

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE
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NEW DELHI – 110075**

(Volume-I)

The 512th Meeting of the Southern Regional Committee (SRC), National Council for Teacher Education held on 18th August, 2026 through at the Conference Hall, NCTE, New Delhi.

The following Members alongwith convener were present during the meeting.

1. Prof. Meena Chandawarkar	Chairperson (Physically Present)
2. Prof. S. Mani	Member (Physically Present)
3. Prof. Prahlad Joshi	Member (Online)
4. Dr. Shankar Paripally	Member (Physically Present)
5. Prof. Vanaja Mahadasu	Member (Online)
6. Prof. Gavisiddappa Rudrappa Angadi	Member (Online)
7. Dr. C. Geethalakshmi	State Representative Govt. of Tamilnadu (Online)
8. Sh. Satish Kumar	Regional Director and Convener, SRC, NCTE

At the outset Sh. Satish Kumar, Regional Director, and Convener, SRC welcomed the Chairperson and all other members and apprised them of the work done in the O/o SRC.

The Committee has taken up the following agenda items under 512th Meeting. The item-wise decisions are as under:

1	Arcot Sri Mahalakshmi Women's College of Education, Arani Main Road, Vellappakkam, Vellore District, TamilNadu – 632521. File No.: - APSO1215, APSO7895, Programme: - B.Ed., M.Ed.
	The original file of the Institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act 1993, Regulations, Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time were placed before the Committee and the SRC after careful consideration made the following observations: - • The institution was granted recognition by Southern Regional Committee vide order no F.TN/SEC/SRO/NCTE/2005-2006/5088 dated 04.01.2006 for conducting B.Ed. (Secondary) of one year duration with an annual intake of 100 students. • The institution was granted recognition by Southern Regional Committee vide order no F.SRO/NCTE/M.Ed./2006-2007/14181 dated 06.04.2007 for conducting M.Ed. of one year duration with an annual intake of 25 students. • The consequent upon the notification of the National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Regulation, 2010 on dt. 26.07.2010 the intake of existing 25 students in M.Ed. course was increased from 25 to 35 vide SRC, NCTE order dt. 25.08.2010.

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- After promulgation of NCTE Regulations, 2014, the institution by consented to come under new Regulations vide a notarized affidavit dated 28.01.2015 and RPRO were issued vide orders dated 30.05.2015 for B.Ed. and M.Ed. programme.
- The SRC in its 317th Meeting held on 28th to 30th July 2016 considered the request for Change of trust and decided as under:

“Inform them to submit the required documents for Change of Management”.

Accordingly, as per decision of SRC a letter was issued to the institution on dt. 16.08.2016.

- The matter regarding compliance by the institution of the conditions of the revised recognition order, was placed before the SRC in its 369th Meeting held on 28.01.2019 and the Committee decided that Show Cause Notice be issued to all such institutions which have not submitted compliance. Accordingly, as per decision of SRC a Show Cause Notice was issued to the institution on dt. 30.07.2019.
- The SRC in its 383rd Meeting held on 07th & 09th January 2020 considered the matter and decided to issue Final Show Cause Notice to the institution. Accordingly, as per decision of SRC a Final Show Cause Show Notice was issued to the institution on 21.01.2020.
- The institution submitted reply to the Final Show Cause Notice on 25.02.2020.
- Certain documents have been submitted by the institution.

The following was observed:-

- The institute previously requested for change of Management which was informed by the SRC with disapproval. Now with the reply of FSCN dt. 21.01.2020 the institute had submitted a notarized copy of Gift Deed dt. 31.10.2013 which is in favour of Sri Matha Bhavenseswari Educational Trust (Donee) which is not the managing trust of the college. The Managing Trust is Mahalakshmi Educational Charitable Trust. This is not permissible under clause 8 (4) (i) of NCTE Regulations, 2014.
- Other documents like BCC, NEC, building plan and LUC etc., cannot be accepted on the face of deficiency in land documents.
- Faculty for B.Ed., M.Ed. and D.T.Ed. course has not been submitted with the latest approval of affiliating body. Only approval of 2015 is submitted only for M.Ed. course.
- The Website of the institute is not updated with the information prescribed under para 8(6), 8(14) and 10(3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014.

The SRC in its 401st meeting held on 11th -12th August 2021 considered the matter and decided to withdraw the recognition. Accordingly, as per decision of SRC, a Withdrawal order no. F.SRO/NCTE/APSO1215/B.Ed./TN/2021/128508 dated. 21.02.2020 of B.Ed. Course and F.SRO/NCTE/APSO7895/M.Ed/TN/2021/128507 was issued to the institution.

