



# TAMILNADU TELECOM ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE OFFICERS' WELFARE TRUST

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Trustees and Special Invitees Held on 07-Sep-2023

A meeting of Trustees and Special invitees was held on 07-Sep-2023 through Google meet (online) from 17:00 Hrs., with the following agenda:

1. Prayer
2. Welcome address and Presidential address by **Sri P. Santhakumar, Managing Trustee**
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Trust Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023
4. **Secretary's** Interim Report
5. Discussion and consideration of new cases for approval
6. Any other issue with the permission of Chair
7. Vote of thanks

The meeting started at 17:00 Hrs., in which a total of 21 trustees and special invitees joined to deliberate the above agenda and take decisions.

Secretary Sri K. Balasubramanian requested the Managing Trustee Sri P. Santhakumar to preside over the meeting and conduct the proceedings.

The following Trustees and special invitees attended the meeting.

S/Shri

P Santhakumar	K Balasubramanian
P Venugopal	C Sathyamurthy
T R S Sriram	K Raajaram
S Sethu	P Mohan
M Govindaraj	M Munuswamy
A Athisayamani Asirvatham	V Mani
C P Ravikumar	C Arumugam
R Guruprasad	A Thomas
S. Gunasekaran	K Mannu
V Dakshinamoorthy	S Rajamanikkam
T K Udhayan	

At the outset, the agenda for the meeting was duly approved by the members.



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The meeting started with the *Tamizh Thai Vazhalthu* by Managing Trustee.

In his welcome address, Managing Trustee welcomed all the Trustees and special invitees, who could join the online meeting.

Before starting the proceedings, all members observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect to the following members / colleagues, who left for the heavenly abode after the last meeting held on 25-Jun-2023.

(Late) S / shri

G.R. Gopalan

L.N. Venkatakrishnan

Kamaraj, SDE (VRS) Trichy, who used to be a great supporter of our events.

**Presidential address:** In his presidential address, the Managing Trustee appreciated all the coordinators for successfully completing the onerous task of connecting with schools in different cities, and completing physical functions of motivating the students and handing over meritorious certificates and the awards to the 12<sup>th</sup> toppers of Government Higher Secondary schools. He observed that all coordinators spent a lot of money personally and included additional nice items like books, backpacks, stationery etc. as a nice and notable gesture.

Barring the single exception of Shri C. Duraiarasan, the project has been completed. The President hoped that this also would soon get completed.

**Approval of Minutes of the Last trust meeting:** The minutes of the last held meeting on 25.06.2023 was duly approved by those present.

## **Secretary covered the following points in his interim report:**

**Membership:** The total number of members as on date is 453. 19 new members joined our trust since last meeting. Due to the efforts of Sri P. Venugopal, 11 members from Salem area joined our trust as on the day of the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, another 4 members joined, making the total new members from Salem as 15. We convey our thanks to Sri Venugopal. Due to the efforts of Sri C.P., a super senior Shri R. D. DHARMASUBRAMANIAN joined our trust to become the eldest member of our trust.



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## Gist of activities:

- Educational Assistance to Ms. Kaaviya, J.P. Herlin and Balamurugan sent @ Rs.10,000/- each on 27.6.2023 directly to their bank accounts.
- Fuel expenditure of Rs. 10,000/- donated to Sri Dinakaran Teacher from Pasmaraipenta village in Vellore District, who is running auto to pickup children to school disbursed on 6.7.2023.
- Educational Assistance to Sri A. Jayakrishnan B.Com. Government Arts College, Kumbakonam and Ms. S. Suki B.A.(Eco) Govt. Arts and Science College Sathyamangalam paid on 3.7.2023. Both the cases were approved by Trustees through WhatsApp.
- As per the decision taken in the last Trust meeting, we have donated Rs. 10,000/- to Friends for the needy at Thirumullaivoil, Chennai. Secretary and Mr. Thomas personally visited and handed over the Cheque on 2.8.2023.
- S/Sri K. Raajaram, M. Munusamy and R. Ramakrishnan visited Good Life Centre, Tambaram on 13.08.2023 and handed over Cheque for Rs.10,000/-
- Secretary, Managing Trustee, Shanmugam (TNJ) and Mariappan (TNJ) visited NEWS (**N**arikuravar **E**ducation **W**elfare **S**ociety) at Eraiyur, Perambalur District on 17.8.2023 and handed over Cheque for Rs.10,000/-. It was seen that more than 60 students were staying as inmates and studying in different classes. Smt. Swedha the In-charge of this residential school requested to extend our help to meet the salary expenditure of at least one teacher. Our Managing Trustee made an appeal and six of our members have already donated Rs.10,000/- each. Sri A.P. Subramanian donated Rs.50,000/- for this noble cause. It is decided in the meeting to donate Rs.7500/- every month to NEWS to meet the salary expenditure of one teacher.
- **Educational Scholarship to BPL students:** Members are aware that we have launched another ambitious scheme viz. granting Rs.1500/- per student as a token Educational Scholarship to BPL students studying in the Government school. Our coordinators have so far distributed the scholarship amount to 70 students and other coordinators have been requested to complete the work before 25<sup>th</sup> September. **As on 25-Sep-23, we have distributed a total amount of Rs. 1,68,000-00 to 112 students.** A cursory review of the applications processed so far indicate that more than 80% of the BPL students are either without both parents or with a single parent.



