

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – THALLIKI VANDANAM - Financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- per annum per child to every eligible mother/guardian for sending their children to schools/Jr. Colleges from Classes I to XII - Implementation of the scheme from the academic year 2025-26 – Guidelines Issued – Reg.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (SER.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 26

Dated: 12-06-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No. 326, School Education (General) Department, Dt: 06.08.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.2, GSWS Department, Dt. 07.03.2025.
3. G.O.Ms.No.9, School Education (Prog.II) Department, Dt: 09.04.2025.
4. From the Director of School Education, notes in efile Comp. No. 2858012, dt. 09.06.2025.

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ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has announced the “THALLIKI VANDANAM” scheme, a key initiative, designed to empower mothers/guardians across the State, by extending financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- per annum per child to every eligible mother/guardian, regardless of the number of children for sending their children to Schools from Classes I to XII (including Intermediate Education) in all recognized Government, Private Aided and Private Unaided schools/ Jr. Colleges including Residential Schools/Jr.Colleges in the State from the Academic year 2025-26.

2. The “THALLIKI VANDANAM” initiative, a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, credits funds directly into the accounts of mothers or recognized guardians. This scheme focuses on making school education more accessible and inclusive, with a commitment to provide equal opportunities and improve learning outcomes. The Scheme empowers the mothers to actively involve in their children’s schooling from Class I through Class XII (including Intermediate), while recognising their pivotal role in shaping educational progress. By fostering this engagement, the scheme aims to boost student enrolment and lay the groundwork for long-term social and economic advancement across the State.

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3. After careful examination of the proposal submitted by the Director of School Education, Government hereby orders to extend financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- per annum per child, regardless of the number of children, to every mother or recognized guardian as per the eligibility defined by the Government. The mother/guardian of the children studying from Class I to XII in all recognized Government, Private Aided and Private Unaided schools/Jr. Colleges including Residential Schools/Jr.Colleges in the State, is eligible for financial assistance under "THALLIKI VANDANAM" Scheme, for the Academic year 2025-26.

4. An amount of Rs.2,000/- per each student shall be deducted at source from the beneficiary and utilized for the overall development of Educational Ecosystem in the State. The said deducted amount of Rs. 2,000/- will be credited to the relevant account under the control of the District Collector. The utilization of the said fund, shall be towards schools/Jr.college maintenance, hygiene/sanitation and such other items as per the SOP to be worked out by the School Education Department.

5. Guidelines for implementation of "THALLIKI VANDANAM" scheme are as follows:

Data Collection :

- a) The initial phase of the scheme centers around comprehensive data collection, coordinated by the School Education Department and the Board of Intermediate Education. The data includes:
 - i. Student Information: Name, Aadhaar number, gender, Caste, Sub-caste, date of birth, class, school name and attendance percentage.
 - ii. Mother's/Guardian's Details: Name, Aadhaar number, age, and relationship with the student.
- b) The head of each institution must ensure that all the data entered in UDISE/Department Official Portals is correct.
- c) This data collection is crucial to create a reliable database of potential beneficiaries and to initiate downstream Verification and eligibility checks.

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- d) The Welfare Departments concerned (SC, ST, BC, Minority, EWS etc) shall share the data of the students who come under the purview of the Pre-metric and Post-metric Scholarships under the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), with the GSWS Department.

Data Updation and Matching:

Towards ensuring a clean and verified dataset to proceed with eligibility screening, the data undergoes a rigorous process of verification, by the GSWS Department. This includes:

- a) Aadhaar validation: Implementation of the suitable mechanism to verify Aadhaar numbers for both student and mother/guardian.
- b) Data updation: Removal of duplicate, incomplete, or invalid entries.
- c) Mother-Child Mapping: Establishing authenticated links between students and their mothers/guardians.
- d) Cross-Verification: Aligning data with Household Survey and Civil Supplies data for authenticity.

Eligibility Parameters:

- a) Total household income should not exceed Rs.10,000/- per month in rural areas and Rs. 12,000/- per month in urban areas.
- b) At least one person in the household should possess a rice card.
- c) The total land holding of the household should be less than 3 acres of wet land or less than 10 acres of dry land or less than 10 acres of both combined together.
- d) Anyone among the household members if owning a 4-wheeler (Taxi, Tractors, Autos are exempted) is not eligible.
- e) The monthly Electricity utilization (own or rented house) be less than 300 units/month for the household (the average consumption of electricity of 12 months will be taken into consideration).

