



# TAMILNADU TELECOM ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE OFFICERS' WELFARE TRUST

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**Minutes of the 5th Annual General Body meeting** held on 5th November 2023 at Hotel Sri Saravana Bhavan Grand Style, No.17/1, Manivannan Street, (Opp. to New Bus stand) Salem 636004.

As per the notice issued by the Secretary TNTAFO Welfare Trust vide TNTAFOWT/Corres/2023-24 dated 03.10.2023, the 5th AGM started at 09.30 a.m. at Hotel Sri Saravana Bhavan Grand Style, Salem 636004. A total of 64 members attended the meeting from Chennai, Vellore, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Salem, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Trichy, Erode and Coimbatore.

The AGM started with Prayer song by Sri Azhagarasan.

**Welcome Address:** Sri M. Angamuthu Retd DGM and senior member from Salem delivered the welcome address. In his welcome address he elaborated the arrangements made for the comfortable stay and conducting of the meeting. He shared some salient historical points about the Salem city. He highlighted the co-operation and involvement of local members under the able stewardship of **Sri P. Venugopal** in successful conduct of the AGM.

**Presidential Address:** Managing Trustee **Sri P. Santhakumar** in his presidential address elaborately covered the Trust activities right from formation on 10-Feb-2014, covering the path travelled in enrollment of members, increasing the corpus fund, stupendous contribution by members, Financial assistance to Meritorious students / continuing higher education, Financial aid to BPL students, 80G exemption activities, contribution to distressed families, orphanages and NGOs serving the Society etc. He also highlighted the contribution by some members in the Whatsapp groups presenting elaborate discussion on Knowledge of history, Religion, Languages , science, medicine,

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culture, tidbits and humorous incidents. The top donors during the last four years / regular monthly donors were also decorated by the Managing Trustee in his address. He recalled the contribution by Sri K. Raajaram Additional Managing Trustee for maintaining the Website round the clock updating regularly without any expenditure to our Trust. [Please click to see the verbatim address of the Managing Trustee.](#)

**Self-introduction by Members:** All the members present introduced themselves to those present.

### **Speech by Dignitaries:**

1. **Sri S. Venkatraman (Vathiyar)** thanked the organizers, mentioning that organizing such General Body meeting in a place like Salem and gathering of huge members is a great job.
2. **Sri R.R. Ramasubramanian** (Former AFSSOA Circle Secretary) expressed happiness to be present on the occasion though could not able to participate effectively in the day to day activities. He mentioned that he was keenly noticing the various welfare activities of our trust. He quoted the saying of Maha Periyava which emphasizes inner satisfaction is derived by contribution to the society, and mentioned that the Trust members can be happy that all of us have reached that point. He outlined the achievement that our Trust is unique that more than Rs.56 lakhs was contributed by the members only out of their pension in four years. The first Sanchar Shree awardee thanked for the opportunity given.
3. **Sri Kandasamy** DGM Salem placed on record that our trust is doing a good job from the contribution by our members.

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4. **Smt. Mani** DGM CHTD thanked the trustees for conducting the meeting at Salem. She recalled her association and inspiration that she derived from her seniors in general and Sri Jawahar (Mumbai) and Govindaraj Salem in particular. She recalled the glorious days of BSNL and mentioned that we all served sincerely and honestly during our service.

5. **Sri K. Ramasamy** DGM Vellore recollected how Telecom Accounts News was useful to the cadremen and the contribution by Kasturi Rangan Sir and Jayavelu sir. He fondly recalled the Trivandrum Conference where AITJAOA and AFSSOA were merged as a single Association. He shared the experience of incidents and accolades received from Schools while conducting meritorious students award functions in Vellore area. He further mentioned that many single parents present at Schools expressed gratefulness to the Trust for encouraging girl students especially to study well.

6. **Sri M. Angamuthu** DGM Erode pointed out the geographical importance of Salem, Dharmapuri & Tirupathur in his address. He recalled the days of Bhopal conference when he went there along with Sri Mohandas of Coimbatore and our AFSSOA ex General Secretary Sri R. Ramachandran. His contribution of IT rules made easy book since its first edition in 1995. For the first 8 years his the Income Tax reckoner book was published under the banner of AFSSOA (Combined TN) and proceeds were reaped by it.