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- **Educational assistance to Meritorious Plus 2 students studying in GHSS 2023:** This year we have identified 146 Government schools covering 24 districts. As on date 132 schools completed and 399 students benefitted (254 girls + 145 boys). Sri Duraiarasan Project Coordinator from Myladuthurai and Nagapattinam is yet to complete the award function. He has collected data from 7 schools from Myladuthurai district and submitted. In all other places, our coordinators and team members organized the functions with a lot of enthusiasm and dedication, with the cooperation from the HMs. All the HMs expressed their happiness and gratitude for the encouragement and honour extended to the students by our Trust.

**Biennial General Body Meeting:** As per the decision taken in the last trustees meeting, our Managing Trustee made an appeal to outstation members to conduct the General body meeting. Our members from Salem under the leadership of S/Sri P. Venugopal & M. Govindaraj came forward to conduct the General Body meeting. After discussion with the important office bearers, it was decided to conduct the General body meeting at Salem on 5.11.2023. This was approved by those present in the meeting. Shri P. Venugopal informed that the venue has been fixed as below:

**Sri Saravana Bhavan Grand Style  
Opp to New Bus Stand, Salem**

**New cases for consideration:** Next, the new cases were taken up for discussion. At the outset, the quantum of amount that can be paid to students pursuing graduation and higher studies was discussed, and it was approved that Rs.8,000-00 may be standardized for non-professional courses and Rs.10,000-00 may be standardized for professional courses. It was also decided to continue to apply the usual yardsticks of applying the regular yardsticks to such students like pecuniary circumstance, consistent performance in their studies etc.

After thorough consideration of the new cases for consideration, following cases are approved.



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Name of the beneficiary and details	Amount approved
Educational Assistance to Ms. K. Ananthi, Sathyamangalam	Rs.8,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. S. Sanmathi	Rs.8,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. R. Bairavi	Rs.8,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. Dhanushree	Rs.8,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. Santhiya	Rs.8,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. S. Mahalakshmi	Rs.10,000-00
Educational Assistance to Sri R. Jeevanraj	Rs.10,000-00
Educational Assistance to Ms. T. Jayapriya	Rs.10,000-00
Donation to Nambikkai Vasal Trust (NGO)	Rs.10,000-00
Medical Assistance to the family of late Kamaraj Retd. SDE	Rs.10,000-00
<b>Total amount approved for disbursement →</b>	<b>Rs.90,000-00</b>

A model application for pursuing higher education from the students will soon be circulated for standardized approach.

Next, other items with the permission of the Chair were taken up.

Sri P. Venugopal (Salem) requested the frontline trust members of respective areas to intimate the number of members attending the Annual General Body meeting on 5.11.2023 well in advance so as to make arrangements at optimal level without wasting the resources.

Sri S. Rajamanickam Erode sought clarification on donation in foreign currency. It is advised to get the donation in Indian currency only with PAN details so as to issue 80G receipt.

As the meeting date was the birth day of the Treasurer Sri P. Mohan, all the members participated in the online meeting greeted him virtually.

**Vote of Thanks:** Sri R. Guruprasad Asst. Treasurer thanked all the trustees and Special invitees for active participation and presenting their views on the cases discussed and decision taken.