

**Special programme of intensive coaching to elite students at Mudugulathur,
Paramakudi and Bogalur Blocks of Ramanathapuram District**

In keeping with the lofty goal of Government of Tamil Nadu “Tamil Nadu Vision 2023” which aims at Tamil Nadu becoming the Numero Uno State in India in terms of socio-economic indicators and to achieve the present levels of Human Development attained by developed countries, “State Balanced Growth Fund” has been envisioned to reduce regional disparities in key measurable socio-economic development indicators.

Considering the fact that backwardness in education levels was due to socio economic and cultural factors, security issues, migration for employment, nutritional inadequacies, inadequate infrastructure, sub-standard school facilities, teacher vacancies, poor teaching capacity and ineffective teacher management, the lacuna which hinders the progress in the field of education was identified. Accordingly, concrete idea was conceived for the formulation of suitable plans within existing schemes and for gap filling under SBGF in the areas of infrastructure, hostels, basic facilities, teacher adequacy and capacity, special guidance using contractors and volunteers for weak as well as intelligent students especially in mathematics and languages, technology introduction, laboratories, and creating the knowledge of opportunities in vocational education and relevant infrastructure, if existing institutions are not readily accessible.

Three blocks of Mudukulathur, Paramakudi and Bogalur were identified as backward blocks among six Blocks under SBGF in Ramanathapuram District. In order to raise the educational profile of the district which was lagging behind other districts in the State, a proposal to provide intensive coaching to the elite students at Mudugulathur, Paramakudi and Bagalur blocks was sent by the district administration to State Planning Commission. After scrutiny, the proposal was placed before the State Level Empowered Committee for its assent.

The project with a cost of Rs.24.87 lakhs was accorded sanction by the State Planning Commission in September 2014. The implementation of the project which is first of its kind in the State was entrusted to the Chief Educational Officer, Ramanathapuram.

The students of the above 3 backward blocks are virtually dependent for their educational development only on the Government Schools.

Keeping in mind the fact that those elite students, who scored high marks fighting many odds in government schools, could emerge as outstanding students if they were given proper coaching, a special coaching centre for the 'elite group' of government school students has been created with state of the art facilities. This centre would coach such elite students to enable them to score high marks in the plus two examinations.



Thiru K. Nanthakumar, District Collector interacting with the elite students at the Centre

With a view to provide best coaching and training for these less privileged students free of cost to help them realize their dreams of getting into best professional colleges in the State, experts and retired teachers with specialized skills in their respective subjects were roped in.

The energy and focus of such elite students should not get frittered away from their studies students for want of various facilities. Accordingly, the students were provided with hostel facilities so that they can stay in one place by availing boarding and lodging to better concentrate on their studies. Transportation facilities were also

given free of cost as it would not inconvenience them from commuting to and from their residence.

The duration of the classes was scheduled in such a way that the classes would commence in the morning as early as 8.30AM so that the attention of the students would naturally, at best, be on their studies. The District Collector made it a point to visit the centre every Saturday in a week so as to review the progress of marks scored daily by the students. The thought that such a higher official as District Collector himself makes the visit to review the progress in the scoring of marks in the daily test held at the coaching centre has motivated and competitive spirit has started getting hold of them. Energised by the personal interaction the District Collector had with the elite students at the coaching centre, the students showed more and more interest and attention in order to compete with other students in terms of scoring marks.

34 elite students in the backward blocks of Mudukulathur, Paramakudi and Bogalur were selected for providing them special coaching. At first, the special coaching centre functioned in the Municipal Girls High School, Ramanathapuram in order to give individual attention and additional training.

The modus operandi was so designed in such a way that when the students would come back after vacation on June 1, they would have completed the entire portions and would have to concentrate only on revisions and prepare for repeated tests. A 'smart class room' was also being readied with a projector, screen and a computer to explain to the students as to how to write the answers and how their papers would be evaluated with valuation keys.