7. **Sri S. Rajamanickam** DGM Erode heartfully thanked for forming the trust with excellently and carefully worded bye-laws. He shared the experience of single parent children to whom Trust is rendering assistance. By seeing the monthly help extended to the needy, several requests are received from schools in Erode area, he said. On behalf of members, he honored the Managing Trustee and Secretary and the Additional

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Managing Trustee. He highlighted the pain of many under privileged people in several states in particular Maharastra.

8. **Sri R. Guruprasad** CAO Vellore admired the trust activities and particularly the contribution of Managing Trustee, Secretary and the Website Architect. He placed on record that he covered all the select schools for the last 3 years for distributing the financial assistance to +2 toppers. Our Trust activities are popular and are discussed in Whatsapp group of the HMs of Schools in the District, he said. In Vellore area the District Education Officer / CEOs are aware of our trust activities. He mentioned that Below Poverty Line scheme introduced this year is very much useful and strongly requested / recommended for its continuance. He made some suggestion on posting e-books in WhatsApp group and exploring the posting in Website. He thanked for the opportunity given to express the views.

9. **Sri M. Palanivelu** DGM MA expressed happiness that Sri Rajamanikkam set a good trend by felicitating saying that recognizing contribution is a must for the services rendered by the Managing Trustee, Secretary and Addl. Managing Trustee. He mentioned that the reception by Salem members for the Annual General Body members was great and appreciable. He told that the schools are recognizing the Trust representatives and this encourages us to do more service to the trust.

10. **Sri V. Dakshinamoorthy** DGM CHTD mentioned that in his area, in addition to extending the Meritorious students assistance by our trust, he is praising the efforts of teachers and HM of the 1st rank secured student. He recalled the days when the trust was formed in 2014. He has suggested to increase the trust members to continue for a long period to come by quoting examples of *Pachayappa* trust and *Chengalvaraya* trust.

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He wanted the members to forethink the status of our trust after 25 years from now. He wondered whether inclusion of family members and wards of the members as Associate members of our trust is possible for long sustenance. He reminded that the transfer of funds from AFSOA CHQ is still pending. He quoted about the Matram foundation and requested to consider to educate 10 students to continue their studies till Degree by extending 100% Financial assistance.

**11.Sri T.K. Udayan** TNJ thanked the Salem team & Sri Venugopal for arranging the AGM in a grand manner. He expressed his great satisfaction in seeing all the Seniors. He recalled the June CEC at Thanjavur. He made a point to share the trust activities among his family members regularly.

**12.Sri P. Shanmugam** TNJ placed the request by the school HMs to extend meritorious assistance to school toppers of 10th std also. Some of the schools are requesting our trust to provide computers to their school.

**13.Sri R.M. Jayaraman** CAO TVL volunteered to be a coordinator for Kovilpatti area for extending +2 toppers meritorious assistance.

**14. Sri C. Sathiamurthy** CAO TN raised the issue of whether fixed deposits were correctly raised based on corpus fund receipts. Secretary clarified that this was being done minutely as and when the amount that could be deposited reached one lakh mark.

**Presentation of Secretary's Report:** Secretary placed his report before the house. All the important activities taken place between the 4th AGM were covered in his report. He produced statistics of addition of new members, donations received, activities undertaken etc. He also elaborated about the meetings held from time to time including memorial service meeting held at Chennai. He explained how we continued to

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conduct virtual meetings even during the pandemic, and thanked the enthusiasm of the members for their active participation. Secretary specifically thanked Vellore members S/Sri C. Arumugam, Guruprasad and Ramasamy in enrolling very large number of members. He also recognized the efforts made by Smt. S. Sudha and Sri P. Venugopal for enrolling a large number of members.

His report included statistical information of how the Trust progressed in leaps and bounds to help the society in general and students in particular. He thanked the Trustees / Co-coordinators and their team members for successfully completing the annual exercise of visiting schools to meet with students and hand over the certificates and award moneys with full devotion, dedication and enthusiasm. The services rendered by S/ Sri S. Sethu, K. Raajaram, and Managing Trustee P. Santhakumar in collecting data, compiling, printing and dispatch of certificates were worthy of mention, the Secretary informed the gathering amidst thunderous applause.

