



**INFORMATION HAND BOOK
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TAMIL VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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1. OBJECTIVE

The Tamil Virtual University [Existing Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA)] was established in 2001 with vision to cater to the needs of the Tamil, who happen to live, outside the boundaries of Tamil Nadu, to stay in touch with their Language, Culture and Arts and to keep alive their ancient traditions, treasures, and values.

2. MISSION

- To develop and deliver Internet based learning materials in Tamil language, literature and culture to global Tamil Communities and others who are interested.
- To develop and offer customized Tamil programmes to meet the cultural needs of the Tamil Communities in different parts of the world and help them to retain and contact with their heritage.
- To create and continue necessary measures to co-ordinate and pool together knowledge resources, developed in Tamil in different parts of the world, for wider dissemination.
- To offer academic programmes in Tamil Language, Literature and Culture for audit or credit and to award appropriate Certificate recognized by Govt. of Tamil Nadu, and Diploma / Degree through Tamil University, Thanjavur, on completion of the prescribed requirements.

3. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Tamils living in different parts of the world, in order to preserve their cultural identity and observe their ancient traditions and values, need to maintain familiarity with Tamil and be knowledgeable about their heritage. Recognizing this fact and for meeting the felt and emerging needs of the Tamil Communities and others, who are interested in Tamil studies, the Chief Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu, announced at an International Seminar and Conference on Information Technology in February 1999 that a Tamil Virtual University (TVU) would be setup. This University has been established in pursuance of that announcement. The function of TVU is guided by the Chairman with a Board of Directors and is administered by a full time Director.

4. DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- The Director shall be the Chief Academic and Executive Officer of the Society and shall exercise general supervision or control over the affairs of the Society and implement the decisions of all the authorities of the Society. He shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Society and for the imparting of instruction and maintenance of discipline therein. All other staff of the Society shall be subordinate to the Director.
- The Director may, if he is of the opinion that immediate action is called for on any matter, exercise any power conferred upon any authority of the Society under the memorandum of the Association and the Bye-laws, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, take such action or proceed to take such action and shall report to the concerned authority on the action taken by him on such matters in the next meeting.
- It shall be the duty of the Director to ensure that the Memorandum of Association, Bye-laws and the regulations of the Society are duly observed and implemented and he shall have all the necessary powers in this regard.

5. MAIN ACTIVITIES/FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

5.1. LIST OF SERVICES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

Tamil Education:

The Tamil Virtual Academy is offering web based education on Tamil language, from alphabet to advanced level research. The lessons are developed with multimedia contents (including audio, video, animations, pictures, text etc.) in a manner that would create interest and promote motivation for learning in a self learning mode.

In the academic programmes one can join either as a student or as an auditor for knowledge sake. The tests and evaluations will be conducted both online and offline at the Contact/Co-ordination centres of TVA.

For more details visit www.tamilvu.org. The details of the courses are given below.

5.1.1 Academic Programme:

The TVA has the internet-based Educational Programmes leading to Certificate/ Diploma / Degree. The Educational programme covers courses on Tamil from alphabet to advanced studies and research.

The Primer programme with rhymes and alphabet is for the Beginners. Certificate course, with Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels, takes the students to the level of class 6 (of the normal standard schools in Tamilnadu) training them in language skills.

Higher Certificate course, again, with 3 grades, enables the students to reach level of class 12.

Diploma and Higher Diploma courses, with 4 and 6 papers respectively, form a part of the Degree course. In addition the Degree course has twenty four papers. This leads the students to the B.A. Degree (Tamilology).

