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MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**JSS FUNCTIONING IN TAMIL NADU**

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- a. whether the Government is implementing the Jan ShikshanSansthan (JSS) scheme as an effective instrument for adult education and skill development;
- b. if so, the present scope, coverage and outcomes of the scheme at the national level;
- c. the details of the number of JSS centres currently functioning in Tamil Nadu, their district-wise distribution, enrolment levels and capacity utilisation and whether any districts remain uncovered;
- d. the steps taken by the Government to strengthen placement linkages, promote women entrepreneurship, modernise course curricula and align training with local industry needs and self-employment opportunities in the State; and
- e. whether any independent impact assessment has been undertaken by the Government to evaluate employability outcomes, sustainability and relevance of JSS centres in rural and semi-urban areas of Tamil Nadu and if so, the findings and corrective measures proposed thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) The Jan ShikshanSansthan (JSS) Scheme aims to provide skill training in a non-formal mode at the doorsteps of the beneficiary. The target beneficiaries of the scheme are persons having rudimentary level of education, school dropouts up to class 12th in the age group of 15-45 years. Age relaxation is given to Divyangjan and other deserving cases, especially women. The priority groups are women, SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas.

At present, there are 294 functional JSSs across 26 states and 7 UTs. Since the transfer of the Scheme from Ministry of Education (Erstwhile MoHRD) to MSDE i.e. July, 2018 to December, 2025, a total of 34.14 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the Scheme, out of which 83% beneficiaries are women, making it an effective instrument for adult education and skill development.

There are livelihood cells in the JSSs which assist in forming linkages of the trained JSS beneficiaries especially women beneficiaries, with the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) / Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) to promote their entrepreneurship and livelihood. The Livelihood Cell also links them with the appropriate

National / State portal for the promotion of livelihood opportunities, provides counselling support to beneficiaries for enabling them to take up self/wage employment in related trades as per the market need and acts as a bridge between employers, banks/micro-finance institutions/State Governments/ NABARD for delivering the benefit of schemes of financial assistance/loans to JSS beneficiaries, especially women.

There are 9 functional JSSs in the state of Tamil Nadu, whose details are given as under :

Sl. No.	JSS Centers	Training Details
1	Chennai*	2,796
2	Kanchipuram	11,941
3	Madurai	11,374
4	Nagapattinam	12,291
5	Namakkal	13,117
6	Sivaganga	12,274
7	Thiruvarur	13,273
8	Tiruchirappalli	11,879
9	Virudhunagar	11,956
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,00,901</b>

\* JSS Chennai became functional in 2023-24

Since July, 2018 to December, 2025, a total of 1,00,901 beneficiaries have been trained under the Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(e) A Third- Party evaluation of JSS Scheme was conducted by ArunJaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM), Faridabad in 2025, in all concerned states including Tamil Nadu. For the overall scheme, the main findings and key recommendations were as under:

(i) Key findings / achievements:

- 33.94 lakh individuals enrolled; 32 lakh trained; 31.52 lakh certified with 99% success rate.
- National average (FY 2021–25): 94.3% trained and 98.5% certified.
- Women formed 82% of total participants.
- 73% of learners were from marginalized groups (SC/ST: 36%, OBC: 37%).
- Most learners (66.8%) were aged 19–35 years.
- 55% had education up to 10th standard.
- 90% alumni used training for livelihood; 82% engaged within six months.
- 60% of previously non-earning individuals started earning due to the scheme.
- Average income rose four-fold from ₹1,776 to ₹8,440 per month

(ii) Key recommendations:

- To increase the Budgetary provision to the JSSs under the scheme for reasonable infrastructure in-field training centres for quality training and branding
- To include and cover all the remaining districts in the country.
- Grant-in-Aid Enhancement: To meet the minimum standards for NSQF compliance.
- Augmentation of infrastructure, material and equipment at JSS and training centre levels to bring about quality change in the programme and activities.

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