Next the Secretary informed that 26 students were paid Rs.2.28 lakhs for educational assistance to pursue higher education. During this year 2023, 122 BPL students of X, XI & XII in 13 districts were extended one time financial scholarship of Rs. 1.83 lakhs.

Our Trust has donated a Sum of Rs.1,53,000/- as educational assistance to Narikurawar Education and Welfare society (NEWS) at Eraiyur, Perambalur district. We have also promised a monthly recurring payment of Rs.7,500/- for one year to support salary of one Teacher.

The report highlighted other activities of rendering help to families which lost the bread winners. To sustain all these activities, generous donation from members and well wishers is the key, and our members never lagged behind in this area, the Secretary

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proudly stated. We have amidst us regular donors, and 50% of the total donations were received from 16 donor members.

The report had a special mention about the service specially covered the the dedication and hard work of Sri K. Raajaram founder trustee and the Additional Managing Trustee in designing and maintaining website up to date. Trust also has a FaceBook account, which is excellently managed by Sri K Mannu, who deserves all praise, the Secretary said. Secretary thanked Sri P. Mohan Treasurer for maintaining the Finance & Accounts and Sri R. Guruprasad Asst. Treasurer in finalizing the financials.

Finally, he assured all the members that our trust will carry out more charitable activities in the coming years and will reach new heights with support and co-operation from our trust members / well wishers.

The house then honoured Sri P. Santhakumar Managing Trustee, Sri K, Raajaram Additional Managing Trustee and Sri P. Mohan Treasurer for their contribution during the period.

[Please click to see the verbatim report of the Secretary.](#)

## **Greetings received from the following members read out by Secretary:**

1. Shri R. Ramachandran, ex-GS AFSSOA.
2. Shri V. Vijayamohan our senior member and one of the top five donors.

**Presentation of Audited Accounts by Treasurer:** Treasurer Sri P. Mohan has read out the Audited Accounts. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31.03.2023, Income Expenditure Account for the period ending 31.03.2023 and Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2023 and accepted by the General body members present. Similar

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audited statements for the period ending 31.03.2022 also presented to the members present.

[Please click to see the verbatim accounts.](#)

## **Amendment to trust deed / by-laws:**

Under the para "Meetings", the following amendment was proposed and approved:

"In emergent cases, Trustees' meeting can be held through video conference".

Under "Handing over records":

"All the records, vouchers and inventories together with associated papers and information in electronic format shall be handed over to the new incumbent after election within ONE MONTH from the date of such election".

New clause under members:

"Spouse / children of any deceased member are eligible to be inducted as Associate members into the Trust. Such Associate members shall not have voting as well as contesting rights and are not eligible to hold any official position of the Trust, even through nomination. Associate members are eligible to attend meetings and take part in proceedings except election proceedings."

**Discussion about Website and IT services:** All the members are of the opinion that the website is updated instantaneously and provides transparency. The WhatsApp group is also discussing about various Arts / Science / health and common issues in addition to general trust related matters, thanks to the continuous and enthusiastic contribution of select members are worth mentioning. All the members are requested to fully explore the Website & services to know the trust activities.

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## **Correct nomenclature for receipts and payments for education related cases:**

Our Trust is generally providing financial assistance and recognition to student community in three different scenarios, and the names lead to some confusion here and there. For better clarity, it was decided to properly name these three services as below, after discussion:

Recognition to topper Plus 2 students every year throughout TN by issuing a certificate and token financial assistance	Educational assistance to meritorious plus 2 students
Providing token financial assistance to BPL students	Educational assistance to school education for BPL students ( studying in the government school xth, XI and XII std)
Token financial assistance to students who pursue undergraduate and master courses year by year	Educational assistance for Higher education

It was also decided to devise a template to obtain from students who vie for assistance for higher education as in the case of the BPL students. This will be implemented from the next academic year.

## **Election of new Managing Trustee, Secretary and other Trustees for the next two years.**

Our senior member Sri M. Angamuthu Salem was requested to act as the Presiding Officer to conduct the elections. He conducted the election of new board as per the procedure. A comprehensive list of new office bearers was proposed by Sri R.R. Ramasubramanian and the same was seconded by Sri C.P. Ravikumar. After

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unanimous approval from the house, the Presiding Officer declared the new body as elected.

