

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு ஆதி திராவிடர் மற்றும் பழங்குடியினர் நலத்துறை



#### இணைந்து வழிநடத்தி<mark>யவர்கள்</mark>





#### Introduction

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, in collaboration with MMT and NURTURE, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, Chennai & Trichy, organized the "என் கல்லூரி கனவு" Career Guidance Program in 2025. This initiative aimed at providing higher education guidance to SC/ST students in Tamil Nadu, helping them make informed career choices. The program spanned across two phases, conducted in March and April 2025, with sessions covering a range of undergraduate courses and career paths.

#### **Program Duration and Structure**

The "என் கல்லூரி கனவு" program was organized over a period of two weekends (March & April 2025), conducted over four days. The key objective was to provide career guidance and information about higher education options to 12th-grade students. The sessions were well-organized and saw active participation from students and teachers across several districts in Tamil Nadu.



## **Program Schedule and Participants**

The program was divided into two phases with specific venues and dates outlined below:

March
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S.No.	District Name	Don Bosco RP's Name	Participants Count
1	Villupuram	Mr. Leo Levin	350
2	Tirupattur	Mr. Mohan Prem	450
3	Tirunelveli	Mr. Harish	700
4	Perambalur	Mr. Christhu Micheal Raja	900
5	Erode	Mr. Dinesh	350
6	Nilgiris	Fr. Felix	450
7	Chennai	Nurture Team	850
8	Ariyalur	Nurture Team	850
9	Vellore	Nurture Team	258
10	Theni	Nurture Team	700
11	Karur	Nurture Team	700

S.No.	District Name	Don Bosco RP's Name	Participants Count
1	Dindigul	Mr. Leo Levin	254
2	Kanyakumari	Mr. Harish	357
3	Thanjavur	Mr. Antony Selvaraj	700
4	Tiruppur	Fr. Felix	550
5	Coimbatore	Nurture Team	900
6	Thiruvallur	Nurture Team	450
7	Madurai	Nurture Team	494
8	Kallakuruchi	Nurture Team	850
9	Tiruchy	Nurture Team	600





S.No.	District Name	Don Bosco RP's Name	Participants Count
1	Dharmapuri	Mr. Leo Levin	650
2	Ranipet	Mr. Mohan Prem	380
3	Cuddalore	Mr. Christhu Micheal Raja	342
4	Virudhunagar	Mr. Harish	490
5	Pudukkottai	Mr. Ebinezer	530
6	Thoothukudi	Nurture Team	900
7	Namakkal	Nurture Team	437
8	Kanchipuram	Nurture Team	399
9	Thiruvarur	Nurture Team	250

S.No.	District Name	Don Bosco RP's Name	Participants Count
1	Tiruvannamalai	Mr. Nagamani & Mr. Ramachandran	385
2	Mayiladuthurai	Mr. Christhu Micheal Raja	673
3	Ramanathapuram	Mr. Harish	350
4	Nagapattinam	Mr. Jeyaprakash	501
5	Chengalpattu	Nurture Team	503
6	Tenkasi	Nurture Team	977
7	Sivagangai	Nurture Team	700
8	Salem	Nurture Team	1106
9	Krishnagiri	Nurture Team	750





The "என் கல்லூரி கனவு" program covered **38 districts** in Tamil Nadu, engaging over **21,741 students** in total.



## **Topics Covered**

The program encompassed several key areas aimed at providing comprehensive guidance for students preparing for higher education:



*General Sessions & Instructions:* Preparation for higher studies, including guidance for students and their parents.



**Diploma and Polytechnic Courses:** Introduction to specialized institutions in Tamil Nadu offering diploma and polytechnic courses.



**Undergraduate Courses:** Detailed counselling sessions on various undergraduate courses in streams such as Arts, Science, Medical, Engineering, Paramedical, Agriculture, Commerce, Law, Sports, and Fine Arts.



**Entrance Exams & Cutoff Marks:** Orientation on various entrance exams and cutoff mark calculations for different courses.



**Course Websites & College Listings:** Information on websites related to courses and a comprehensive list of colleges in Tamil Nadu.



*Naan Mudhalvan Programs:* A detailed exploration of Naan Mudhalvan programs and other government schemes available for students.



**Q&A Sessions:** Interactive sessions addressing students' queries on various career paths and higher education options.

## **Student Feedback**

The program received positive feedback from the students who participated in the sessions. Key insights include:



Students expressed their appreciation for receiving valuable information ahead of their higher education journey.



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Students were motivated by the interactions with alumni who shared their experiences and career journeys.



Students expressed interest in having more localized career guidance resources in their respective districts.



showed a keen interest in more practical sessions, particularly those focused on entrance exams such as NEET, JEE, CLAT, CUET, and IHM.

## **Key Highlights**

Several factors contributed to the success of the "என் கல்லூரி கனவு" Career Guidance Program:



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*Diploma and Polytechnic Courses:* Introduction to specialized institutions in Tamil Nadu offering diploma and polytechnic courses.



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## **Challenges and Suggestions**

While the program was largely successful, several challenges were identified, and suggestions for improvement were provided:



*Separate Sessions for Different Streams:* It was suggested that future programs could benefit from conducting separate sessions for Arts, Commerce, and Science students to enhance interaction and engagement.



**Role of Teachers and Headmasters:** Teachers and headmasters are vital in creating an effective learning environment. It is recommended that their involvement be further emphasized to improve the quality of the sessions.



**Avoid Unplanned Speeches:** It was proposed that instead of unplanned speeches by guests and officials, resource departments could set up information stalls to guide students during breaks.



*Career Counselling Services:* Offering individual career counselling sessions could provide more personalized guidance to students.



*Timely Breaks and Sessions:* Adherence to scheduled timings for breaks and lunch would ensure that the program runs efficiently.



**Post-Lunch Activities:** It was suggested that post-lunch sessions could include career exhibitions or documentary visuals, providing an engaging learning experience for students.



*Improvement in Infrastructure:* Suggestions were made to improve projector, audio systems, and internet facilities to enhance the quality of the sessions.



### **Reflective Conclusion**

In conclusion, the "என் கல்லூரி கனவு" Career Guidance Program 2025 has been a resounding success, leaving a positive impact on students across Tamil Nadu. It not only provided critical guidance on higher education options but also motivated students to make informed decisions about their career paths. By addressing the challenges and implementing the suggestions, future editions of the program can further enhance its effectiveness and reach even more students in the state.



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