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- f) The household should not own any Municipal property which is 1000 sq. Ft and above.
- g) Any one among the household members employed in any Central/State Government service/PSU or getting Govt. pension (post retirement) are not eligible (Sanitation workers are exempted and all employees getting less than Rs 10,000/- salary per month in Rural and less than Rs 12,000/- per month in urban areas are exempted).
- h) In case, any member in a household is paying Income Tax, the household is not eligible.
- i) The beneficiary should have been included in the household database in the State of Andhra Pradesh. In case, the beneficiary is not present in the household data base but the child is present in the database, GSWS Dept. to conduct field verification to establish eligibility and map the beneficiary as per rules.
- j) The Children of the beneficiary should be studying in Classes I to XII in Government/ Private Aided/Private Un Aided Schools/ Junior Colleges recognized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh including Residential Schools/Jr.Colleges. Students opting for ITI/Polytechnic/IIIT (RGUKT) and other similar courses benefitted by fee reimbursement, are not considered.
- k) Orphans and street children enrolled in schools through voluntary organizations will be eligible for this benefit, subject to confirmation with the relevant Department.
- l) In addition, the NPCI status (Aadhaar seeding) of the mother's bank account must be verified to ensure Aadhaar linkage for DBT disbursement.
- m) The student with 75% attendance in this Academic year, will be eligible for extending financial assistance for the subsequent year. If a child discontinues studies or doesn't meet 75% attendance during the academic year, will not be eligible for benefits for the subsequent year.
- n) The enrollments in Class-I and XI will be considered for financial assistance after completion of enrollment process, for the A.Y 2025-26.

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Disbursement Process:

- a) Following eligibility confirmation, the GSWS, Welfare Departments and Finance Departments will work collaboratively to execute fund disbursement.
- b) APCFSS shall create necessary NPCI/DBT codes for disbursement of fund in a transparent manner.
- c) In respect of the mothers/guardians whose children are admitted in the Private Unaided Recognized Schools under 12(1)(C) of RTE Act, 2009, the financial assistance to the extent of fee fixed by the Government as per norms, will be paid to Private Management Schools, routed through State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.

Mode of Payment:

- a) Every Mother/Guardian should have Aadhaar seeded Bank Account in any Bank or Post Office.
- b) The payment shall be made primarily to the mother to their Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- c) In case of single parent, the payment shall be made to the father Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- d) In case of both parents are not available, the payment shall be made to the guardian Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- e) In case of orphans, the payment shall be made to the District Collectors, for onward verification of the orphan and disbursement of scheme amount.
- f) The financial assistance to be reimbursed to Private Unaided Managements, where the students were admitted under Section – 12(1) (C) of the RTE Act, 2009, will be credited into the SNA of the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, for onward payment to the Private Unaided Managements, as per the fees/norms finalized by the Govt. The balance amount if any after payment of fees to the Private Unaided Managements, will be credited to the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the beneficiary.

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- g) In case of the SC, ST, BC, Minority etc students who come under the purview of the Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarships under the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), the eligible amount payable to those beneficiaries under those CSS Schemes shall be met from the budget of concerned departments through their respective SNA accounts and the balance amount payable to those beneficiaries under "Thalliki Vandanam" scheme shall be paid. All the welfare departments shall also follow the guidelines prescribed for such disbursement from SNA accounts.
- h) The beneficiary list shall be displayed in the village/ward secretariat for social audit.
- i) Any fraudulent use of the "Thalliki Vandanam" by providing falsified data, will lead to criminal procedure besides recovery of the amount.

Grievance Mechanism:

- a) The GSWS Department shall establish a robust online grievance redressal mechanism with dashboards to ensure that all grievances are redressed in a transparent and time bound manner.
 - b) Ineligible mothers/guardians may approach the Grama Sachivalayam/Ward Secretariat concerned to register their grievances.
6. In accordance with the above, Government hereby further orders that implementation of the "Thalliki Vandanam" Scheme for the Academic Year 2025-26 shall be carried out as per the following orders:
- a) The Finance Department shall issue necessary BROs to the Welfare Departments for the implementation of "Thalliki Vandanam" scheme through their respective Corporations.
 - b) The Welfare Departments shall issue necessary administrative sanction orders as per the BROs issued by the Finance Department.
 - c) The Welfare Corporations under respective Welfare Departments shall implement the scheme in respect of the beneficiaries belonging to their Departments and shall issue sanction proceedings as per the beneficiary list communicated by GSWS Department.

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7. The Director of School Education; the Director of Intermediate Education; the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha; the Commissioner, School Infrastructure (MBMB); the Director, Mid Day Meals & SS, the Director, GSWS; the CEO, APCFSS; the CEO, RTGS and the District Collectors shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU-SE) Department, vide their U.O.No. FIN01-FMU0PC(SE)/1/2025-FMU-SE (Comp.No. 2862756), dt. 12.06.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director of School Education, AP., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.

The Director of Intermediate Education, AP, Guntur.

The State Project Director, SS, A.P, Patamata, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner, School Infrastructure (MBMB).

The Director, Mid Day Meals & SS.

The Director, GSWS.

The CEO, APCFSS.

All the District Collectors in the State.

Copy to:

The GSWS Department/The Civil Supplies Department.

The Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department.

The Real Time Governance Department.

The Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department.

The B.C.Welfare Department/The Social Welfare Department.

The Tribal Welfare Department.

The Minority Welfare Department./The EWS Welfare Department.

The Women Development, Child & Disabled Welfare Department. The

Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department. The General Administration (Cabinet) Department.

The Finance (FMU-SE) Department.

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.

The PS to Secretary to Chief Minister.

The OSD to Minister for HRD.

The PS to Secretary to Government (SE).

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