The students would also be trained on various question paper patterns with the help of subject wise compact discs. Senior teachers teaching Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology would be posted in the coaching centre.

The above elite students who underwent special coaching class have all gone out with flying colours in the Higher Secondary Examinations held in March 2015 with 196.25 Medical cut off marks and cut of marks of 197.25 in Engineering College. This feat could not have come about without the assistance rendered under SBGF.



Board displaying the pass percentage, cut off marks and centum and high marks scored in various subjects by the elite students who were groomed in the coaching centres

26 of the 30 students secured more than 1000 out of 1200 marks under the Plus 2 examinations. N. Thangavel, a girl, whose father is an illiterate and herding goats at Appanur in Kadaladi block, has emerged the topper, scoring 1,120. She attributed her performance in the plus 2 examination to the special coaching and thanked the District Collector for the same.

Similarly, P.Manikandan of Thirupalaikudi village, belonging to Scheduled Caste community, has scored 1088 marks with a cut off of 196.25 for medical and 196.75 for Engineering. He has scored centum in Mathematics but preferred to do medicine. He was jubilant at the high marks scored and remarked that he could not have scored that much but for the special coaching given by the Government. He further added that his parents felt very happy about their son's success.

For 2014-15, 9 students have secured more than 190 cut off marks for Engineering and the second ranks from Government schools are shared by M.Samsool Hathiya of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Panaikulan and

A.Palanimurugan of Government Higher Secondary School, keezhathuval and 3rd rank has been bagged by N.Premchand of Government Higher Secondary School, Erattaivoorani. The following table would illustrate the figures regarding the pass percentage scored by the elite students.

S.No.	Name of student	Category	Tamil	English	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Maths	Total	Medical cut off	Engg. Cut off	Xth mark
1	M.Thilagavathi	SC	171	161	188	189	199	199	1097	188.75	193.75	430
2	N.Thangavel	MBC	180	157	193	196	195	199	1120	194.75	196.75	453
3	K.Alagumeenal	SC	184	156	187	185	185	193	1090	185.5	189.5	450
4	R.Thennarasu	MBC	180	156	192	187	193	200	1108	191.25	194.75	461
5	M.Kathija Blakis	BC	161	155	187	187	196	197	1083	191.5	192	465
6	S.Muneeshwaran	MBC	172	153	197	183	171	200	1076	180.5	195	469
7	S.Karthic	MBC	171	149	176	175	184	200	1055	179.75	187.75	474
8	S.Muthuselvi	MBC	174	148	193	192	191	197	1095	191.75	194.75	469
9	S.Meenatchi	BC	167	148	185	174	171	187	1032	175.25	183.25	406
10	R.Nithya	MBC	178	147	177	186	178	199	1065	179.75	190.25	460
11	M.Pandiselvi	BC	172	147	195	190	191	200	1095	191.75	196.25	461
12	S.Ariyanachi	MBC	172	147	148	166	162	177	972	159.5	167	423
13	K.Thamarai Deepa	MBC	167	147	187	174	179	192	1046	179.75	186.25	471
14	S.Sudha	MBC	171	146	192	178	172	190	1049	178.5	187.5	461
15	T.Suyambukani	BC	177	143	193	191	193	195	1092	192.5	193.5	460
16	D.Ilakkia	BC	165	143	180	188	176	195	1047	180	189.5	461
17	K.Menaka	BC	178	139	183	182	187	196	1065	184.75	189.25	463
18	G.Jeyapraba	MBC	174	136	176	180	146	190	1002	162	184	430
19	P.Manikandan	SC	168	134	194	193	199	200	1088	196.25	196.75	442
20	M.Panndi Meenal	MBC	168	132	186	184	181	196	1047	183	190.5	445
21	K.Kopika	MBC	143	131	178	178	146	195	971	162	186.5	439
22	S.Monisha	BC	179	130	144	157	178	192	980	164.25	171.25	441
23	G.Deepa	BC	157	129	176	181	170	196	1009	174.25	187.25	461

