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TOURISM, CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

The Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976 and the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976.

[G.O. Ms. No. 131, *Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments (C1-1)*, 3rd March 2026,
மாசி 19, விகவாவக, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2057.]

No. SRO A-9/2026.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55-A of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976 (President's Act 19 of 1976) the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby directs that the provisions of sections 4, 14-A and 42 of the said Act shall apply to the Music, Fine Arts and Performing Arts Colleges established in the State, subject to the following modifications: -

In the said Act, -

- (1) In section 4, in sub-section (2), in clause (b), for the expression "such fee not exceeding twenty thousand rupees", the expression "Rs.5,000/- (Five thousand rupees only) as application fee and Rs.50,000/- (Fifty thousand rupees only) as inspection fee (Non-refundable)" shall be substituted;
- (2) In section 14-A, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the expression "Director of Collegiate Education", the expression "Director of Art and Culture" shall be substituted; and
- (3) In section 42, for the expression "one hundred rupees", the expression "five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

NOTIFICATION – II

[G.O. Ms. No. 131, *Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments (C1-1)*, 3rd March 2026,
மாசி 19, விகவாவக, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2057.]

No. SRO A-10/2026.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55-A of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976 (President's Act 19 of 1976) the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby directs that rules 2, 3 and 27 of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976 shall apply to the Music, Fine Arts and Performing Arts Colleges established in the State, subject to the following modifications:-

In the said Rules,

- (1) the expression "Director" wherever it occurs, the expression "Director of Art and Culture" shall be substituted;
- (2) in rule 2,
 - (i) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: -
"(b) "College" means and includes Music, Folk Arts, Performing Arts and Fine Arts College maintained by the educational agency and approved by or affiliated to the University;";
 - (ii) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
"(d) "Director" means the Director of Art and Culture;";
- (3) in rule 3, in sub-rule (1), in clause (i),
 - (a) for the expressions "Form-I" and "Department of Education, Science and Technology", the expressions "Forms-I, I(A), I(B) and I(C) and Annexures-I, II and III" and Department of Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments" shall respectively, be substituted;
 - (b) In the proviso, to clause (i) of rule 3 for the expression "Higher Education Department", the expression "Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department" shall be substituted;
- (4) in rule 27, in sub rules (4), (9) and (10) for the expression "Joint Director of Collegiate Education" occurring in five places, the expression "Joint Director of Art and Culture" shall be substituted; and
- (5) For the Form-I, prescribed under rule 3(1)(i) of the said Rules, the following Forms and Annexures shall be substituted, namely:-

FORM – 1

[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]

(To be submitted in Triplicate)

APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A COLLEGE

1.	(a) Name of the proposed college.			
	(b) Whether the college is intended for men or women or a co-educational college.			
	(c) Name and address of the educational agency.			
	(d) Name of the town/village where the college is proposed to be established with complete details.			
2.	Revenue district/taluk and post office.			
3.	(a) Details of the educational agency which proposes to establish the college.			
	(b) Whether it is a registered body? If so, the details should be furnished.(parent document, present document, encumbrance certificate, tax receipt etc.,)			
	(c) Financial status of the educational agency (to be briefly stated) – (Form – 1 (A))			
4.	Names of other colleges in the district in which the proposed college is to be established and the distance between them and the proposed college.			
	Name. (1)	Distance. (2)	Students strength. (3)	
5.	Name of Higher Secondary schools within a radius of 15 Kilometer from the proposed college with details of strength of Standard (+2)			
	Name of Higher Secondary School. (1)	Distance. (2)	Number of students studying in Standard (+2). (3)	
6.	Head for the opening of the college in the locality (to be briefly stated).			
7.	Number of courses proposed to be opened: (Form – 1 (B))			
S.No (1)	Description. (2)	Name of the courses to be started. (3)	Number of sections (4)	
			Tamil Medium.	English Medium.
	1. Under Graduate 2. Post Graduate 3. PG Diploma Course. 4. Certificate Course. 5. Diploma Course.			

