

# **A STUDY ON HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL OF NAINARPALAYAM FROM KALLAKURICHI DISTRICT**

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## **Abstract**

*The present study was conducted to study the Academic Achievement of Government higher secondary school students in Nainarpalayam, Kallakurichi District of Tamil Nadu. The study aims to find out the level of study involvement and academic achievement among the students from this higher secondary school. Despite many hardships, the institution has developed. It was upgraded from the Primary stage to higher secondary School stage. The management has a keen interest in providing educational service. The students from urban towns and villages receive the fruits of education. Due to the efforts taken by the teachers, the students of the Government Higher Secondary School, Nainarpalayam stood first in studies in the Kallakurichi District and exhibited their academic excellence many times. By organizing literary Associations, the students were given training to develop their oratorical power. In 1999-2000, the school is pride of getting the shield for its best activities in the district level followed by that it was awarded the best association award in the state level by the then Secretary of "State parents- teachers association".*

## **Introduction**

A significant part of human development is education. Particularly in terms of higher education, a country's development and prosperity can be measured. Any country's development can be gauged by the calibre of its populace. The standard of the nation's education, in turn, determines the quality of its inhabitants. In Tamil Nadu, there are two different types of management overseeing the schools: public and private. Private schools may receive funding or operate on their own funds. While self-financing schools are completely under the supervision and funding of private managements, aided schools are managed by private managements but are supported by the government. Education is not a simple unitary concept. The concept of education is used in a variety of context and with different schools of universe (Ramesh Chadra, 2003). Similarly, schools have different types of atmosphere. The important aim of education is "The all-round development of the child". Academic success is regarded in contemporary society as a crucial factor in assessing a person's overall potential and abilities. It plays a crucial role in the teaching and learning process. Education, especially for the younger generation, is one of the best legacies a country can leave its citizens. This is why a country's or a community's ability to thrive depends only on the calibre of its educational system. Students who feel safe and happy in their school environments also believe that their teachers treat them properly. The psycho-social climate of schools as seen by pupils is measured by the "school environment." In terms of teacher-student interaction, it is the cognitive, emotional, and social support provided to pupils during their time in school (Misra, 2012). The school is a significant institution in a child's behaviour development. Children live there, interact with one another, and carry out tasks under the guidance of their teachers in a small version of society. Students' perceptions of the school environment have a significant impact on their growth and achievement, and these impacts are healthier when there is appropriate planning, teaching infrastructure, and resources (Sangtam, 2014). Hence, in the present study our goal is to know the educational level and their academic achievement at higher secondary school in Nainarpalayam village of Kallakurichi District.

## History of Government Higher Secondary School



Nainarpalayam is a village in Chinnasalem Block in Kallakurichi District of Tamil Nadu State, India. It is located 37 KM towards west from District headquarters Kallakurichi In ancient period Nainarpalayam was ruled by Pallavas, Cholas and Marthas. Nainarpalayam village has an area of occupying 11sq.miles. There are 54 villages that surround it. There are two elementary schools, one is Matriculation School and other is Higher Secondary School in Nainarpalayam. The Government Higher Secondary School, Nainarpalayam, is one of the famous educational institutions in Kallakurichi District. It was founded in 1967 and it strived hard in the initial stages to stabilize its position.

### Government Higher Secondary School, Nainarpalayam Achievements and Academic Performance

In the past fifty years, from 1967, the school has grown much. The strength of students has increased from 310 in 1972 to 1639. . The results of the students in their public examination have been excellent. The government, chief educational officer, district educational officer, headmasters, Teachers, staff and students is school have contributed in the growth and development of the school. It has crossed many obstacles and stumbling block. It took fifty years for the preset Government Higher Secondary School to become a premier education constitution in Kallakurichi District. A science laboratory was felt necessary in 2002. The Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.40, 000/- for the construction of a Science Laboratory. It was completed in 2002 at a cost of 55,000/-. The management of the school contributed Rs. 15,000. The water tank was contributed by the members of the administrative council of the school. At the function held on 2nd July 1983, it was donated to the school.

