



# TAMILNADU TELECOM ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE OFFICERS' WELFARE TRUST

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Trustees and Special Invitees Held on 25-Jun-2023

A meeting of the Trustees and special invitees was held on Sunday, the 25-Jun-2023 at "PENSIONER ASSOCIATION HALL", Telephone Exchange building, Marys Corner, Thanjavur-613001 to discuss the following agenda:

### AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Welcome address by Thanjavur team member.
3. Presidential Address by **Sri P Santhakumar**, Managing Trustee.
4. Approval of Minutes of last Trust Meeting held on 05.03.23
5. **Secretary's** Interim Report.
6. Discussion regarding holding of Next General Body Meeting.
7. Discussion regarding introduction of providing QR code in our website to receive payments online and issuing immediate digital receipt to donors for receipt.
8. Discussion regarding granting of Educational Scholarships to poor students.
9. Report of the **Finance Secretary**.
10. Discussion on new cases for consideration and approval.
11. Any other item with the permission of the Chair
12. Vote of thanks.
13. National Anthem

Following Trustees and special invitees from Chennai, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Erode, Karaikal, Madurai, Myladuthurai, Salem, Tirunelveli and Trichy attended the Meeting:

S / Shri

1	P Santhakumar	17	S Ramakrishnan
2	K Balasubramanian	18	P Shanmugam
3	K Raajaram	19	S Sethu
4	P Venugopal	20	C P Ravikumar
5	C Duraianarasan	21	R Guruprasad
6	P Mohan	22	TRS Sriram
7	M Palanivelu	23	T K Udhayan
8	M Mariyappan	24	S Bhaskaran
9	S Mayakrishnan	25	S Thiripura Sundari
10	I Athisayamani Asirvatham	26	S Rajamanickam
11	T Sundar	27	S Arangarajan
12	K Sankaranarayanan	28	D Kaliaperumal
13	M Nagarajan	29	Z Dorairaj
14	M Govindaraj	30	S Venkataraman
15	P Rajeswaran	31	K Abdul Salam
16	A.H Sheikh Allauddin		



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The meeting began with “**Tamizh Thai Vazhthu**” by **Shri M Mariappan**.

On behalf of the hosting station Thanjavur, **Shri T.K Udayan** welcomed all present in the meeting. He explained the arrangements made for conducting the meeting and the stay of outstation members.

**Sri P Santhakumar**, Managing Trustee, presided over the meeting. In his opening remarks, he congratulated Shri P Venugopal for having been elected as the Organising Secretary of AIBSNLPWA at the 4<sup>th</sup> Triennial All India Conference held at Vizagapatam in December 2022. He briefly touched upon a few accomplishments of the Trust. He singled out the obtaining of 80G approval for donations and thanked all the people who toiled for this task. He further informed that the total members of the Trust as of date was 434 and requested for enrolling more members to reach 500 before the completion of the present body. He thanked everyone for their continued support in carrying out the various welfare activities of the Trust.

The participants observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the following members who left for the heavenly abode after the last meeting:

1. Shri R Nagarajan CAO Salem
2. Shri K Krishnamurthy Retd CAO MTNL
3. Smt Usharani Guhapriyan Retd AO CHTD

The Secretary then read out the minutes of last Trustees meeting held on 05-Mar-23 at RGMTTC Meenambakkam, Chennai which was approved by the body.

The Secretary presented the activities report since the last meeting for the information of the body. Following are the points:

- (a) **Membership:** The Secretary informed that since last meeting 13 new members are enrolled. The total number of members as on date is 434, but the active live membership is 413 only. He requested everyone to put extra efforts to enrol new members.
- (b) **Financial status:** New F.D. of Rs. 2 lakhs has been created out of corpus fund collections on 15-May-23. He further mentioned that the Trust holds Rs.39 lakhs in the form of F.D. out of corpus fund collections as of now (Rs. 29 lakhs in PNB and Rs.10 lakhs in Indian Bank). The balance amount of Rs.37,500 available out of Corpus Fund collections will be converted into F.D. when it reaches a lakh, the Secretary said.
- (c) **Donations received:** During the last financial year 2022-23, we have received donations to the tune of which comprise of Rs.12,20,313/- from 146 members and Rs.1,45,000/- from external donors. He thanked all the donors on behalf of the management which made it easy to indulge in activities and especially in the project to recognize Plus 2 toppers of Government Schools of Tamil Nadu, mainly from rural areas.
- (d) **Activities:** As per the decision taken in the last Trust meeting, the following charitable activities were carried out:
  - (i) Rs.1,26,000-00 to 9 girls and 5 boys as assistance to pursue degree courses;