8.	The amenities available to the students and teachers.		
9.	Endowment:- (a) Total amount / value of the endowments to be created for the proposed college as per requirements of the University. (b) Details of the endowment proposed to be created by the educational agency— (i) cash (in deposits) (amount). (ii) properties (details) (value of properties).		
10.	(a) Site, number of hectares of lands owned by the educational agency for the proposed college.		
	Survey No.	Extent in hectare.	
	(b) Requirement of Land and terms and conditions: (Form – 1 (C))		
11.	Buildings- (a) Whether the college is proposed to be established in temporary buildings / permanent buildings? (b) If permanent buildings are to be constructed, amount set apart by the educational agency for this purpose; (c) Whether three copies of sketch plans of the buildings are enclosed?		
12.	Details of other non-recurring items of expenditure and how it is proposed to be met by the educational agency –		
	Facilities to be provided Instruments/ Equipments and other requirements etc. (1)	Amount required. (Rs.) (2)	Amount provided for by the educational agency. (Rs.) (3)
	(a) Hostel buildings.		
	(b) Laboratory buildings.		
	(c) Furniture.		
	(d) Music equipments.		
	(e) Folk Arts.		
	(f) Performing Arts.		
	(g) Fine Arts.		
	(h) Digitalized Library.		
	(i) Library Books.		
	(j) Other facilities for Instructions.		

13.	(a) Details of recurring items of expenditure on staff contingencies, etc.,		
		Amount required for the first year. (Rs.)	Amount provided for by the educational agency. (Rs.)
	(i) Teaching staff. (ii) Non-teaching staff. (iii) Contingencies.		
	(b) Whether the financial position of the educational agency is sound enough to meet the entire recurring expenditure for the year, as no grant is payable to the college during the first year.		
14.	Whether the University has been addressed for course affiliation. If so, whether copy of the same has been enclosed.		
15.	Whether the chalan for the fees prescribed is enclosed (if so, the number and date of chalan with amount remitted may be specified).		

Declaration.

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished above are correct.

Place:
Date :

Signature of the person duly authorized
by the educational agency.

FORM-I (A).**[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]**

DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY		
Sl. No.	Description.	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Endowment Created with the Government :	YES / NO
2.	Current / Savings Account :	
	Name of the Bank :	
	Branch :	
	Account Number with Amount :	
	Balance amount at the end of last financial year :	
	Balance amount as on date :	
3.	Long Term Deposits :	
	Bank / Government/ Government Recognized Financial Institutions :	
	Branch :	
	Amount :	
	Date of Deposit :	
	Period :	
	Date of Maturity :	
4.	Land Value.	
5.	Building Value.	
6.	Total investment on Library Books till date.	
7.	Total investment on Equipments till date.	
8.	Expenditure on Salary.	
9.	Annual Budget – Recurring.	
10.	Annual Budget – Non-recurring.	
11.	Whether Audit Report attached (Income / Expenditure).	YES / NO

Declaration.

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished above are correct.

Place:

Date :

Signature of the person duly authorized
by the educational agency.

FORM-I (B)**[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]****List of Under Graduate, Post Graduate, Diploma and Certificate Courses offered by the University.****1. BA (3 years)**

- (1) Vocal.
- (2) Veena.
- (3) Violin.
- (4) Mridangam.
- (5) Bharathanatyam.
- (6) Nadaswaram.
- (7) Thavil.
- (8) Flute.

2. BFA (4 years)

- (1) Painting.
- (2) Sculpture.
- (3) Visual Communication Design.
- (4) Ceramic Design.
- (5) Textile Design.
- (6) Print Making.

3. B.Tech and BFA (4 years)

- (1) B.Tech - Traditional Architecture.
- (2) BFA - Traditional Painting.
- (3) BFA - Traditional Sculpture.