Academic Programme details:

- I. Primer Level
- II. (A) Certificate (*equivalent to 1-6 of Tamil Nadu Govt. Curriculum approved by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu vide School Education (Q2) Dept. G.O. M.S. No. 300 dated 20.12.2007*)
 - (a) Basic Level (Classes 1 & 2)
 - (b) Intermediate Level (Classes 3 & 4)
 - (c) Advanced Level (Classes 5 & 6)
- II. (B) Higher Certificate Programmes:
 - (a) Higher Certificate - Grade 1 - (Classes 7&8)
 - (b) Higher Certificate - Grade 2 - (Classes 9&10)
 - (c) Higher Certificate - Grade 3 - (Classes 11&12)
- III. (A) Diploma - 4 Papers
(B) Higher Diploma - 6 Papers
Total - 10 Papers } form a part of the Degree Course
- IV. Degree Course
 - Part I - 4 Papers
 - Part II - 4 Papers
 - Diploma - 4 Papers
 - Part III - Higher Diploma - 6 Papers
 - Additional - 6 Papers } Total 24 papers - 3 years
- V. Post Graduate Course*
- VI. Research Programme **

* Syllabus approved by the Tamil University, Thanjavur, but the course not yet commenced.

** proposed for future.

Duration:

The B.A. (Tamilology) Degree Programme comprises of three parts.

- Part – I Tamil Language.
- Part – II Tamil or English.
- Part – III Tamil Language and Literature.

The three parts mentioned above have been planned to be studied over a period of three years.

Examinations:

Examinations shall consist of both Continuous Assessment and Term-End Assessment for each paper. Tests for Continuous Assessment will be conducted on-line only after the minimum 12 weeks of registration of each paper. Term-end examination will be conducted only after a minimum of 6 months period of registration of each paper at the Study / Contact Centres of Tamil Virtual Academy. This will be done twice in a year in June and December of every academic year. The Term End Examination for each paper shall have duration of 3 hours.

Continuous Assessment will have a weightage of 25 marks and Term-End Assessment will have a weightage of 75 marks out of total 100 marks. Each paper carries a credit of 4.

Fees Details:

For all the courses the **Course fee** is **US \$12** per paper.

For **written examination**, fee is **US \$3** per paper.

For more details visit www.tamilvu.org.

● STUDENTS DETAILS (As on June 2014)

No. of students enrolled for Certificate	: 9673
No. of students enrolled for Higher Certificate	: 312
No. of students enrolled for Degree	: 4456

- **EXAMINATIONS REPORT** (As on June 2014)

Certificate Course:

Basic Level :

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No of Students passed
1.	California Tamil Academy, USA	55	May 2003	55
2.	Sishyaa Educational Centre, USA	2	Feb 2004	2
3.	California Tamil Academy, USA	23	Mar 2004	23
4.	Mauritius Tamil Cultural Centre, Mauritius	18	Jun 2004	18
5.	California Tamil Academy, USA	23	Mar 2005	23
6.	California Tamil Academy, USA	26	Mar 2006	26
7.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	11	May 2006	11
8.	California Tamil Academy, USA	39	Apr 2007	39
9.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	6	May 2007	6
10.	California Tamil Academy, USA	28	Apr 2008	28
11.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	17	May 2008	17
12.	California Tamil Academy, USA	22	Apr 2009	22
13.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	14	May 2009	14
14.	Melbourne Tamil Sangam, Australia	3	July 2009	3
15.	Columbus Tamil Sangam, USA	4	August 2009	4
16.	Institute of Tamil Language and Culture, Arkansas, USA.	8	December 2009	8
17.	Michigan Tamil Sangam, USA	4	February 2010	4
18.	California Tamil Academy, USA	22	Mar 2010	22
19.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	23	May 2010	23
20.	Columbus Tamil School, USA	12	May 2010	12
21.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	10	May 2010	10
22.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	August 2010	1
23.	Institute of Tamil Language and Culture, Arkansas, USA.	1	November 2010	1
24.	California Tamil Academy, USA	23	Mar 2011	23

