

தமிழ்நாடு அறக்கட்டளை



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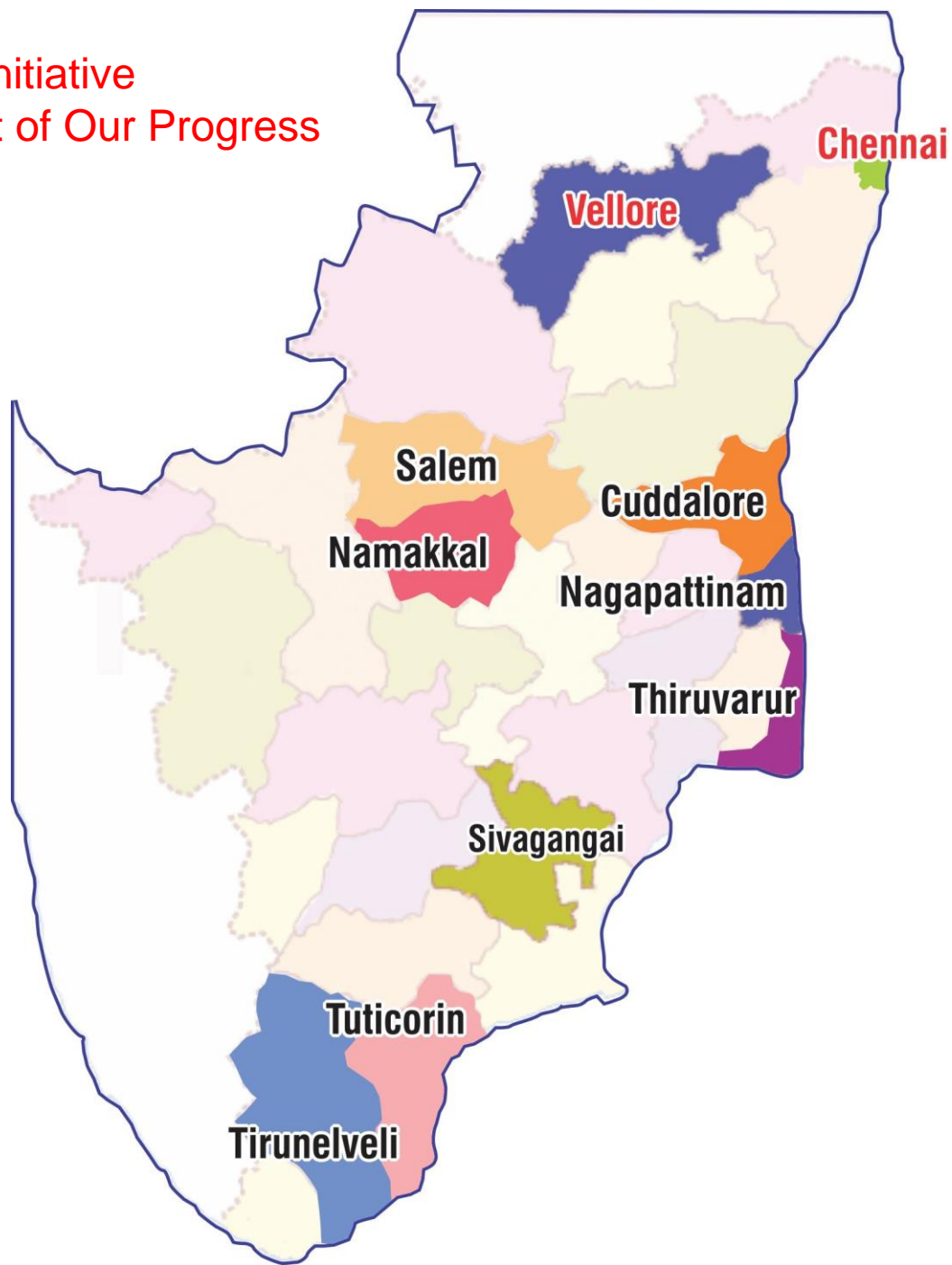
# TNF- ABC Initiative

- Focus is on educating the poorest of the poor
- Government schools are our priority
- > 10 Million children go to 36,000 government schools across 30,000 villages in Tamil Nadu
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu to work inside the government schools
- Goal is to enrich and empower underprivileged students by providing resources, programs, and tools currently not provided by the government
- Objective is to build a unique, sustainable and cost effective statewide initiative that can be replicated in all 32 districts
- Focus is on the entire student population, ranging from academically challenged to highly ambitious students

## TNF- ABC Initiative

- Piloted the concept in 2011 and 2012 in Sivagangai District and has been strengthened since then
- Expanded to Vellore District in 2013, Cuddalore District in 2014 and Namakkal and Thiruvavarur Districts in 2015, Nagapattinam, Tuticorin and Thirunelveli districts in 2016
- Project scoping in progress for Chennai, Salem, Ariyalur districts
- About 25,000 underprivileged rural students have benefitted from the ABC Initiative since 2011
- TNF's Chapters are adopting districts

**TNF-ABC Initiative**  
**A Foot Print of Our Progress**



# Key Components of TNF-ABC Initiative

- **A – Achieving Grade Level Proficiency**
  - Focus is on “academically challenged” students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grades
  - On average, one-third of the students in governments schools are far below their grade level in basic reading and writing skills
  - Compulsory pass until 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In high school, due to public exam expectations and pressure, they are likely to become school dropouts
- **B – Boosting the Morale**
  - For all students (below average to high achievers) in adopted schools
- **C – Championing for Higher Aspirations**
  - For students in 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Focus on preparing well for public exams, orientation to college education, career guidance, scholarships





TNF-ABC Teachers provide Individual attention to the academically challenged with a focus on achieving grade level proficiency

# Progress Report from a TNF-ABC School in Vellore District

## GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, MITTAPETTAI

Grade	Total Students	July-2014					March-2015				
		A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
VI	25				-	25		10	6	5	4
VII	35				-	35		14	11	7	3
VIII	20				15	5		7	11	2	0
IX	33				24	9		16	13	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>				<b>39</b>	<b>74</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

A - Excellent    B - V.Good    C- Good    D-Satisfactory    E-Needs Improvement

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## B – Boosting the Morale (Training, Workshops, Summer Camps)

- Self confidence
- Communication skills
- Time Management
- Motivation
- Memory capacity
- Goal setting
- Self-discipline
- Human relations
- Hard work and smart work

**“Earn while you Learn”** Program for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> dropouts





Soft Skills Training at a ABC School in Namakkal District

“I come from the Irula tribe. TNF softskills training is the first training I have attended in my life. It made me think about various academic and career options and has motivated me to go to college.”

– V. Ramya, 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Vellore District)





Encouraging Reading and Use of Government Libraries  
By Students in the Villages of Tamil Nadu



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## C - Championing for Higher Aspirations

- College visits
- Career guidance
- Mentoring
- College application process support
- Scholarships
- Internships
- Job placement
- Becoming role models for other students in their school/village





College Tour for SS Kottai Government School Students  
September 2014



A Professor Explaining Career Opportunities to Rural Girls at a  
TNF-Sponsored College Tour





# Computer Training and General Knowledge Sessions for Village Students At Local Government Libraries During Evenings and Weekends



# ஆங்கோர் ஏழைக்கு எழுத்தறிவித்தல்

Beneficiaries of TNF-ABC Initiative include:

- நரிக்குறவர்கள் (Gypsies – Cuddalore and Vellore districts)
- பழங்குடியினர் (Tribes – Namakkal - Kolli Hills area, and Vellore District)
- குடுகுடுப்பைக்காரர்கள் (Fortune tellers, Sivagangai District)

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