4. B.Des (4 years)

- (1) Fashion Design.

5. BVA (4 years)

- (1) Cinematography.
- (2) Digital Intermediate.
- (3) Audiography.
- (4) Direction and Screenplay Writing.
- (5) Film Editing.
- (6) Animation & Visual Effects.

6. BA Integrated (5 years)

- (1) Music.
- (2) Mridangam.
- (3) Bharathanatyam.

7. MA (2 years)

- (1) Vocal.
- (2) Veena.
- (3) Violin.
- (4) Mridangam.

(5) Bharathanatyam.

(6) Nadaswaram.

(7) Thavil.

(8) Flute.

8. MFA (2 years)

(1) Painting.

(2) Sculpture.

(3) Visual Communication Design.

(4) Ceramic Design.

(5) Textile Design.

9. MFA (3 years) Weekend

(1) Painting.

(2) Visual Communication Design.

10. M.Des (2 years)

(1) Fashion Design.

11. Diploma (3 years)

(1) Vocal.

(2) Veena.

(3) Violin.

(4) Mridangam.

(5) Bharatanatyam.

(6) Flute.

(7) Nadaswaram.

(8) Thavil.

(9) Ghatam.

(10) Khanjira.

(11) Folk Arts.

12. Diploma (1 year)

(1) Music Teaching.

(2) Direction.

(3) Cinematography.

(4) Editing.

(5) Sound.

(6) Nattuvangam.

13. Certificate Course (2 years)

(1) Vocal.

(2) Veena.

(3) Violin.

(4) Mridangam.

(5) Bharatanatyam.

14. Advanced Diploma

FORM-I (C)**[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]**

Norms prescribed for Land requirement by the Experts Committee for granting provisional affiliation to start a Self-financing Music, Folk Arts, Performing Arts and Fine Arts College.

Sl. No.	Course.	Duration.	Land Requirement.			
			1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.	Total
A. Music Session						
1	Vocal	3 Years	800 sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	2400sq. ft.
2	Violin	3 Years	800sq.ft.	800 sq ft	800 sq ft	2400 sq ft
3	Veena	3 Years	800 sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	2400sq.ft.
B. Dance Session						
	Each Dance Course.	3 Years	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	2400sq.ft.
C. Folk Arts Session						
		3 Years	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	800sq.ft.	2400sq. ft.
D. Fine Arts Session						
	Each Fine Arts Course.	3 Years	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	3000 sq.ft.
E. Painting and Sculpture Session						
1	Each Painting Course.	3 Years	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	3000 sq.ft.
2	Each Sculpture Course.	3 Years	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	1000 sq.ft.	3000 sq ft

In addition to the above requirement of land for each course, the following requirement of land is mandatory for each course as mentioned below:-

1. Rest room 400 sq. ft (for Men & Woman)
2. Staff room 200 sq. ft.
3. Principal room 200 sq. ft.
4. Office room 200 sq. ft.
5. Library / Instrument 200 sq. ft.

1200 sq. ft.

Declaration.

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished above are correct.

Place:
Date :

Signature of the person duly authorized
by the educational agency.

ANNEXURE – I

[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]

**REQUIREMENTS FOR STARTING A NEW MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS/ FOLK ARTS/FINE ARTS COLLEGE
AND LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED**