25.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	41	May 2011	41
26.	Columbus Tamil School, USA	5	May 2011	5
27.	Michigan Tamil Sangam, USA	4	June 2011	4
28.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	13	June 2011	13
29.	California Tamil Academy, USA	31	Mar 2012	31
30.	Valluvan Tamil Academy, Virginia	24	June 2012	24
31.	Institute of Tamil Language and Culture, Arkansas, USA.	5	June 2012	5
32.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	4	June 2012	4
33.	Greater Cincinnati Tamil Sangam (GCTS), Mason, OH,USA.	14	June 2012	14
34.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	10	June 2012	10
35.	The International Tamil University, Maryland, USA.	1	June 2012	1
36.	Virginia Tamil School, Virginia, USA.	8	June 2012	8
37.	Sri Venkateswara Temple Colorado (SVTC) Tamil Class, Parker, Colorado, USA.	6	June 2012	6
38.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	4	June 2012	4
39.	Advaita Consultants, New Delhi, India.	3	December 2012	3
40.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	December 2012	1
41.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	13	December 2012	13
42.	Institute of Tamil Language and Culture, Arkansas, USA.	1	December 2012	1
43.	Suvadi, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman.	68	December 2012	68
44.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	35	December 2012	35
45.	Virginia Tamil School, Virginia, USA.	13	March 2013	13
46.	California Tamil Academy, USA	17	March 2013	17
47.	Advaita Consultants, New Delhi, India.	6	May 2013	6
48.	Greater Cincinnati Tamil Sangam (GCTS), Mason, OH,USA.	10	May 2013	10
49.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	8	May 2013	8
50.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	May 2013	1

51.	Valluvan Tamil Academy, Virginia	12	May 2013	12
52.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	18	May 2013	18
53.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	10	June 2013	10
54.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	June 2013	2
55.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	December 2013	2
56.	Suvadi, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman.	2	December 2013	2
57.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	1	December 2013	1
58.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	129	December 2013	129
59.	California Tamil Academy, USA	23	March 2014	23
	Total:	940	--	940

Intermediate Level:

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1.	California Tamil Academy, USA	31	Nov 2004	31
2.	California Tamil Academy, USA	18	Mar 2006	18
3.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	4	May 2006	4
4.	California Tamil Academy, USA	13	Apr 2007	13
5.	California Tamil Academy, USA	25	Apr 2008	25
6.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	9	May 2008	9
7.	California Tamil Academy, USA	24	Apr 2009	24
8.	Tamil School of Missouri, USA	5	Oct 2009	5
9.	California Tamil Academy, USA	18	Mar 2010	18
10.	Tamil Virtual University, India	1	May 2010	1
11.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	5	May 2010	5
12.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	2	May 2010	2

13.	California Tamil Academy, USA	14	Mar 2011	14
14.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	May 2011	2
15.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	7	May 2011	7
16.	The International Tamil University, Maryland, USA.	1	May 2011	1
17.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	2	May 2011	2
18.	Tamil Virtual University, India	1	Dec 2011	1
19.	Tamil Cultural Centre, Reunion	3	Dec 2011	3
20.	California Tamil Academy, USA	14	Mar 2012	14
21.	Institute of Tamil Language and Culture, Arkansas, USA.	6	June 2012	6
22.	Tamil School of Missouri, MO, USA.	9	June 2012	9
23.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	4	June 2012	4
24.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	6	June 2012	6
25.	Sri Venkateswara Temple Colorado (SVTC) Tamil Class, Parker, Colorado, USA.	4	June 2012	4
26.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	5	June 2012	5
27.	Advaita Consultants, New Delhi, India.	1	December 2012	1
28.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	1	December 2012	1
29.	Suvadi, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman.	3	December - 2012	3
30.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	46	December - 2012	46
31.	Virginia Tamil School, Virginia, USA.	3	March - 2013	3
32.	California Tamil Academy, USA	33	March - 2013	33
33.	Advaita Consultants, New Delhi, India.	7	May - 2013	7
34.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	3	May - 2013	3
35.	Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley, USA	8	June - 2013	8
36.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	2	June - 2013	2

