

## **Tamil Nadu Education Fellowship (TNEF)**

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fellowship Programme (TNCMFP) was announced with a view to harness the talents of the Young Professionals from diverse professional and academic backgrounds in the implementation of the various flagship and priority schemes of the State Government. The fellowship is envisaged to be one of the most prestigious programmes in public policy and service domain in the entire country. The government believes in the power of the youth to improve the efficiency of the governance processes and hence, is launching the Tamil Nadu Education Fellowship (TNEF) to support the novel initiatives undertaken by the School Education Department.

Having achieved nearly universal enrollment in primary schools, the next frontier for the state is to elevate the quality of education imparted in its public schools, and the Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to innovating and delivering contextual educational programmes for children across the state.

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu many innovative schemes to improve the quality of education in government and government-aided schools are being implemented like Illam Thedi Kalvi, Ennum Ezhuthum, Naan Mudhalvan and Nam Palli Nam Perumai. The goal of these initiatives is to ensure that all students, in government and government-aided schools of Tamil Nadu, attain all the necessary skills for them to thrive, right from attaining basic literacy and arithmetic skills to choosing and pursuing a higher education of their choice.

The selected TNEF Fellows will support the administrators at the State level like Directors and Joint Directors of the various departments under the School Education Department to implement the schemes effectively. They will also work under and support the administrators at the District level like Chief Education Officers and District Education Officers in reviewing and improving the quality of implementation of the programmes.

The Tamil Nadu Education Fellowship (TNEF) will be a 2 year fellowship that will recruit passionate young professionals to provide support for the implementation and the delivery of all critical educational initiatives by the School Education Department and achieve the vision set by the Government. A cohort of 114 Fellows and 38 Senior Fellows will be placed in teams of 4 across every district of Tamil Nadu.

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Interested persons with at least 2 years of work experience, preferably in the education sector may apply to join as a Fellow and candidates with at least 5 years of experience can apply for the role of Senior Fellow. The ideal candidate would possess an undergraduate degree and will have the ability to read, write and speak Tamil and English languages fluently. The Fellows will be expected to be stationed in state/district headquarters and travel within and across the districts.

The Tamil Nadu Education Fellowship (TNEF) will be a structured programme for the government to engage with professionals where they will be:

- Recruited through a rigorous selection process during the period of April 22, 2022 to June 30, 2022
- Placed as an Tamil Nadu Education Fellow from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 for a remuneration of:
  - o Fellows: INR 32,000 per month
  - Senior Fellows: INR 45,000 per month
- Provided periodic training for developing key technical and non-technical competencies pertaining to project management, conducting field observations, developing communication materials, raising community awareness, and more.
- Offers the opportunity to interact with and learn from a diverse set of stakeholders within government departments, schools, and local communities.
- Granted an experience certificate detailing their work and key role in the delivery of the novel initiatives undertaken by the Government

The details of the Fellowship roles, the expected qualifications and applications will remain open from April 22, 2022 to May 15, 2022 through the online application portal found <a href="here">here</a>. Shortlisted candidates will be approached for in-person interviews following which the selected candidates will be announced and on boarded for the Fellowship by July 1, 2022.

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