### Government and Public Contributions

With the encouragement given by the public, the school grew rapidly and additional classrooms and other necessary facilities were provided. The council

tried to provide more accommodation by constructing new buildings as and when the need arises. In 1998, a block of four rooms was constructed at a cost of Rs. 25,000/-, the Government gave a grant of Rs. 990/- and the remaining amount was raised by public contribution. In 2001, two thatched sheds with cement asbestos roofing and in 2002, a block of four rooms at a cost Rs. 25,000/- with Government grants (Ann. reports, 2023) were constructed.

### **Student's Strength**

In 2023 the strength of the students are 1639. In class 6th, we have three sections under that there are 79 students in English medium and 92 students in Tamil medium and a total of 171 students studying in 6th standard. In class 7th, we have three sections under that there are 95 students in English medium and 76 students in Tamil medium and a total of 171 students studying in 7th standard. In class 8th, we have three sections under that there are students in 97 English medium and 66 students in Tamil medium and a total of 163 students studying in 8th standard. In class 9th, we have five sections under that there are 89 students in English medium and 197 students in Tamil medium and a total of 286 students studying in 9th standard. In class 10th, we have six sections under that there are 66 students in English medium and 177 students in Tamil medium and a total of 243 students studying in 10th standard. In class 11th, we have nine sections under that there are 59 students in English medium and students in 256 Tamil medium and a total of 315 students studying in 11th standard. In class 12th, we have eight sections under that there are 39 students in English medium and 251 students in Tamil medium and a total of 290 students studying in 12th standard. There are 848 boys and 791 girls as a total of 1639 students are studying in our school. In that 524 students were English medium and remaining 1115 students were Tamil medium.

### **School Development Scheme**

Government Higher Secondary School the importance of education and was fully aware that how is could help the poor in raising their status. With the increase in the number of courses offered and other allied infrastructure and qualitative and quantitative improvements in the student's performance at the examinations. There was a steady increase in the number of students year after year. The middle school's student strength, which was 165 in 1972, went by 310 in the year of 1980.

Within a span of thirty years, from 1980 to 2000, the student's strength became three fold. In 1992, the school was upgraded as higher secondary school, after having obtained the recognition order from the Director of School Education, Chennai. Soon after its up gradation, it offered six groups at higher secondary level (Ann. reports, 2023).

In 2001, the passing percentage was 82%. In 2002, it was 89% and in 2004, it was 74%. From the 2012 onwards to till now the passing percentage is 100% (Students Ann.Reports, 2012). This school is having boarding and lodging facilities and it fulfils the basic necessities by providing water, food, housing and toilets.

## **Library**



The school has a well-equipped and well-managed library. The library is provided with newspapers so as to enable the students to know the current world affairs as well as local and regional news. Apart from the newspapers a good number of weekly magazines, manuals and periodicals also form a part of the library. Regarding the subject related books, the library has all the necessary books and any student can avail books of his choice on lending basis. A reading room is attached to the library. The library has 10092 books covering Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, and Computer Science (Ann. Reports, 2022). There is a separate room for computer education. The centre has 20 computers. There is an excellent computer lab which is maintained by the teacher appointed for teaching computers to the students.

## **Student Participation in Library Function**

### **Scholarship for Students**

Various scholarships are awarded to students of this school. There are scholarships for the poor students, merit scholarship for meritorious students, talent scholarships for students and scholarships for the disabled students. Scholarships are sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to approved applicants from the school.

## **Rain Water Harvesting**

This school has well-equipped rainwater harvesting system. The expenditure spent on installing the system amounts to Rs.4, 67,000. This system has been functioning well. The School is a place of all round progress and the task of a teacher is to give each student an opportunity to develop its potential to the fullest possible extent.

