST with the purpose of empowering the SC&ST learners and also the staff in TNOU . The TNOU takes special interest in facilitating financial support to the learners of these communities from Central and State Governments and other available sources. The SC&ST learners are encouraged to enroll for skill oriented and career orientation programmes offered by the University, which would equip them with the necessary skills to choose a career option.

### Objectives of Committee for SC & ST

The following are the objectives of the Committee:

- To counsel and guide SC& ST learners and help them to resolve all academic and personal issues at TNOU effectively;
- To ensure provisions of an environment where all SC& ST learners and staff feel safe and secure;
- To provide the mechanism to redress the grievance of SC& ST learners and staff;
- To ensure protection and reservation as provided in the Constitution of India and orders of the government;
- To create awareness among the SC& ST learners regarding various scholarships and fellowship programmes of State Government and University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi; and
- To take such follow up measures to achieve the objectives and targets of Government of India and State Government of Tamil Nadu and also the UGC.

### Activities of Committee for SC and ST

- To collect and disseminate the reports and information of Tamil Nadu State Government and University Grants Commission(UGC)-Distance Education Bureau(DEB), New Delhi on various aspects related to education, employment and empowerment of SC& ST learners and staff.
- To circulate among learners the various schemes, facilities and provisions provided by Tamil Nadu State Government, Higher Education Department and UGC-DEB for education, training and research.
- To communicate with the SC& ST learners and staff of TNOU and motivate them for better future planning.
- To redress the issues of the learners after collecting proper information as the regulations of the University.

### Members of Committee for SC and ST

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Contact No</b>
1	Dr. P. Pandia Vadivu, TNOU	Member	99520 50205
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As per Tamil Nadu State Government and University Grants Commission (UGC)-Distance Education Bureau(DEB), New Delhi guidelines, TNOU constitutes the committee. The Committee for SC &ST gives various information to the SC& ST learners and staff of TNOU. Meetings are arranged by the Committee for SC and ST at TNOU from time to time.