



ABSTRACT

Environment and Climate Change – Announcement for the year 2025-2026 - Implementation of "Climate Education Initiative" at a cost of Rs.7.00 crore - Sanction accorded - Orders - Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC-1) Department

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From the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change letter No. DOECC-01/71/2025-PA-1-TNCCM/2025-2, dated: 14.05.2025.

ORDER:

During the Budget Session, while moving the Demand for Environment, Climate Change for the financial year 2025-2026 on 26.04.2025, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Environment, Climate Change, among others, has made the following Announcement:-

"தமிழ்நாடு அரசு காலநிலைக் கல்வியறிவினை ஒரு இயக்கமாக முன்னெடுத்து, பள்ளிகளில் சூழல் மன்றங்களை விரிவுபடுத்துதல், பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கான இயற்கை முகாம்கள் மற்றும் மாநில அளவிலான பல்வேறு போட்டிகள் போன்றவை நடத்தப்படும். இத்திட்டத்திற்காக ரூ.24 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்படுகிறது."

2. Accordingly, the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change has sent a proposal to the Government in the reference cited above.

3. Climate change is among the most critical challenges of our time, affecting biodiversity, public health, water security, agriculture, and the economy. Education will play a pivotal role in equipping the next generation with the knowledge, values, and skills required to address these challenges. In order to create an empowered generation, which is environmentally conscious and understands the impact of climate change, the Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to advance Climate Education Initiative with the aim to institutionalize it as a movement driven by students, teachers, and communities.

4. Objectives of the Climate Education Initiative:-

- a. To mainstream climate change education across all levels of the school and college curriculum.

- b. To establish vibrant and unified Eco Clubs as hubs for climate-positive action and promote immersive learning.
- c. To promote critical thinking, innovation and leadership on Climate Action.
- d. To create a cadre of trained educators and student ambassadors to disseminate climate knowledge.
- e. To use technology to enhance coordination, reporting and monitoring of climate education activities.

5. Capacity Building of Educators

4000 Nos. of teachers will be selected from 38 districts of Tamil Nadu, on voluntary basis. A minimum of 50% will be selected from the Government and Government aided schools to undergo a certified residential training in the field of Climate Change, Sustainability, Environment, Wildlife and all related subjects through a Knowledge Partner (A reputed University / Institution). They will be designated as Climate Ambassadors and will be instrumental in guiding Students and Schools in Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability. Districts will be grouped into 7 Zones and a dedicated portal will be developed for Knowledge dissemination and continuous training.

6. Nature Camps

As part of the Climate Literacy Initiative, nature camps will be organized across Tamil Nadu to provide students, with immersive learning experiences in natural settings.

7. State Level Quiz

As part of the Climate Literacy Initiative, a State-level environmental quiz competition will be conducted among College Students across Tamil Nadu, to enhance climate and environmental literacy. This initiative will also encourage students to become youth climate ambassadors.

8. Department of Environment and Climate Change will act as a nodal agency for implementation of Climate Education Initiative with coordination of partner departments i.e., School Education Department, Higher Education Department, Forest Department and Wilderness Experiences Corporation etc. In order to successfully implement this scheme, a Project Management Unit shall be setup as per the following table:-

S. No.	Description	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	State-level Training for Master Trainers	500.00
2	Travel expenditure	60.00
3	Development of Resource Toolkit	25.50
4	Nature Camps	47.50
5	State level Quiz Competition	16.00
6	Digital Platform & Dashboard Development	5.40
7	Project Management Unit	15.60
8	Documentation, Contingency expenditures	30.00
		700.00

9. The Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, has requested to accord sanction for the implementation of the Climate Education Initiative, at a cost of Rs.7.00 crore (Rupees Seven Crore Only) during the year 2025-2026.

10. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change and grant sanction for the implementation of Climate Education Initiative at a cost Rs.7.00 Crore (Rupees Seven Crore Only), during the year 2025-2026.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 10 above shall be debited under the following head of account :-

"3435- Ecology and Environment -03- Environmental Research and Ecological Regeneration - 104 - Climate Change Action Programme - State's Expenditure - AA - Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission - 309 - Grants-in-Aid-03 - Grants for specific schemes (DP Code: 3435-03-104-AA-309-03)"

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide its U.O No. (efile)10498591/Fin(AHDF & FW)Dept/2025, dated: 23.05.2025.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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