The list is furnished below:

<b>NAME OF THE TRUSTEE S/Shri/Smt</b>	<b>Elected for the Post</b>
P SANTHA KUMAR	MANAGING TRUSTEE
K RAAJARAM	ADDL MANAGING TRUSTEE
K BALASUBRAMANIAN	HONORARY SECRETARY
C DURAIARASAN	HONORARY JOINT SECRETARY
C ARUMUGAM	HONORARY JOINT SECRETARY
R GURUPRASAD	HONORARY TREASURER
M MUNUSWAMY	HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER
V VIJAYAMOHAN	TRUSTEE
M SANKARAN	TRUSTEE
P VENUGOPAL	TRUSTEE
A THOMAS	TRUSTEE
S SETHU	TRUSTEE
P MOHAN	TRUSTEE
S RAMAKRISHNAN	TRUSTEE
I ATHISAYAMANI ASIRVATHAM	TRUSTEE
S THIRIPURASUNDARI	TRUSTEE
R GURUPRASAD [VELLORE]	TRUSTEE
S SUDHA	INTERNAL AUDITOR (nominated)

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To avoid delay in response to requests received, the General Body felt presence of responsible member in many cities of Tamil Nadu. As there is a restriction in the number of Trustees per constitution, the house decided to co-opt a few "Special Invitees" to conduct trust activities in a smooth manner. The scope for functioning of the "Special Invitees" is similar to that of Trustees, which is highly useful, since prompt response is one of our specialties in serving the needy.

The following members were nominated as Special Invitees.

1. R R Ramasubramanian, Madurai	2. A P Subramanian Chennai
3. S Venkataraman Chennai	4. P Somu Chennai
5. A Natesan Chennai	6. V Dakshinamoorthy Chennai
7. M Govindaraj Salem	8. V P Shanmugasundaram, Coimbatore
9. C P Ravikumar Chennai	10. C Sathiamurthy Chennai
11. T R S Sriram Chennai	12. M Anguchamy Chennai
13. R Rajeswaran Madurai	14. P Koteeswaran Chennai
15. A Aravazhi Chennai	16. T K Udhayan Thanjavur
17. P Shanmugam Thanjavur	18. V Karthikesan Thanjavur
19. V Mani Vellore	20. K Ramasamy Vellore
21. S Gunasekaran Chennai	22. S Lakshmi Salem
23. Parvathi Vasu Chennai	24. Geetha Sridhar Chennai
25. V Girija Chennai	26. S Vennila Chennai
27. T L Latha Chennai	28. T Sundar Chennai

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31.M Murugesan Tirunelveli	32.S Ganapathy Tirunelveli
33.S S M Jamaluddin Salem	34.A Soundararajan Salem
35.G Muthukumaran Karaikudi	36.M Palanivelu Madurai
37.K Adbul Salam Trichy	38.D Vanaraj Coimbatore
39.S Lakshminarasimhan Coimbatore	40.Uma Ganapathy Chennai
41.K Mannu, Tiruvannamalai	42.K Suseela

## Points worthy to note that were witnessed in the A.G.B.:

1. Three new members joined the Trust.
2. Shri M. Angamuthu presented a copy of his latest book entitled "கொங்கு நாட்டில் தாமஸ் மன்றோ" to all the participants.
3. Salem team presented a beautiful and useful memento to all the members present.

## Honouring of the hosting team:

The enthusiastic members from Salem S/Sri P Venugopal, M Govindaraj, S Thiripurasundari, S Lakshmi and A Soundararajan were honoured for conducting the first ever non Chennai General Body meeting successfully and with a lot of zeal and dedication. Every member present in the House were full of praises for the Salem team.

**Vote of Thanks:** Sri R. Guruprasad Asst. Treasurer proposed the vote of thanks to all the members present for conducting the AGM in a smooth and useful manner. On

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behalf of all the members he thanked the Salem members under the leadership of Sri P. Venugopal for the excellent arrangement of venue and stay to the members.

The General body meeting ended with National Anthem. Sumptuous lunch was arranged for the members after the meeting.

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