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- (ii) Rs.10,000-00 to Harijan Sevak Sangh, Chetput, Chennai. S/Shri V Dakshinamoorthy, K Balasubramanian and K Raajaram personally visited and handed over a cheque on 27-Mar-2023;
- (iii) Rs.10,000-00 to Deepam Trust, Chennai. S/Shri K Balasubramanian and K Raajaram visited and handed over a cheque on 22-Mar-2023;
- (iv) Rs.40,000-00 to Narikuravar Educational Society on 4-Apr-2023; and
- (v) Rs.10,000-00 to Ramalinga Vallalar Universal Charitable Trust on 24-Jun-2023.
- (e) **80 G Approval:** Donations to our Trust are now exempted under section 80 G of IT Act 1961, from 25-Mar-2023 thru 31-Mar-2025. **Shri R. Guruprasad** played a major role in obtaining the 80 G exemption by continuous and relentless pursuit. We convey our thanks to Shri R. Guruprasad, Secretary added.
- (f) **Financial Accounts:** The Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure account and the Balance Sheet for the year 2022-23 have been completed and are ready for presenting to the Auditors. These will be handed over to the Auditor in the first week of July 2023 for filing of IT return. Timely and major contributions from Shri R Guruprasad Assistant Treasurer in consolidating the annual accounts paved way for finalization without delay. The Secretary proposed to record appreciation and thanks for the services rendered by **Shri P Mohan**, Treasurer and **Shri R Guruprasad**, Assistant Treasurer in this regard.
- (g) **Educational Assistance to meritorious Plus 2 students 2023:** Last year, we identified 132 Government higher secondary schools spread in 22 Districts and distributed educational assistance of Rs. 8 lakhs to 401 students. This year i.e., 2023, we have identified 146 Schools covering 24 Districts. The stupendous process of collecting data from schools was executed excellently by 24 Project Coordinators. Out of the total 445 students, **373 certificates** have already been printed and despatched to the Project Coordinators. As against our budgeted estimate of Rs.9 lakhs, the total Donations received so far for the project is more than Rs.10.5 lakhs.

After the Secretary's interim report, next item was taken up.

**Holding of next General Body meeting:** As per the Trust by laws, General Body meeting is to be held once in 2 years. The next GB meeting is to be held in October 2023 since the last GB meeting was held on 17.10.21 at RGMTTC, Chennai. The possibility of holding the GB at a place other than Chennai was discussed. Members from Madurai, Coimbatore and Salem came forward to explore the possibility after consulting the local members. It was decided to insert a request in our WhatsApp group by the Managing Trustee soon. It was decided that if no proposal is received before 15th July 2023, the GB will be conducted in Chennai at a suitable location.

**Receiving donations through QR code available in website and generating provisional digital receipt to Donors:** With a view to facilitate easy receipt of donations to the Trust, it was decided to request and obtain QR code from Punjab National Bank, and embed the same in our website. This will facilitate ease of paying for the donors. To ensure that donors get a receipt for such payments, process to issue a provisional digital receipt will



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also have to be implemented. The modalities for implementation of the new procedure was discussed in detail and the body approved approaching of Punjab National Bank for issuance of QR code to enable digital payments. The QR code once received from the bank will be embedded in our website to make it easy for the donors to scan this code and pay directly to our PNB Account. It was also decided to implement a process to generate digital receipt and make it available to the donors as soon as the payment is received. The work was entrusted to Sri S. Sethu and Sri Raajaram for successful implementation.

**Educational scholarship to poor students studying in Schools:** In the Trustees meeting held at Vellore on 29-Nov-22, it was decided to grant token educational scholarship to very poor students at the rate of Rs.1500 per student per year studying in Class X, XI and XII on the basis of family situation (single parent, physically challenged etc.) and economic status. It has been decided to start this activity and grant educational scholarship to a minimum of 100 students in this year. Trustees were requested to explore and collect cases from Schools in their area. Each Trustee was further requested to recommend 4 to 5 cases. As decided in the meeting, an application format was also circulated after approval of the Trustees in the meeting held on 5-Mar-23. It was decided that the decision of the Trustees in verifying the genuineness will be final, even in the absence of a proper certificate or information from the school authorities. Application form was made available in the website then and there.

