ABSTRACT


School Education (ERT) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.147

Dated: 22.10.2021

Read:-

1. Announcement made by the Hon’ble Finance Minister for the year 2021-2022.
2. From the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai letter R.C.No. 2411/D2/2021, dated 20.10.2021

Order:

The Hon’ble Finance Minister has made the following announcement on the floor of the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly for the year 2021-2022:

“The Ennum Ezhuthum Mission to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy will be implemented to ensure that by 2025 all students in Tamilnadu by age 8 are able to read with comprehension and possess basic arithmetic skills. A provision of Rs.66.70 crore is made for this purpose”.

2. In this regard, the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training in her letter second read above has stated that during this academic year the extended closure of schools for about 19 months has increased the levels of learning gaps. Therefore the Ennum Ezhuthum Mission will be implemented on a mission mode basis and suggested that a level based approach instead of grade based approach from 2022 – 2023 be adopted. The Director of State Council of Educational Research and Training formulated the following as key aspects of the Ennum Ezhuthum programme:-

(a) Ennum Ezhuthum will focus on the children of Classes 1 to 3 studying in Government and Government Aided schools.
(b) Focus on foundational skills of Literacy and Numeracy with integrated approach to EVS.
(c) Applicability of level based books and the ways to integrate the same in class room transactions.
(d) Provision of resource material to teachers, capacity building of teachers and monitoring mechanism at various levels of Educational administration.
(e) Assessments in play way and other innovative methods.

3. The Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has further stated that an Expert Committee may be constituted in order to examine the suitability of the above strategy to be followed for the implementation of Ennum Ezhuthum Mission and to advise accordingly. The Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has suggested the following members to be part of the Expert Committee.

**The Expert Committee for Ennum Ezhuthum Mission**

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<td>K. Asha Devi,</td>
<td>National Awardee Headmistress, Panchayat Union Middle School, Pirattiyur, Trichy.</td>
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The Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training has also requested permission to constitute a working committee to prepare level based books and teachers resource material.

4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of State Council of Educational Research and Training, accept the same and issue orders accordingly to constitute an Expert Committee comprising the 8 members mentioned in para 3 above for the implementation of Ennum Ezhuthum Mission and also permit the State Council of Educational Research and Training to constitute a working committee to prepare level based books and teachers resource material.

(By Order of the Governor)

KAKARLA USHA
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

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The Committee Members (through SCERT)
The Commissioner of School Education,
Chennai-6.
The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha,
Chennai-6.
The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai-6.
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