24	K.Kalpana Devi	BC	164	127	190	186	183	199	1049	185.5	193.5	427
25	G.Komala Devi	BC	160	126	182	190	185	190	1034	186	188	444
26	K.Krishnaveni	SC	169	125	195	194	195	200	1078	194.75	197.25	444
27	T.Chandru	MBC	167	125	190	187	199	190	1053	193.75	189.25	457
28	J.Murugeswari	SC	175	124	189	173	185	188	1034	183	184.5	467
29	R.Ponmalar	SC	140	124	171	182	180	200	997	178.25	188.25	440
30	A.Pavithran	BC	150	113	181	183	178	200	1005	180	191	455

The success of the project is reflected in the various dailies as can be seen from the newspaper cuttings some of which is reproduced below.

The Hindu closed 8.5.15

'Elite' students live up to the name



N. Thangavel
Special Correspondent

P. Manikandan

A. Samul Hathiya

A. Palanimurugan

N. Premchand

RAMAMATHAPURAM: For the second successive year, "elite students," government school students with poor family backgrounds and groomed by the district administration to help them score good marks, fared well with 26 of the 30 students scoring more than 1,000 out of 1,200 marks in the Plus Two examinations.

With a belief that these students, who had scored high marks in Class X examinations, fighting many odds

in government schools, could come out with flying colours if they were given special coaching, Collector K. Nanthakumar had initiated the project, a residential type of school for the students two years ago, by appointing special teachers to coach them.

In all, 30 students — 24 girls and six boys — were given special coaching and N. Thangavel, a girl whose father is an illiterate and herding goats at Appanur in Kadaladi block, has emerged the topper, scoring 1,120. "I owe my performance to the special coaching and I thank the Collector," she says.

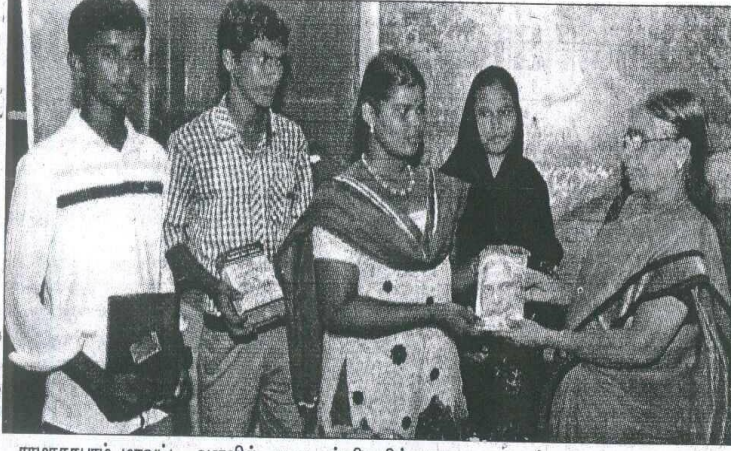
She told about the high marks she has scored to her parents, but they do not know the significance or importance, she says. Her elder brother is a Class IV dropout and her parents want her to pursue her studies. She got a cut-off of 194.75 for medical and 196.75 for engineering and she "wants to become a doctor."

P. Manikandan, a Dalit boy from Thirupalaikudi, has scored 1,088 marks with a cut-off of 196.25 for medical and 196.75 for engineering. He has scored centum in Maths but preferred to do medicine. "But for the special coaching, I could not have got these marks," he said adding his parents were happy about his performance.

This year, nine students have secured more than 190 cut off marks for engineering and "we are happy about the overall performance," S. Navaneethakrishnan, Coordinator for the elite students, said. Parents of most of the students were illiterates and they hailed from poor families but they had the zeal to perform well, he said.