37.	Sri Venkateswara Temple Colorado (SVTC) Tamil Class, Parker, Colorado, USA.	1	June - 2013	1
38.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	June - 2013	2
39.	Michigan Tamil Sangam, Troy, Michigan, USA.	3	June - 2013	3
40.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	December - 2013	2
41.	Advaita Consultants, New Delhi, India.	1	December - 2013	1
42.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	5	December - 2013	5
43.	Valluvan Tamil Academy, Virginia	7	December - 2013	7
44.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	32	December - 2013	32
45.	California Tamil Academy, USA	15	March - 2014	15
	Total:	408	--	408

Advanced Level:

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1.	California Tamil Academy, USA	16	Apr 2007	16
2.	Ramamurthy center for Tamil Propagation in South Africa, Durban, South Africa	1	May 2007	1
3.	California Tamil Academy, USA	2	Apr 2008	2
4.	California Tamil Academy, USA	11	Apr 2009	11
5.	California Tamil Academy, USA	9	Mar 2010	9
6.	Toonskool Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, India	203	May 2010	203
7.	MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India	464	Sep 2010	464
8.	California Tamil Academy, USA	10	Mar 2011	10
9.	MNTS Tamil School, USA	2	May 2011	2

10.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	Dec 2011	2
11.	MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India	526	Dec 2011	526
12.	California Tamil Academy, USA	11	March - 2012	11
13.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	June - 2012	1
14.	Arichuvadi, Parker, Colorado, USA.	1	June - 2012	1
15.	Tamil School of Missouri, MO, USA.	2	December - 2012	2
16.	Tamil Cultural Centre, Reunion	1	December - 2012	1
17.	MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India	522	December - 2012	522
18.	Suvadi, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman.	1	December - 2012	1
19.	California Tamil Academy, USA	8	March - 2013	8
20.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	6	June - 2013	6
21.	Sri Venkateswara Temple Colorado (SVTC) Tamil Class, Parker, Colorado, USA.	2	June - 2013	2
22.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	3	December - 2013	3
23.	Indian Social Club, Tamil Wing, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.	36	December - 2013	36
24.	MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, India	537	December - 2013	523
25.	California Tamil Academy, USA	10	March - 2014	10
	Total:	2377	--	2363

Higher Grade 1 Level:

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1.	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	June – 2013	1
	Total:	1	--	1

Higher Grade 3 Level:

S no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students Passed the exam
1	Tamil Heritage Foundation, Germany	1	August – 2008	1
2	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	15	June - 2009	14
3	Tamil Virtual University, India	1	March – 2010	1
4	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	2	December - 2010	2
5	Tamil Heritage Foundation, Germany	1	April – 2011	1
6	Annai Fine Arts, London, UK.	1	December - 2011	1
7	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	8	December - 2011	7
8	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	June – 2012	1
9	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	1	June - 2012	1
10	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	2	December - 2012	2
11	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	4	December - 2012	4
12	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	3	June - 2013	3
13	Tamoulcholai Association, France.	6	June - 2013	6
14	Dana International	3	December -	2

	Educational Centre, Sri Lanka		2013	
15	Tamoulchola Association, France.	10	December - 2013	10
	Total:	59	--	56

B.A. Degree Course:

Diploma Lessons

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	68	February - 2005	56
2	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	99	December - 2005	75
3	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	54	December - 2006	44
4	Tamil Heritage Foundation, Germany	1	June - 2007	1
5	SVK Tech, Singapore	1	June - 2008	1
6	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	3	June - 2008	3
7	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	53	December - 2008	34
8	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	2	June - 2009	2
9	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	18	January - 2010	9
10	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	10	December - 2010	10
11	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	1	June - 2011	1
12	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	1	December - 2011	1
13	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	22	June - 2012	8
14	Sindhu Academy, Sri Lanka	10	June - 2012	5
15	Sindhu Academy, Sri Lanka	13	December - 2012	2
16	Sindhu Academy, Sri Lanka	15	June - 2013	5
17	Tamil Virtual Academy, India	1	June - 2013	1
18	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	46	December - 2013	24