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- The Court of Delhi bearing W.P (C) No. 12956/2021 (B.Ed.) and W.P (C) No. 12966/2021 (M.Ed.) titled as Arcot Sri Mahalakshmi Women's College of Education Versus NCTE & others. Whereby the Hon'ble High Court has directed that: -

"This Court has found in several petitions that the Regional Committees of the NCTE are not giving effect to the second proviso to Section 17(1) of the Act. This compels petitioners to approach this Court, such as in the present case. Even if in some cases there is some controversy as to the applicability or effect of the second proviso to Section 17(1) of the Act, there are many cases, such as the present, wherein the orders cannot possibly take effect from the date mentioned - in this case, the very same academic year in which it was passed.

The action of the NCTE is clearly in the teeth of the statute itself.

In these circumstances, the writ petitions are allowed with the direction upon the respondents to treat the petitioner as a recognised W.P.(C) Nos. 12956 & 12966 of 2021 Page 4 of 4 institution for the academic year 2021-22. The respondents will reflect the status of the petitioner as a recognised institution on their website and also communicate the same to the petitioner's affiliating university and the concerned State Government within one week from today.

The writ petitions, along with the pending applications, stand disposed of in these terms. The respondents will pay consolidated costs of ₹15,000/- to the petitioners."

- In Compliance of order dated 29.11.2021, the Regional Director has issued order dated 06.12.2021, which may be confirmed by the SRC.
- The petitioner institution filed appeal against the said withdrawal order and the same was confirmed by the Appeal Division NCTE vide Appeal Order dated 18.04.2022 thereby rejecting the appeal filed by the institution.
- The petitioner filed two separate writ petitions bearing no. W.P. 33456 of 2022 with respect to withdrawal of M.Ed. course and W.P. 9637 of 2023 with respect to B.Ed. course. Vide the order dated 02.01.2023 and 18.04.2023 the Hon'ble Court set aside the order of rejection and directed the petitioner to submit a fresh appeal before NCTE.
- The petitioner filed appeal with respect to M.Ed. course and the same was again rejected by Appeal Division vide Appeal order dated 10.04.2023. By this time the petitioner was taking steps to file a fresh appeal with respect to the B.Ed. course.
- The petitioner again filed two writ petitions W.P.28294 of 2023 challenging the order of rejection of appeal with respect to the M.Ed. course and W.P. 28705 of 2023 with respect to the B.Ed. course.
- The court vide order dated 05.06.2024 held as under:
 "8. As far as W.P. No. 28705 of 2023 is concerned, the petitioner may well pursue its appellate remedy and supply a copy of the order of approval dated 12.12.2023 to the appellate authority for consideration, in accordance with law.
 9. As far as W.P. No. 28294 of 2023 is concerned, the petitioner may apply afresh enclosing a copy of the order of approval as well. Let that application be considered by the respondents, in accordance with law."
- Meanwhile Notification was issued by the Tamilnadu Teachers Education University for uploading the details of the admitted students for the academic session 2024-25.

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- Since the portal for uploading the students details were not made available to the petitioner institution, the petitioner filed WP no. 31568 of 2024 seeking for a direction to TNTTU to open the portal for the petitioners to upload the student details and to grant affiliation. This writ was disposed of vide order dated 29.10.2024 with following directions:

“7. The learned counsel appearing for the first and second respondents submitted that the appeal filed by the petitioner will be decided and appropriate decision will be taken on 11/11/2024.

8. Recording the submission of the learned counsel appearing for the respondents 1 & 2, this court directs the third respondent to allow the petitioner institution to upload the students list for the academic year 2024-2025, subject to the decision by the first respondent in the appeal preferred by the petitioner.

- That SRC passed an order dated 27.12.2024 stating as follows:
“with regard to M.Ed. course, the institution may apply afresh as and when the NCTE opens the online portal calling for applications for M.Ed. Course.”
- Appeal Division, NCTE passed an order dated 30.10.2024 rejecting the appeal filed by the petitioner with respect to the B.Ed. programme and 27.12.2024 with respect to M.Ed. course.
- A writ petition no. WP 5009 of 2025 was filed against the Appeal Order dated 30.10.2024 and a Writ Petition no. WP 1421 of 2025 was filed against the order dated 27.12.2024.
- The Hon'ble High Court vide common order dated 21.11.2025 in the said writ petitions disposed of the matter with the following directions:
“23. In light of the above discussion, the impugned proceedings of the 1st respondent dated 30.10.2024, confirming the order passed by the 2nd respondent dated 02.09.2021 in W.P. 5009 of 2025 and the proceedings of the 1st Respondent dated 27.12.2024 in the W.P. No. 1421 of 2025, are hereby quashed. There shall be direction to the NCTE to act upon the application submitted by the petitioner and grant permission for change in the name of the Trust from Mahalakshmi Educational Charitable Trust to Sri Matha Bhuvaneswari Educational Trust and necessary proceedings shall be issued in this regard, with a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.”
- The institution filed two Contempt Petitions No. 1351 of 2026 and 1352 of 2026 for non-compliance of above order dated 21.11.2025.
- In this regard, Legal opinion was sought by email from Sh. J Harikrishna Jakulla, Standing Counsel, High Court of Madras, regarding the compliance of order dated 21.11.2025 and the Counsel vide email reply dated 11.05.2026 submitted his legal opinion dated 09.05.2026.
- The matter of the institution was placed before SRC in its 497th meeting held on 12th May, 2026 and the Committee decided as under:

