

8. Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation

The main objective of the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation is to print and supply quality Text books to students in time at an affordable price. The Mission of the Corporation is to ensure availability of quality Textbooks to all the students studying in Standards I to XII and to provide free books to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward, Most Backward and Minorities Welfare Department Schools.

With the introduction of Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam), the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation has been entrusted with printing of Textbooks for the students studying in Standards I and VI. In order to fulfill the objective of the Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam), the Textbook Corporation will print quality Text books for Standards I and VI in multi colour, using latest printing technology i.e. CTP (Computer to Plate processing).

8.1. Textbooks

The Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation prints a total of 513 titles for Standards I to XII consisting of 540 Textbooks (including Vol.I and Vol.II) as well as books for Vocational Training and Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education. The details are as under:-

- Textbooks for students
- Revised Textbooks for Standards I and VI under Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam) for the academic year 2010 -11.
- Vocational Textbooks for Higher Secondary Course.
- Environmental Educational Books for Standards VI to XII.
- Diploma Course in Engineering Books for First and Second semester of Polytechnic.
- Textbooks and Readers for minority language students for Standards I to X and Language books only for Higher Secondary Course.
- Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education.
- Guides for Standard X and XII Students of Adi Dravidar, Backward classes and Most Backward Department Schools.
- Question Bank, Solution Book and Model Question booklet for students of Standards X and XII for Parent Teachers Association.

8.2. Free Textbooks

The Corporation prints and supplies Free Textbooks to all the students enrolled in Standards I to XII in the Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and students studying in Tamil Medium in the Self Financing Schools. Tamil Readers are also supplied free of cost to the students studying in Matriculation Schools from the academic year 2007-08.

8.3. Free Books to the other Departments

Requirement of books for the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Schools, Backward, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department Schools, Social Welfare Department Schools and Forest Department schools are printed and supplied by the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation directly to the concerned Departments through the Regional Offices.

8.4. Distribution of Free Textbooks

Year	No. of copies In lakhs	Value (Rs. in Lakhs)
2006-2007	669.21	6400.04
2007-2008	676.65	6857.71
2008-2009	628.32	7851.11
2009-2010	665.89	8393.47
2010-2011	620.20	7102.20 (approximate)

8.5. Supply of free Textbooks to the Tamil students in other States

Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation supplies Textbooks free of cost for the benefit of Tamil students in other States through Mumbai Municipal Corporation 2) Delhi Tamil Sangam 3) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation 4) Andaman Nichobar Administration and 5) Tamil Aikya Sangam, Kochin.

8.6. Website

Tamil Nadu is the only State in the Country to publish Textbooks from Standards I to XII on the web site.

The Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation has brought out 540 books in six languages, namely, Tamil, English, and the Minority languages of Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Urdu. Out of 540 books, 348 books have been hosted in the web site. 21 Books pertaining to Directorate of Teacher Education Research and Training and Standard X of Matriculation Schools were added on the Web-site from 8th of September 2008. 11 Books related to II year Diploma in Teacher Education have also been hosted in the website on 24-08-2009. The remaining Textbooks will be hosted in the website in a phased manner.

The response to the publication of books through online is very encouraging. Since the launching of the website, 8,33,790 visitors have accessed the website, up to 31st January 2010 which includes the Tamilians residing outside India.

Website address: www.textbooksonline.tn.nic.in