19	Tamoulcholai Association Center, France.	16	December - 2013	10
	Total:	434	--	292

Higher Diploma Lessons

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	49	June & Dec. - 2006	29
2	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	64	December - 2008	54
3	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	1	December - 2009	1
4	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	10	January - 2010	2
5	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	13	December - 2010	3
6	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	31	June - 2011	26
7	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	20	December - 2011	15
8	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	14	June - 2012	7
9	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	30	December - 2013	6
10	Sindhu Academy, Sri Lanka	7	December - 2013	4
	Total:	239	--	147

Degree Lessons

Sl. no.	Study Centre	No. of Students Attended the exam	Examination Month & Year	No. of Students passed
1	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	30	June - 2008	28
2	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	38	June - 2009	22
3	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	29	December - 2009	8
4	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	19	January - 2010	14
5	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	18	December - 2010	4

6	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	38	June - 2011	22
7	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	18	December - 2011	11
8	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	23	June - 2012	23
9	Dana International Educational Centre, Sri Lanka	8	December - 2013	3
	Total:	221	--	135

- **STUDY CENTRES DETAILS:**

There are 68 Study centers in 18 countries (further details visit URL : <http://www.tamilvu.org/coresite/html/cwconcen.htm>)

5.1.2 Digital Library:

The Digital Library of TVA is developed for the benefit of the students of TVA and for the Tamils living abroad. It includes Literature, Dictionaries, Glossaries, Cultural Gallery and Manuscript Gallery.

This section accommodates the entire gamut of literature starting from Sangam Era to the present day, with the following features:

- Classified sections of Books.
- Ancient and Medieval Literature are given along with their commentaries.
- The Roman script versions of Tolkappiyam, Patthuppaattu and Ettuthogai are also available.

The distinct advantage of this digital library is its elaborate subject-indexing and search facilities. This will be useful for the researchers.

Dictionaries:

At present the following dictionaries are placed in the web.

- **Tamil Lexicon of the Madras University.**
- **PALS-English-Tamil Dictionary of Palaniyappa Brothers.**
- **Tamil-English-Tamil Dictionary of the Madras University.**
- **Tamil-Tamil Dictionary of M.Shanmugam Pillai.**

Technical Glossaries:

Under Technical Glossaries, nearly 2 lakhs Tamil technical terms are uploaded in the website with search facility.

Cultural Gallery:

The traditional art, sports, historical sites, centres of worship of the Tamils are being slowly forgotten as the time goes by. In order to preserve them in the form of audio and video collections, the cultural gallery of the digital library has been designed. This will also serve as a reminder of the cultural shoots to the Tamils abroad in particular.

This gallery has been organized to serve both the Tamils abroad in search of the Tamil identity and the local Tamils in need of a continuous wish to know and remind the identity and also to take to all types of Tamils and others to quench their thirst for learning the greatness of the Tamil Culture.

The Tamil art forms like **Nattiyam, Karagam, Kavadi, Mayilattam, Oyilattam, Kolattam, Thappattam, Puraviattam, Kattaiattam, Kummi, Therukoothu, Pavaikoothu, Tamilisai, Karuviyisai, Thalattu etc.** are recorded and placed in the gallery.

The Games of TamilNadu such as **Jallikattu, Silambam, Pallankuzhi, Thayam, Pamparam, Seval Sandai etc.** are also there with description and explanation.

Mahapalipuram, Kanniakumari, Sithannavasal, Kangaikondacholapuram etc. being the famous historical sites are also included. So also the festivals of Tamil Land, like **Pongal** etc.

The important historical centres and places of worship of different faiths namely **Jainism, Buddhism, Saivism, Vaishnavism, Islam and Christianity** are there with an introduction to highlight the special features of each of them.