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After consideration of Legal Opinion of Sh. J. Harikrishna, Standing Counsel, High Court of Judicature at Madras, inputs of Legal Division HQs, Regulations Division and Member Secretary, NCTE the Committee decided as under:

“(i) In compliance of Order dated 21.11.2025 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Judicature at Madras in W.P. Nos. 5009 of 2025 and 1421 of 2025, the application of the petitioner for Change of Trust from Mahalakshmi Educational Charitable Trust to Sri Matha Bhuvaneshwari Educational Trust is permitted/allowed strictly as a one-time exception, confined exclusively to the facts and circumstances of the present case, and shall not be treated as a precedent or confer any right, entitlement or expectation in any other case.

(ii) A request letter be communicated to the NCTE HQs with a recommendation to create specific provision for Change of Management/Trust/Society in the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to avoid future litigation.”

- Since the Contempt petitions are still pending even after the grant of permission for Change of trust in 497th meeting, the undersigned had sent an email dated 12.08.2026 to Sh. Jakkula, Standing Counsel, High Court of Madras seeking his opinion on the point as to what all proceedings are yet to be taken by SRC, NCTE in order to ensure complete and lawful compliance of Common Order dated 21.11.2025 passed in WP No. 5009 of 2025 and WP No. 1421 of 2025.
- Sh. Jakkula, Standing Counsel, High Court of Madras by his email dated 12.08.2026 has responded to the above email and the same is reproduced hereunder:

“Sir

In response to your today's trail mail where in you have sought opinion with regard to the necessary communication.

2) The petitioner had filled the above two WPS to quash the order of the authority of SRC NCTE regarding withdrawal of the recognition of the courses B Ed and M .Ed and name change. The said orders has been quashed by MADRAS High Court vide order dated 21.11.25 in WPS 1421 & 5009 OF 2025. 3RD For non compliances of the MHC order the petitioner had moved present contempt cases Cont p no.1351 - 1352 of 2026 in the month of March 26.

3) During the pendency of the contempt proceedings and after my opinion 09/05/2026 the SRC in its 497th Meeting dated 12/05/2026 had permitted to change over the management.

4) In pursuance to the resolution in 497th meeting the SRC has to mutate the trust name in the records

5) Further since the order of the withdrawal of recognition of the courses has been quashed by the MHC hence the SRC NCTE is to be restored.”

Keeping in view, the above, the SRC decided as under:

In compliance with the Common Order dated 21.11.2025 passed by the Hon’ble High Court of Madras in W.P. No. 5009 of 2025 and W.P. No. 1421 of 2025, the recognition of the institution granted vide order no. F.TN/SEC/SRO/NCTE/2005-

2006/5088 dated 04.01.2006 and order no F.SRO/NCTE/M.Ed./2006-2007/14181 dated 06.04.2007 in respect of the B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses respectively are hereby restored.

Further, it is reiterated that the application of the petitioner for Change of Trust from Mahalakshmi Educational Charitable Trust to Sri Matha Bhuvaneshwari Educational Trust is permitted/allowed strictly as a one-time exception, confined exclusively to the facts and circumstances of the present case, and shall not be treated as a precedent or confer any right, entitlement or expectation in any other case as was decided in the 497th meeting.