## **Extra - Curricular Activities of the School**

### **Atal Tinkering Lab**



Atal tinkering lab is where students of Government higher secondary school, nainarpalayam can learn innovative things crafts, art work, etc. to improve their knowledge in other fields as well.

### **Students in Atal tinkering lab**

### **National Service Scheme (NSS)**

The National Service Scheme is a selective cum voluntary scheme for the Student youth. The main aim of the National Service Scheme is to render service to the community while undergoing instruction in an educational institution. National Service Scheme is to enable the students to develop their personality and experience through community service.

### **Sports**

Every student of the school is required to undergo the course of physical training prescribed by the school. No students are exempted from the course of physical training except those, who were certified medically unfit by the medical officer of the school. Physical Education was started in 1978 with a physical Education Teacher and 125 students. The Students of the School have achieved much in sports. In, The student of 1992-93 batch (C. Bakiyaraj) got the Gold Medal in Tennis Sub- Junior National Level Competition. In 1993-94, K. Jagadeesan took part in Badminton and Hockey held in the Regional, State and National Level tournaments. In 1994-95, B. Balaji participated in the kabadi Regional Level kabadi competition. In 1994-95, S. Jayaraj, student participated in the State Level Volley

Ball Competition. In 1995-96, the students of the School took part in shot put, Discus Throw Competitions for seniors held at State Level. In 1997-98, the students won the third place in shot put in the Competitions held in All India Level. In 1998-99, the students of the institution won the first place in the District Level basketball competition. In 1999-2000, the students of the institution participated in the state Level High Jump Competitions.

In 2000-2001, the students of the institution took part and won the Gold Medal in the volleyball competition for juniors held in All India Level. In 2004-2005, the students of the institution participated in the state Level High Jump Competitions. In 2010-2011, the students of the institution took part and won the silver Medal in the volleyball competition for juniors held in All India Level. In 2012-2013, the school won the second place in the State Level Shot Put and High Jump Competitions (Sports reports, 2013).

## **Conclusion**

The declaration of the school says that the “school is a place of Integral formation by means of systematic and assimilation of culture and as a whole committed to the development of the whole man”. A study of Government Higher Secondary School, Nainarpalayam, reveals the steady growth of the school from time to time. The students who came out successful from this institution entered into various walks of life with flying colours. The students who have come out of this institution successfully have become physicians, Lawyers, Teachers, Political leaders and have carried their business not only in India but in other countries like U.S.A., Germany, Japan, Singapore and U.A.E. Another interesting feature of this institution is that the institution evinced greater interest upon the welfare of the teachers and the students by establishing various Associations. Government Higher Secondary School, Nainarpalayam, Stands as an example to others in its academic standards, in its charitable measures and in discipline. Those who aspire to get the fruits of best education come and join in large numbers in the School. The steady increase of students year after year is the testimony for the same.

The students were given physical training and the students of the Government Higher Secondary School; Nainarpalayam participated in the District and State Level Sports and have won many cups and medals. Besides these, the students are given training in extracurricular activities such as Scout, Sports,

Pasumai padai, N.S.S, and Red Cross Society. The most important feature of this institution is that it helps to induce more number of poor students to take education. To encourage them in Studies, scholarships and fees concessions and free bus are given to them. This is the era of computer revolution and the school has introduced a new course in computer science to meet the competitive environment. Since women's education is of vital importance, co-education is introduced in this school. In 2002, the students of school participated and got prizes on vocational group exhibition held in state level in the Tamil Nadu Science Exhibition held at Villupuram. And also in 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 and also every year the students of this school got the first prize exhibit. The students have brought glory to the school by participating continuously in these competitions and receiving prize.

Character is the foundation in which any edifice could be built and as such the school lays much emphasis on the development of character and discipline. The growing popularity of this institution has been due to several factors like the uniformly good results and the encouragement given by the sympathetic management in the pursuit of educational ideals and experiments. The institution rededicates itself to serve the people by providing greater opportunities for acquisition of knowledge and formation of character.

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