It is also noteworthy that the **Islamic and Christian centres** with a construction based on the south Indian Temple Tradition, revealing the unity of religion also are there in the gallery.

The cultural gallery also contains the Photographs of various religious centres.

While visiting the gallery one would have the feeling of traveling in time through Tamil Tradition.

Manuscript Gallery

The grand old saviour of ancient Tamil literary wealth **Dr.U.V. Swaminatha Iyer** had collected old manuscripts with much difficulty and they are preserved in the U.V.S. Library. Many of the manuscripts are being put on the web by the TVA. Presently **Tholkappiam, Ettuthogai, Patthupattu, Pathinenkizhkanakku, Civakacintamani**, etc. are available in the web.

A Special feature of this web field is a facility that has been provided for searching and also for zooming an individual manuscript for use.

Generally it is not easy to read and understand the stanza or a commentary available in the manuscript. So, TVA has attempted to present each line of the verse and commentary in the typed version. With this, one can decipher the letters in the manuscript and also, thus learn reading the manuscript without difficulties. Anyone, from any where can read the manuscript without difficulties.

5.1.3 Tourist Tamil:

This is to enable a Tourist go round Tamilnadu with ease and comfort. The course helps the Tourist to find his way, bargain, stay in a lodge and get things done. He can conveniently visit the tourist centres and get to know the religious and cultural details. Presently it is designed to cover all the things mentioned above in 20 lessons. The conversations are in spoken form of Tamil. This programme will be expanded so as to cover all the situations a Tourist is likely to face in Tamilnadu.

5.1.4 CD's of the TVA:

The TVA has released CDs to help the students of the basic and the certificate courses and also tourists in their conversation.

5.1.5 Other Works:

- **Tamil Software Development Fund**
- **Tamil Software Certification**
- **Virtual Class Room (E-Learning)**
- **Part-II Scheme Projects**

5.1.5.1. Tamil Software Development Fund

Government of Tamil Nadu has shown sustained interest in promotional activities for the Tamil Software Development and has provided necessary funds for this purpose. Providing Grant-in-aid under the Tamil Software Development Fund, a number of Tamil Computing Software packages have been developed.

Projects under Tamil Software Development Fund

1. OCR for Printed Tamil Text	Completed
2. Machine Aided English to Tamil Translation	Completed
3. Idham 2000 - Advanced Tamil Interface for Microsoft Windows	Completed
4. A PC based Speech synthesis in Tamil	Completed
5. Localising of Microsoft Windows 95/98	Completed
6. Tamil WordNet to enhance Machine Translation	Completed
7. Tamil Linux PC (Zha Kanini)	Completed
8. OCR Software for Tamil Handwriting – Phase I	Completed
9. Localisation for Tamil in Mobile Phones	Completed
10. Java-based Tamil Text-to-Speech Synthesizer	Completed
11. Tamil Database Management Package	Completed
12. Electronic Dictionary (Tamil - English)	Completed
13. Value Added services in Regional Language on Handheld Devices	Completed
14. Speech to Text Synthesis for Tamil	Completed
15. Predictive Texting Software Design for Tamil	Under progress
16. Tamil Corpus Analysis Tools	Completed
17. Intelligent Information Retrieval of Thirukkural in Handheld Devices	Completed

Future Projects

From among the proposals already received or to be received worth while projects will be considered for the Tamil Software Development Fund.

5.1.5.2. Tamil Software Certification

To promote Tamil computing and to facilitate smooth data exchange among files and programs, Government of Tamil Nadu has standardized the Tamil99 and Typewriter keyboards and TAB and TAM Encoding for Tamil letters. TVA is the authorized testing and certifying agency for the Tamil software suites for the compliance with the standard.