Next, the financial secretary read out the finance report for the information of those present.

Next item to **discuss the new cases** was taken up. After threadbare discussion, the following new cases were approved by the body:

Beneficiary	Description / grounds	Amount approved
Ms. Kaaviyaa	Studying 4 <sup>th</sup> year B.Sc. (ETCT) in Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai	Rs.10,000-00
Friends for the Needy	NGO	Rs.10,000-00
Good Life Centre	NGO	Rs.10,000-00
Aram Child Foundation	NGO	Rs.10,000-00
Ms. J. P. Herrlin	Studying B.Com. in Stella Maris College, Chennai	Rs.10,000-00
Mr. S. Balamurugan from Thevur	Studying B.Sc. (IT) in G.S. Pillay Arts & Science College, Nagapattinam	Rs.10,000-00
Mr. Arjun Prabhakar from Tirunelveli	Scored 495 / 500 in Tenth. Boy has only mother supporting him.	Rs.5,000-00
Ms. Krithi Varma from Krishnagiri	She is a physically challenged student, who scored 437/500 in Tenth. Girl has only mother supporting her.	Rs.5,000-00
Total amount approved		Rs.70,000-00



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Next, **any other item** was taken up.

**Shri K Raajaram**, Additional Managing Trustee requested members to ensure availability of information about the celebrities to ensure that a good write-up is presented. He pointed out that the list of celebrities is displayed well in advance for review and also is available throughout the month in the "Members" page of the website.

**Shri Athisayamani Asirvatham** explained about "RTE process", which entitles children from downtrodden families to join private schools and receive free education. He mentioned that such preparations should start when the child is 4 or 5 years old by shifting within one KM range of the targeted school. When eligible for LKG / UKG / I standard, the family of the child should approach the school concerned and submit application. As per Government norms, the school must allocate 15% of the seats and accommodate such poor students. The Government reimburses the tuition fee to the schools under this "Right To Education" policy. He requested all present in the meeting to publicize this in their area, especially to the downtrodden families. Such advice from us will ensure that the kids receive good education in prestigious schools free of cost.

As there was no further request for any item, Shri P Santhakumar invited some of the senior members to address the gathering and offer their comments for further improvements in the activities of the Trust.

**Shri M Palanivelu** from Madurai who was in fact attending Trustees meeting for the first time, expressed happiness about the functioning of the Trust. He assured to share our activities among other friends and ex colleagues in Madurai especially for enrolment in the Trust.

**Shri S Rajamanickam** from Erode appreciated founders of our Welfare Trust for their foresight in incorporating the provisions in our By-laws to order to help the socially and financially downtrodden people so that their status in the society improves. He further mentioned that he takes a lot of pain to identify schools as the Erode district coordinator and received full support from the Trust members.

**Shri S Ramakrishnan** from Karaikudi, **Smt S Thiripurasundari**, Salem and **Shri K Abdul Salam**, Trichy also spoke to appreciate the activities of the Trust and requested to continue the tempo.

**Sri C Duraierasan** proposed Vote of Thanks.

The meeting concluded with the recital of National Anthem by all the members.

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Application form for seeking Educational Scholarship		
(Eligible criteria <b>BPL</b> students studying in Government Schools)		
Name of the Student		
Gender		
Date of Birth		
Name of the School		
Class Studying (X / XI / XII) (Please attach a copy of IX / X mark sheet)		
Mobile / WhatsApp No. for communication		
Residential Address		
School Address		
Parents Name and occupation	Father	Mother
Monthly income of parents		
Live status of parents		
(If NOT, please attach death certificate of the deceased)		
Declaration by the student.		
I hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.		
Signature of the H.M. of the School	Signature of Student	
Specific recommendations of the Head Master / Trust Coordinator / Trustee:		
Signature		

**Note:** Coordinator / Trustee should ascertain total expenses for education and whether any other financial assistance is being availed by the student.

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