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ABSTRACT

School Education – Ennum Ezhuthum Mission – Extension of "Ennum Ezhuththum Mission" till the academic year 2026-2027 for classes 1 to 5 and continuation of Expert Committee and granting permission for constitution of Working Committee to prepare level based books and teachers materials - Orders – Issued.

School Education (ERT) Department

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Read also:-

1. G.O.(Ms) No.147, School Education (ERT) Department, dated 22.10.2021.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.129, School Education (ERT) Department, dated 18.07.2023.
3. From the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai, letter R.C.No.2411/F2/2021, dated 02.12.2024 and 24.12.2024.

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Order:-

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued constituting an Expert Committee for the implementation of Ennum Ezhuthum Mission and permitting the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training to constitute a working committee to prepare level based books and teachers resource materials.

The Expert Committee for Ennum Ezhuthum Mission

1.	Dr.R.Ramanujam Professor (Rtd), Department of Mathematics, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Taramani, Chennai.	Chairperson
2.	Thiru K.Nanthakumar, I.A.S., Commissioner of School Education, DPI Campus, Chennai-06.	Member

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3.	R.Sudhan, I.A.S., State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.Chennai-06.	Member
4.	Tmt.N.Latha, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai-06.	Member Secretary
5.	Dr.G.Arivoli, Director, Elementary Education, Chennai-06.	Member
6.	Ms.Aruna Rathnam, Former Education Specialist UNICEF, Chennai.	Member
7.	G.Balasubramaniam, Rtd, Director (Academic) CBSE	Member
8.	K.Asha Devi, National Awardee, Headmistress, Panchayat Union Middle School, Pirattiyur, Trichy.	Member

2. In the Government Order 2nd read above, the Expert Committee was reconstituted as follows and the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training was permitted to constitute a working committee to prepare level based books and teachers resource materials for classes 4 and 5.

1.	Dr.R. Ramanujam Professor (Rtd.) Department of Mathematics, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Taramani, Chennai.	Chairperson
2.	Director Directorate of School Education	Member
3.	State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.	Member
4.	Director, SCERT	Member Secretary
5.	Director Directorate of Elementary Education	Member
6.	Ms. Aruna Rathnam, Former Education Specialist UNICEF, Chennai.	Member

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7.	G.Balasubramaniam, Rtd. Director (Academic), CBSE	Member
8.	K. Asha Devi, National Awardee Headmistress, Panchayat Union Middle School, Pirattiyur, Trichy.	Member

3. In her letter third read above, the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has stated the outcomes and impact of the programme for the past 2 academic years (2022-2024) and highlighted the need to extend the timeline of the Ennum Ezhuthum Mission to 2027, as follows:-

(a) Expert Review of policy and practice implications at scale:-

The Ennum Ezhuththum Expert Committee discussed the need to simplify the language and to increase the literacy-focused add-ons for practice and exposure, along with inferential questions to enhance critical thinking and creative expression amongst students of all levels. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the necessity to extend the Ennum Ezhuththum mission to effectively track student progress, ensure learning mastery and monitor overall progression. Extending the mission is crucial to achieving the literacy and numeracy goals at scale, as the complexities of educational interventions and the diverse needs of students require sustained efforts and time. The committee emphasized that a long-term commitment is essential to fully realize the mission's objectives, allowing for continuous improvement and adaptation based on ongoing evaluations and feedback.

Given the critical importance of these interventions in ensuring that all students in Tamil Nadu acquire foundational skills, it is imperative to continue this programme until 2027. With regard to this the Directorate of Elementary Education which is the implementation Department of the Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme also suggested to extend the scheme until 2027.

(b) Multi-Year Commitment: Purpose to map longitudinal progression: -

Most studies highlight the necessity of a multi-year commitment to achieve significant improvements. Short-term projects often fall short in addressing deep-rooted educational challenges. Early interventions and educational practices take time to progress because they involve aligning with developmental stages, addressing complex learning processes, tailoring to individual differences, ensuring consistency and reinforcement, considering environmental influences and fostering behavioural and attitudinal changes. Sustained effort is necessary to achieve meaningful, long-term improvements in Tamil Nadu's foundational learning ecosystem.

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Research highlights those interventions designed to develop foundational skills in students, such as literacy and numeracy, require sustained effort over multiple academic years to yield significant results it is crucial to extend the timeline of the Ennum Ezhuththum mission to 2027 to ensure its effectiveness and allow time for measurable results. Sustained effort over this extended period will secure the active involvement of all stakeholders and help achieve the mission's goal of foundational skill development for all students in Tamil Nadu.

(iv) Priority areas to maximize outcomes of the mission in the coming academic years are elaborated below.

- To move forward, it is essential to monitor and assess the use of technology in early education classrooms, bridge the digital divide, and ensure all students have equitable access to learning opportunities. Improving learning outcomes depends on updating curriculum and assessment methods based on student progress. Additionally, promoting teacher incentives is key to fostering effective teaching practices, supporting teacher retention and enhancing student engagement, all of which are critical for positive educational outcomes.

- Supporting teachers through targeted professional development is vital for continuous improvement in teaching practices. This involves offering need-based training, establishing mentorship programs that promote collaboration and peer support and recognizing outstanding teaching through awards and public acknowledgment.

(c) Community participation to promote sustainable practices of the mission: -

Community and parental involvement are equally important in maximizing the effectiveness of educational interventions. Building this involvement requires consistent effort over time. Next steps include encouraging parents, caregivers and community members to support foundational learning at home, promoting socio-emotional learning, and ensuring child safety with the active participation of families and the wider community. Additionally, involving parents in School Management Committees (SMC) can further improve educational outcomes. Given the critical importance of these interventions in ensuring that all students in Tamil Nadu acquire foundational skills, it is imperative to continue this programme until 2027. This will help secure the active engagement of all stakeholders of the mission.

4. The Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has therefore requested permission for the extension of Ennum Ezhuththum mission until the academic year 2026-2027 based on the recommendation of Directorate of Elementary Education and to continue the existing Expert Committee members to advise on the strategies to be followed for the implementation of Ennum Ezhuththum Mission for classes 1 to 5 and also to

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constitute a working committee to prepare level-based books and teachers resource materials for classes 1 to 5.

5. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training have decided to accept it and issue the following orders:-

i) Permission is granted for extension of Ennum Ezhuthum Mission till the academic year 2026-2027.

ii) Permission is granted for the existing Expert Committee constituted in the Government Order second read above, to continue to advise on the strategies to be followed for the implementation of Ennum Ezhuthum Mission for classes 1 to 5.

iii) The Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training is permitted to constitute a working committee, to prepare level based books and teachers resource materials for classes 1 to 5.

(By order of the Governor)

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Principal Secretary to Government

To
The Director, State Council of Educational
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The Committee Members
(through the Director, State Council of Educational Research
and Training, Chennai-06).
The Director of School Education, Chennai-6.
The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Chennai-6.
The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai-6.
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