Moreover, a fresh Show Cause Notice be issued to the institution U/s 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993, on the following points to submit its reply within 21 days from the date of the issue of the notice:

1. The institution is required to submit certified/notarised copy of land documents issued by concerned Tehsildar /Revenue Officer. (If the same are in Regional Language, the institution is also required to submit notarized copy of English version of land documents).
2. The institution is required to submit an attested/notarized copy of Land Use Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
3. The institution is required to submit an attested/notarized copy of Non - Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
4. The institution is required to submit an attested/notarized copy of the approved Building Plan (if institution is running more than one Teacher Education programme, it shall be required to submit an exclusive earmarked building plan for each of the recognized Teacher Education programme).
5. An attested/notarized copy of site plan showing all the plot/Survey No. mentioned in the land documents in one location along with land area and built up area.
6. The Institution is required to submit an attested/notarized copy of Building Completion Certificate [as per the prescribed proforma], issued by the competent authority.
7. The institution is required to submit Staff list duly approved by the Registrar of the affiliating body as per the prescribed Format. (In case the institution is running more than one teacher education programme, it is required to submit staff list duly approved by the Affiliating body for each of the recognized teacher education programme being run by the Institution.).
8. The institution is required to submit a "Form A" issued by the respective Bank Manger towards creation of FDR of Rs.7 lakh and 5 lakh, totaling Rs.12 lakh towards Endowment Fund & Reserve Fund into joint account for a duration of 5 years along with a copy of the FDRs.
9. Details of Teacher Education programme (s) being run by the Institution in the same campus

Name & address of the teacher education programme	Recognition No. & date	Order	Course	Intake

(A copy of recognized order issued by the SRC be attached by the institution).

10. Details of other programme (s) (if any) being run by the institution in the same campus

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		Name of the Institution & course	Name of the Course	Intake/unit (s)	Year starting of	Affiliating body
	11.	Details of total land & built up area for all the recognized Teacher Education programme/other programme (if any) being run by the Institution in the same campus				
		Name of the programme	Sy. /No.	Land Area	Built up area	
	12.	Domain name of the website being run by the institution and print outs.				
	13.	The institution shall be required to submit an Affidavit clearly stating status about land & building and Management (Society/Trust) at the time of recognition and its present status giving following details.				
		(i) Details of land & building available at the time of recognition with the Institution				
		(ii) Details of land & building now available with the Institution				
		(iii) Status of Management at the time of recognition and its present status.				
		In case of change of land & building or the Management at the time of recognition and thereafter, the institution is required to specify the reason thereof with approval of the SRC, NCTE.				
2	Vailankanni College of Elementary Teacher Education, Survey No.293/A, Peddamangalam , Moinabad , Ranga Reddy - 501504, Telangana.					
	File No.:-APSO2588, Programme: - D.El.Ed.					
	The original file of the Institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act 1993, Regulations, Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time were placed before the Committee and the SRC after careful consideration made the following observations: - • The institution was granted recognition by Southern Regional Committee vide order no. F.SRC./NCTE/D.Ed/2005-2006/2605 dated 26.08.2005 for conducting D.Ed. course of two years duration with an annual intake of 50 students. • The recognition of the institution was withdrawn vide withdrawal order no. File No.. NCTE/ 2025 / SRC/ PAR/ ORDER/ APSO2588/ dated 17.05.2025 on the ground of non-submission of PAR for the academic session 2021-22 and 2022-23. • The institution filed a Writ Petition bearing no. 9306 of 2026 Tiled Vailankanni College of Elementary Teacher Education vs NCTE and anr before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi • The matter was listed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 21.07.2026 directed as under:					
	<i>"12. In the meanwhile, having regard to the submissions noted hereinabove, which prima facie appears to have substance, and further regard being had to the fact that in similar matters stay has been granted while issuing notice, the operation of the impugned withdrawal orders/decisions is stayed till the next date of hearing and the</i>					

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petitioners are permitted to participate in the counselling and admit students in the academic session 2026-27.

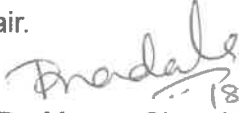
13. It is further directed that, subject to verification, respondent/NCTE shall update the status of petitioner institutions as recognized institutions on their official website and will also intimate all concerned, including State Authority, Affiliating Authorities and Counselling Authorities that operation of the impugned withdrawal order/decisions in respect of such listed institutes have been stayed by this Court and they have been permitted to participate in the counselling and admit the students for the academic session 2026- 2027, which shall be complied with. This may be done by the NCTE in two weeks time, by 04.08.2026.

14. List on 04.08.2026."

Keeping in view, the above, the SRC decided as under:

A communication may be issued to the concerned State, Affiliating Body/University and Counselling Authority to the effect that the operation of the impugned withdrawal order no. NCTE/ 2025 / SRC/ PAR/ ORDER/ APSO2588/ dated 17.05.2025 has been stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and that the institution is permitted to participate in the counselling and admit students for the academic session 2026-27. This communication should also be uploaded on the NCTE website.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


 18/8/2026
 (Dr. Meena Chandawarkar)
 Chairperson, SRC, NCTE