1. Application should be made in Form-I and submitted with relevant fee for Rs. 5,000/- as application fee and Inspection fee of Rs. 50,000/- (Non-refundable)
2. Registers trust deed of the educational agency.
3. Registration Certificate of the Trust.
4. Bye-laws of the Trust.
5. The land should be registered in the name of Educational Agency or Trust and for the purpose of starting the college (College name should be stated). (Ownership deed not necessarily to be enclosed where applying and it may be produced).
6. Topographical Sketch of the land with Survey Nos. along with surrounding area with Survey Nos. signed by Village Administrative Officer to show that the lands are continuous and in one block and college land should be coloured in the sketch.
7. The land use certificate, if it is a cultivable land permission to use the land for running a college and construction of building (should be produced after Letter of Intent is obtained). Land Continuity Certificate stating the college name with Survey nos. and Extent in Area. (To be signed by Village Administrative Officer).
8. Plot and Building plan (Blue Print) approved by the authorities should be produced after Letter of Intent is obtained along with "master plan" (Proposed college name and survey numbers should be stated). On receipt of details regarding land, building, infrastructure etc., a letter of intent will be issued to the Educational Agency and on receipt of complete proposal along with relevant documents a committee will be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of University for inspection.
9. If it is necessary for Cash Endowment to be deposited in Tamil Nadu Transport Development Corporation / Power Finance Corporation for a minimum period of Five years, jointly in the name of the Educational Agency and the Director of Art and Culture, it will be prescribed as per the decision of the authorities of the University (need not necessarily be paid while applying and it should be created other the issue of Letter of Intent).
10. Documents regarding permanent building should be furnished for conducting first-year classes, No Objection Certificate should be obtained separately for conducting 2nd and 3rd year classes. (Documents regarding completion of construction and stability certificate should be produced for getting No objection Certificate for conducting 2nd, 3rd and subsequent year (up to period of course of study) classes).
11. Audited Balance Sheet for preceding three years.
12. Evidence for financial stability like bank account etc. for Rs.25 lakhs.
13. Details of names of the trustees, occupation, age and resident address, Phone No. Fax, Email.
14. Agreement signed in Rs.100/- (hundred) stamped paper by the trust members – (All the Trust members should sign in all the pages).
15. Projected Income and Expenditure Accounts for the first three years.
16. Permanent Building stability certificate.
17. Trust Resolution stating that a new Music, Folk Arts, Performing Arts and Fine Arts College is proposed to be opened and should be signed by all the Trust Members (Name of the college, place, survey no of the land and extend of the area should be mentioned).
18. Two copies of proposal along with inspection Report with all relevant enclosures should be submitted to "The Director of Art and Culture" Chennai-8.
19. The filled in application should reach the office on or before _____.

(The time limit prescribed in the time schedule mentioned in this Annexure – II).

ANNEXURE – II

[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]**Processing of Application: -**

1. The filled in application shall be scrutinized and verified by the "Inspection Committee" against the information contained in the application form. (Form-I).
2. The Inspection Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall intimate the applicant and make such inspection of site.
3. Inspection Committee after scrutinizing the application and making site visit shall give Letter of Intent (LOI) or letter of Regret (LOR), as the case may be. The Copies of Letter of Intent or Letter of Regret shall be sent to the Government and to the Director of Art and Culture.
4. After issue of Letter of Intent, the applicant should submit the following documents within the time limit prescribed in the time schedule for this purpose:-
 - (a) Deed of registration of land relating to ownership / title of the application Society / Trust on the land earmarked for setting up the new institution;
 - (b) A land use certificate and land continuity certificate from the authority concerned;
 - (c) In case the applicant is running any other educational institution and the new institution is proposed to be set up in the same premises, an irrevocable, resolution of the applicant stating that sufficient area of the premises has been earmarked specifically for setting up the proposed institution;
 - (d) Deposit of cash endowments shall be decided by the authorities of the University.
 - (e) Document(s) regarding furnished permanent building at least adequate for the 1st year classes on the land specified.
 - (f) Appointment details of teaching & non- teaching members necessary for the first year classes also to be furnished.
 - (g) A master plan for the entire institutional complex with the details of the plinth area, including area of laboratories, class rooms, drawing halls, workshops, library administrative block, hostel etc. shall be submitted along with the construction schedule indicating estimated cost of construction involved.
 - (h) A registered undertaking on non-judicial stamp paper, stating that the institute shall abide by all the Regulations Norms, Guidelines and Standards.
 - (i) The application and the inspection committee reports shall be sent to Government through Directorate of Art and Culture for issuing NOC (No Objection Certificate).
5. An Expert Committee shall be appointed by the authorities of the University to visit the premises of the proposed institution or existing institution, as the case may be, and verify all the details furnished in that application prior to final approval is being given.
6. The Expert Committee shall submit its final report to the University.
7. The report shall be placed before the Syndicate for its final decision and the affiliation will be given as per the minutes of the Syndicate.
8. TIME SCHEDULE:

(i) For receiving filled in application from the applicant for starting of Music, Performing Arts, Folk Arts, and Fine Arts College.	30th September of the year preceding the academic year.
(ii) For issuing letter of permit or letter of regret to the applicant.	31st October of the year preceding the academic year.
(iii) Submission of detailed proposal with original documents by the applicant.	30th November of the year preceding the academic year.
(iv) Visit of Expert Committee and for communicating final decision	January 31st of the year preceding the academic year.

ANNEXURE – III

[See rule 3 (1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976]

Procedure for Processing of Applications for starting of Self – Financing College of Music, Folk Arts, Fine Arts and Performing Arts.

S.No.	Description	Whether enclosed
1	Whether the Application made in the prescribed format and processing fee remitted:	
2	Whether Cash Endowment is deposited in the Tamil Nadu Transport Development Corporation / Power Finance Corporation for a minimum period of five years, jointly in the name of the Director of Art and Culture as per the decision of the authorities of the University.	
3	Topographical Sketch of the land along with surrounding area with Survey Nos. signed by the Village Administrative Officer. (College land should be coloured in the sketch).	
4	Land Area whether wet or dry land (Wet land conversion certificate issued by the Government in case if it is wet land).	
5	Documentary proof for ownership of lands exclusively earmarked for the College.	
6	Documents regarding permanent building (at least for the first-year classes with all adequate facilities).	
7	Land Continuity Certificate stating the college name with Survey nos. and Extent in Area (Signed by the Village Administrative Officer).	
8	Legal opinion from not below the rank of the Government pleader on the ownership of land and extent of coverage.	
9	Land use certificate from Collector and Land Conversion Certificate from the Directorate of Town & Country Planning.	
10	Irrevocable Trust / Society / Section 25 Company Registration Deed/ Bye laws / Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Management of the college.	
11	Details of names of the Trustees / Members, occupation, age and residential address, Phone No. Fax, E-Mail.	
12	Evidence for financial stability (like bank account etc., Rs.25 lakh).	
13	Resolution about starting the new Music, Folk Arts, Performing Arts, and Fine Arts College (indicating the name of the college specifically).	
14	Agreement signed in Rs.100/- (Hundred) stamped paper by the all Trustees / Members.	
15	Certificate under section 37 (B) of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (land fixation and Ceiling) Act, 1961. (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961)	
16	Building sketch (details of Rooms, Laboratories, Stores, Library etc., for all the floors) signed by Architect.	

S.No.	Description	Whether enclosed
17	Building and equipment Insurance Certificate.	
18	Plot and Building Plan (Blue Print) approved by the Authorities (proposed college name and survey number should be stated).	
19	Documents showing the financial viability of the college (details of financial budgeted revenue and expenses statements for current year and tentative for three years).	
20	Master Time – Table for all courses and all sections with classroom arrangements.	
21	Certificates for Fire and Rescue / Boiler / Electrical safety from the Concerned Authorities.	
22	Sanitary and Hygiene Certificate from Health Inspector of the locality.	
23	Certificate from Public Works Department Superintendent Engineer for the structural stability of the building.	
24	Provision to dispose the laboratory wastage. (Certificate from concerned authority).	
25	Certificate from concerned authority from the traffic point of view. (whether it is traffic jam or other related traffic points of view)	
26	Pollution Control Board Certificate (from concerned authority)	
27	Photographs of the college (especially showing the name of the college and Ramp facilities for the differently abled).	

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