TVA has also tested the following packages developed by the Tamil Software developers for compatibility with TAM / TAB (Tamil Mono/ Tamil Bilingual) Standards:

Sl. No.	Name of the product	Name of the developer	Year
1.	'Surabi' Tamil Interface	Applesoft Pvt. Ltd.	Nov.2001
2.	'Sanga Palagai' Tamil Keyboard	SSS System Pvt. Ltd.	Feb.2002
3.	Tamil Word 2001	Dynamic Business Solutions.	Feb.2002
4.	Ankur – Tamil 99 Word Processor	Modular Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	April 2002
5.	Ponvizhi – Tamil OCR	Learnfun Systems	Sept. 2002
6.	Indoword – Tamil Word Processor	Lastech Systems	Oct. 2002
7.	'Windick' – Tamil Office Suit'	Web Dunia	Aug. 2003
8	'Shakthi' Tamil office Suite	Chennai Kavigal	Dec. 2003
9.	Ankur Multilingual Office Suite	Modular Infotech Pvt. Ltd.	May 2005
10.	MSP 455 XLC 132 Col dot matrix Printer	TVS Electronics	May 2005
11.	MSP 450 champion 180 col dot matrix printer.	TVS Electronics	May 2005
12.	TVSE MSP 450 Champion (80 col. Win XP)	TVS Electronics	June 2005
13.	Wep HQ 1070+DX (132 col.Printer) (TAB Mode only)	Wep Peripherals Ltd.	July 2005
14.	TVSE MSP 455 XL Classic (132 col. Printer)	TVS Electronics	Aug. 2005
15.	Wep HQ 1070+DX (132 col.Printer) (TAM Mode only)	Wep Peripherals Ltd.	Aug. 2005

16.	Epson LQ 1150 (132 col. Printer)	Epson India Pvt. Ltd.	Feb. 2006
17.	TVSE MSP 455 XL Classic (132 col. Printer)	TVS Electronics	Mar. 2006
18.	Viruppapadi 1.1 (Tamil keyboard interface)	Sharma Solutions	Mar. 2006

