

Special Training Interventions for Out-of-School Children (OoSC)

1. **Name of the scheme/Project** : Special Training interventions for Out-of-School Children(6-19 years)

Introduction

The enactment of the landmark and ground breaking legislation, Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act-2009, has triggered elementary education to move towards its long term goals and making the nation to provide all necessary steps to ensure all children to complete their elementary education.

Objective : To ensure Universal Enrollment, Retention and Completion

The objective of Universalization of Elementary Education is to ensure 100% enrollment, retention and completion. Samagra Shiksha, Tamil Nadu has taken several initiatives to curtail dropout rate and ensure cent percent enrollment of all school age children from Std. I to XII.

Modalities of Implementation

Retention Strategies - Steps taken to ensure 100% retention of children

Awareness campaign / enrolment rally at village, block and district levels are also arranged by involving local bodies, local public, etc., to identify out of school children in their area and ensure 100% enrolment in their habitation.

Door– to-door Survey to identify out of school children

Under Samagra Shiksha, every year, door-to-door survey is being conducted in three spells in April – May, October and January to identify out of school children including Children with Special Needs and Children of migrant labourers.

Due to COVID -19 Pandemic, during the year 2021-22, door-to-door survey has been conducted from **10.08.2021 to 15.10.2021**, by following COVID 19 guidelines to identify out of school children in the age group of 6-19 years in all the habitations.

Strategy Wise Coverage of Out of School Children during 2020-21

➤ Coverage of OoSC children under various interventions during -2020-21

Year	ARS	Direct Enrolment	Home Based	IE - NRSTC	KGBV	NCLP	NRSTC LT (fresh)	NRSTC ST	RSTC (Existing)	RSTC (Fresh)	NRSTC for Seasonal Migrant Children	Total
2020-21	257	9867	929	7764	1403	2046	5098	198	1638	1109	3282	33591

A new mobile app has been developed by Tamil Nadu for 2021-22 survey and the application has been integrated with the EMIS portal (Maintenance of records of children studying in Pre-primary classes to XII std). The list of students who were already enrolled in

schools but who are not currently part of any school after getting TC are listed in the App based on the location of the coordinator carrying out the survey. Using this detail, the surveyor attempts to reach out to the child / parent and identifies the current status. Therefore, the survey is carried out with specific focus on such students. The details of the student are updated through the app and the location of the surveyor is also captured through GPS integration. Details of whether the student has lost parent(single or both) due to the pandemic is also captured. This data is updated live to the central database and monitored at the district and State level through the dashboards available for the authorities.

Survey pre-planning meeting has been conducted under the Chairmanship of **District Collector** with other line departments like Labour, Social Welfare, Social defence, Health, BC/MBC/SC welfare departments, Child welfare Committee, ICDS, Police, DRDA,NGOs and Samagra Shiksha officials. Important issues with regard to survey has been discussed and advertisement regarding survey is given through cinema theatres, **FM radio, Local TV channels and local newspapers**. More over survey is being informed to the public through **Thandora and publishing the information in the notice board of Panchayat Office and PDS–fair price shops**.

Through this app, Block Resource Teacher Educators (BRTEs), Head Masters, School teachers, Educational Volunteers, Special Educators, Physiotherapist, Care Giver, Anganwadi workers, Self Help Group members and NGOs are conducting field level survey from 10.8.2021 to identify out of school children comprising of Dropouts/Never Enrolled and Migrant children . The survey is still in progress in all the Districts.

Migrant labourers from other States are being migrated to Tamil Nadu for Construction work, brick kilns, rice mills, Textiles, mosquito knitting factory, Charcoal preparation work, agriculture and cotton seed farming areas. The children of migrant labourers, dropouts and never enrolled are identified and enrolled in age appropriate classes in formal schools. Parents of these children are counselled and motivated for sending their children to school continuously. Community and SMCs are involved in ensuring 100% enrolment in their habitation.

To rescue and rehabilitate child labour/bonded labour, joint inspection is being conducted in all the shops, hotels, theatres, restaurants, malls, markets (fish, flower and vegetables) industries, etc.,. A team involving Labour Inspectors, APOs, BRTEs, Teachers, NGOs and Police jointly conducting the surprise inspection to identify child labour.

All the identified out of school children are provided Cost Free Welfare items. viz., Textbooks, Notebooks, Uniform, Warm clothes for children in hilly areas, dry noon meal

ration, School bags, etc., have been provided to all the out of school children. Kalvi TV teachers acts as a bridge between the teacher and the children in teaching learning process.



OoSc Resurvey: BRTes involved in identifying drop out student in crowded area during festival in Salem Dist.

Identifying drop out student by BRTes during Survey in Manguttaiyan valavu, Kottaimedu area, in Nangavalli block.



BRTE Panamarathupatti, Salem Dist. involved in **Resurvey**-identifying drop out student in agriculture field to ensure 100% enrollment in Panamarathupatti block.



Identified drop out student enrolled in her age appropriate class in PUMS Kaveripuram, Kolathur, block.

OoSC Door-to-door survey in The Nilgris Dist. Tamil Nadu



OoSC Door-to-door survey in Thiruvallur Dist. Tamil Nadu



Expected Out Come :

- ❖ As per RTE act-2009 all out of school children who are enrolled either directly or in special training centre get equal chance of continuing their education in age appropriate class.
- ❖ Become more aware of the importance of education that provides an enhanced life style and career opportunities to increase the quality of life.
- ❖ Become confident in his/her studies due to the improvement shown in reading, writing, and basic arithmetic skill.
- ❖ Special focus is given on potential dropouts and taking necessary action to have touch with their school and studies regularly.

Key Achievements:

During Pandemic regressive door –to-door survey has been conducted using mobile app and 1,36,829 Out of School Children have been identified and enrolled in age appropriate classes from 1 to 12.

Financial Outlay:

For the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs. 757.95 lakh has been approved in PAB for 17,493 (15679 OoSC+1814 seasonal migrants) out of school children at elementary level and an amount of Rs.111.68 lakh for 5584 dropouts at secondary level.

Beneficiaries: Children of SC/ST / Tribal group / De-notified / Nomadic / slum areas / new settlements in urban areas and migrants prone areas and children of migrant labourers are being benefitted.