The second ranks from government schools are shared by M. Samsool Hathiya of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Panaikulam, and A. Palanimurugan of Government Higher Secondary School, Keezhathuval and the third rank has been bagged by N. Premchand of Government Higher Secondary School, Erattaivoorani.

பாராட்டு



ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்ட அளவில் அரசு பள்ளிகளில் சாதனை படைத்த மாணவ, மாணவிகள் தங்கவேல், சம்சல்ஹதியா, பழனி முருகன், பிளேசுந்த ஆகியோரை மாவட்ட கல்வி அதிகாரி பொறுப்பு பத்மாவதி பாராட்டிய போது எடுத்த படம்.

தினத்தந்தி

வறுமை நிலையில் உள்ள மாணவர்களுக்கு சிறப்பு பயிற்சி:

26 பேர் ஆயிரம் மதிப்பெண்களுக்கு மேல் எடுத்து சாதனை

ராமநாதபுரம்,மே.8- ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்ட நிர்வாகத்தின் சார்பில் மாவட்டத்தில் வறுமை நிலையில் உள்ள நன்கு படிக்கக்கூடிய மாணவ-மாணவிகளுக்கு சிறப்பு பயிற்சி அளிக்கப் பட்டது. இவர்களில் 26 பேர் பிளஸ்-2 தேர்வில் ஆயிரம் மதிப்பெண்களுக்கு மேல் எடுத்து சாதனை படைத்துள்ளனர்.

அரசு பள்ளி

ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்டத்தில் பிளஸ்-2 பொதுத்தேர்வில் அரசு பள்ளிகளில் பயின்று மாவட்ட அளவில் ராமநாதபுரம் நகராட்சி பெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவி தங்கவேல் 1120 மதிப்பெண்கள்

வேதியியல்-196, உயிரியல்-195, கணிதம்-199 ஆக மொத்தம்-1120. இதேபோல, ராமநாதபுரம் அருகே உள்ள பனைக்குளம் அரசு மகளிர் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவி சம்சுல் ஹத்தியா, கீழ்த்தாவல் அரசு மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவர் பழனி முருகன் ஆகியோர் 1111 மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்று 2-ம் இடமும், இரட்டையூரணி அரசு மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவர் பிரேமசந்த் 1110 மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்று 3-ம் இடமும் பிடித்துள்ளனர்.

ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்டத்தில் கலெக்டர் நந்தகுமார் ஆலோசனையின் பேரில் அரசு பள்ளிகளில் பயிலும் மாணவ-மாணவிகளுக்கு சிறந்த பயிற்சி அளித்து அதிக மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற வைக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது. இதன்படி மாவட்டம் முழுவதும்

தின மலர்

'எலைட்' மாணவர்கள் பிளஸ் 2 தேர்வில் சாதனை

ராமநாதபுரம், மே 8- ராமநாதபுரம் கலெக்டர் நந்தக்குமார் கிராமப்புற அரசு பள்ளிகளில் சிறந்த மாணவர்களை தேர்வு செய்து பிளஸ் 2 தேர்வில் அதிக மதிப்பெண்கள் எடுக்க, சிறப்பு திட்டத்தை நடைமுறைப்படுத்தினார்.

இதன்படி, 2012-13 ம் கல்வி ஆண்டில் பத்தாம் வகுப்பு தேர்வில் 400 மதிப்

சிறப்பு வகுப்பு எடுக்க சிறந்த ஆசிரியர்களை நியமித்தார். பிளஸ் 2 தேர்வு முடிவில் இந்த 'எலைட்' மாணவர்கள் 26 பேர் ஆயிரத்திற்கு அதிகமாக மதிப்பெண்கள் எடுத்துள்ளனர். இவர்களில் மணிகண்டன், கிருஷ்ணவேணி ஆகியோருக்கு 'கட்யூப்' மதிப்பெண்கள் அடிப்படையில் மருத்துவ படிப்புக்கான