5.1.5.3. Virtual Class Room (E-Learning)

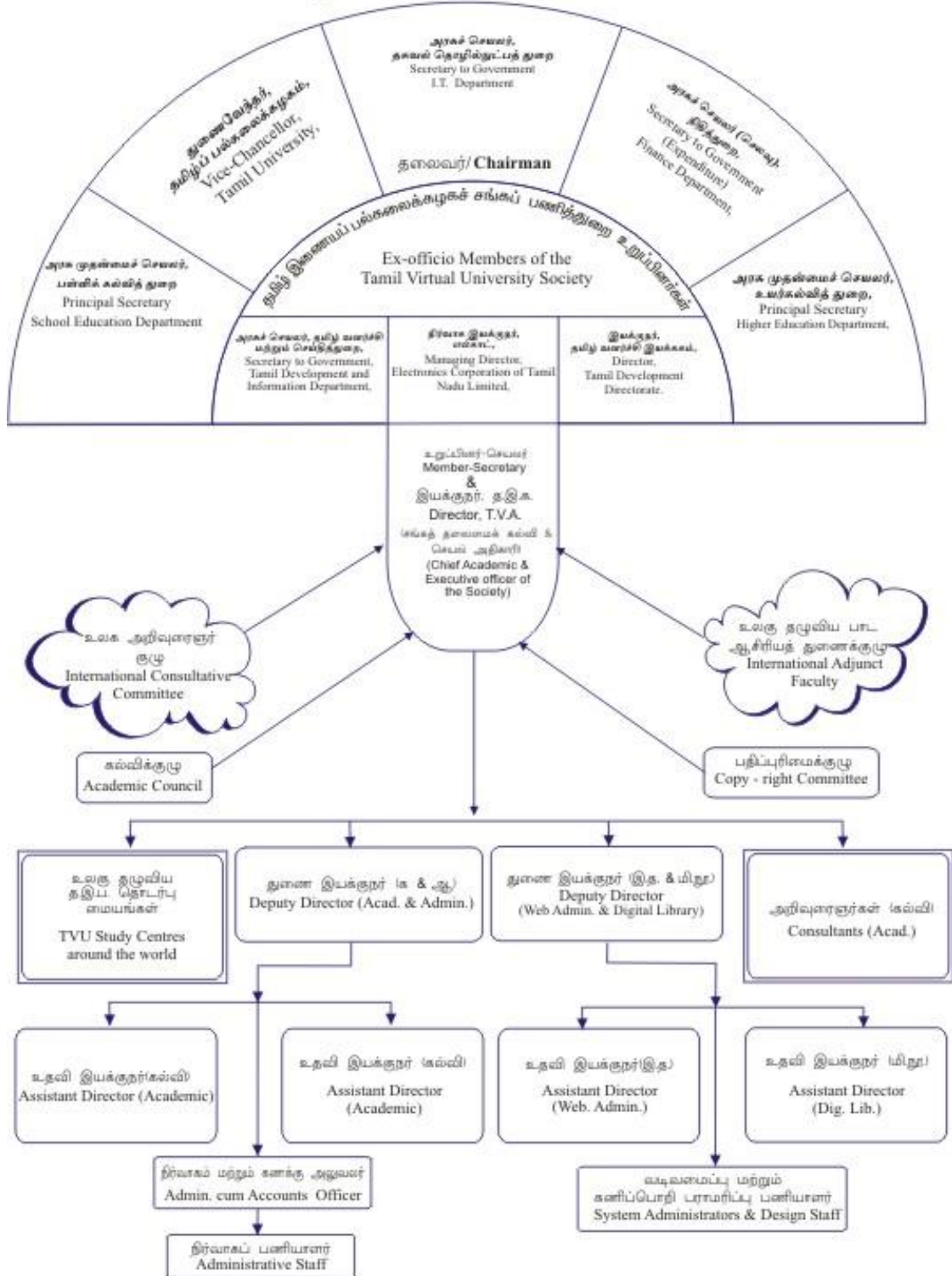
The Teaching/Learning methodology adopted for the Academic Programme is E-learning through Internet based lessons with multimedia support. Further to strengthen and augment TVA's web based Virtual Education Programme, a state of the art e-learning methodology through **Virtual Class Room**, Video Conferencing equipments along with a streaming server and high speed internet connectivity are established in TVA.

5.1.5.4. Part-II Scheme Projects

- Annotated Corpus for Tamil Literature work is under progress. Initially 56 literatures, which are sangam, post sangam, epics, bhakthi, and minor literatures have been taken for assigning the grammatical category for each word. A separate software designing also under progress.
- Speech Database work is under progress. For which, there are 60000 e-lectures words have been taken and giving a training to the computer.
- Syntactically and Semantically Annotated Corpus work is under progress. Initially 22 literatures have been taken for identifying the subjects, predicates, noun, verb clauses, and denotation, connotation along with the meaning for each word. A separate software designing also under progress.
- e-Dictionary project works are under progress. For that project, Tamil pronunciation recording is going and a separate software designing work also under progress.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DIAGRAM

தமிழ் இணையக் கல்விக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சிமுறை அமைப்பு
Organizational Structure of T.V.A.



7. Directory of Officers & Employees

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8. EXPECTATION OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ENHANCING ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY

Participation and feedback from the public for the improvement of the lessons and Digital Library are solicited.

9. ARRANGEMENTS AND METHODS MADE FOR SEEKING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION

Popularizing workshops are being conducted and feedback from the public is collected from time to time.

10. MECHANISM AVAILABLE FOR MONITORING THE SERVICE DELIVERY AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION

Public can ask queries through e-mail.

11. ADDRESS OF THE MAIN OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

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Landmark : i) Near Govt. Data Center

ii) Next to Anna Centenary Library

We have no other sub office or Regional Office anywhere.

12. WORKING HOURS OF THE OFFICE: 10.00 A.M. TO 5.45 P.M.

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