



## II Phase of the Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi

23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008



(Clockwise) Dr. M. Balakumar, Prof. P. Ratnasabapathy, Dr. Biresh Kumar, Prof. Bashir Ahmad Dar, Prof. Mohammed Zaman Azurdah, Prof. B.N. Patnaik, Prof. Panchanan Mohanty, Prof. V. Ganapathy, Prof. M. Ramasubramanian and Prof. Sethumani Manian.

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The following senior scholars participated in the workshop : Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (CALTS, University of Hyderabad), Prof. Sethumani Manian (former faculty, Lady Doak College, Madurai), Prof. Bashir Ahmad Dar (former Director-Academic, Jammu & Kashmir State Board of School Education), Prof. V. Ganapathy and Prof. P. Ratnasabapathy (both Retd. from IASE, Chennai), Prof. B.N. Patnaik (Retd. from IIT-Kanpur), Prof. Mohammed Zaman Azurdah (former Dean-Faculty

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## Research and Development (R&D)

- To undertake in-depth analysis of the concepts of measurement & evaluation in the context of education
- To identify the content inputs & consequential effects of teaching, and learning
- To interrelate the outcome with the objectives of education and the actual needs of the country
- To develop appropriate methodology to meet all the evaluation needs.

### Current Activities

#### II Phase of the Workshop on the Framework for Aptitude, Achievement and Proficiency Tests

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008



(Clockwise) Prof. J. Nagalakshmi, Prof. N. Athiyaman, Prof. Sree Rama Murthy, Prof. P.T. Abraham, Dr. M. Balakumar, Mr. M. Saravana and Dr. Biresh Kumar.

II Phase of the Workshop on the Framework for Aptitude, Achievement, and Proficiency Tests was conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at CIIL, Mysore. Prof. Sree Rama Murthy (former Dean, Osmania University, Hyderabad), Prof.N. Athiyaman (Head, Department of Epigraphy & Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur), Prof.J.Nagalakshmi (SCERT, Hyderabad) participated in the programme besides the academic staff of the NTS.

The first day of the programme was devoted to review the appropriateness of the conceptual framework (developed by the NTS) with reference to *Aptitude test*. The second day was devoted for *Proficiency test* and the third day for *Achievement test*. In the course of the programme, certain theoretical issues and practical problems were discussed and sorted out. Sample questions for a few components of the above tests were also developed. Deliberations that took place in these three days helped the NTS to finalise prefinal draft of the framework.

The workshop was co-ordinated by Prof.P.T. Abraham and Mr.M.Saravana, Senior Resource Persons of NTS.

## Survey and Documentation (S&D)

- Collecting, consolidating, and creating a grid of resources pertaining to
- Contents, methods, and purposes of evaluation
- Contact particulars of individuals and institutions involved in preparing and using different types of tests
- Syllabi of various courses and corresponding question papers at different levels of education.

### Current Activities

For the purpose of dissemination of information to various stake holders of education in the country, various details pertaining to the following institutions are collected, consolidated, classified, and documented electronically under the following categories : *Councils* (eg. AICTE, ICAR, MCI, NAAC, NCERT), *Commissions* (eg.

≈CPC, UGC, UPSC, SSCs), *Boards of Recruitment* (eg. RRBs, TRBs), *Education* (eg. CABE, CBSE), and *Examination* (eg. NBA, NBE). *Central, State, & Deemed Universities, Specialised Professional Institutions, Govt. Departments / Directorates* besides the *Regional Field Units* of NTS located in Tamil, Hindi, & Urdu speaking areas. Details of the *individuals* associated with *Educational Planning, Decision Making, Policy Implementation, etc.*, are also being documented. At present, this work has been undertaken by Mr. K.S. Raghavan and Ms. R. Kavitha, JRPs (Technical). This documented data would be used for R & D, and C & T planning. NTS Newsletters will also be sent to all these organisations & individuals.

## Regional Field Units (RFUs)

- To disseminate the R & D outcome at the grass root levels
- To ensure wider participation for building up national consensus on materials and methodologies
- To identify scholars and undertake the process of item preparation, test construction, field administration, data collection, and standardisation (of tests) for establishing norms

### Inauguration of RFU at Venkateswara Teacher Training Institute, Puducherry

16<sup>th</sup> July 2008

NTS Regional Field Unit [No. 4 A] of the Tamil speaking areas meant for school education, has been established in the campus of Vetri Venkateswara Teacher Training Institute, Puducherry. It was inaugurated on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 by Prof. Mamota Das, School of Education, Pondicherry University. Dr. R. Gunasegaran (Founder Director of the Institute), Mrs. M. Sasikalamala (Principal), and Mr.R.Djearththy (RFU Co-ordinator) were present on the occasion. This unit has the jurisdiction of the whole Tamil speaking area of Puducherry.



### Inauguration of RFU at National College, Trichy, TN

18<sup>th</sup> July 2008



NTS Regional Field Unit [No. 7 B] of the Tamil speaking areas meant for higher education, has been established in the campus of National College, Trichy. It was inaugurated and preliminary orientation provided on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 by Prof. Pon Subbiah, Head, NTS-India. Prof. K. Anbarasu (Principal), Mr. A. Krishnamurthy (Vice Principal), Mr. M. K. Raghunathan (Secretary), Mr. P. Suresh Kumar (Assistant Director of Employment and Training, Trichy Dist.), and Dr. K. Rajarathinam (RFU Co-ordinator) were present on the occasion. The NTS was represented by Dr. Biresh Kumar, RP, Mr. B. L. Mahesh, JRP (Tech.), and Mr. B. M. Lingaraj, Officer (RFUs). This unit has the jurisdiction of Trichy, Pudukottai, Thanjavur and Tiruvarur districts of Tamil Nadu.

### Inauguration of RFU at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, TN

21<sup>st</sup> July 2008

NTS Regional Field Unit [No. 10 B] of the Tamil speaking areas meant for higher education, has been established in the campus of St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. It was inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 by Prof. R. T. Sabapathi Mohan, Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Prof. M. Ganesan (Annamalai University), Rev. Dr. Alphonse Manickam. S. J. (Principal), Rev. Britto Vincent (Rector), Rev. Dr. Leo Antony Tagore (Secretary), and Rev. Dr. John Bosco (Deputy Principal) were present on the occasion. The NTS was represented by Dr. Biresh Kumar, RP and Mr. B. M. Lingaraj, Officer (RFUs). This unit has the jurisdiction of Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, and Kanyakumari Districts of Tamil Nadu.



## Fellowships

### Workshop for shortlisted Applicants of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships

29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008

In order to promote advanced research in the interdisciplinary area of testing and evaluation, the NTS had invited applications for the award of Doctoral and Post Doctoral Fellowships from the Post Graduates and Research Scholars belonging to various disciplines of study, for the year 2007-08. A total of 89 applications (75 for Doctoral and 14 for Post Doctoral Fellowships) were received. A screening committee constituted for this purpose shortlisted the applicants based on the topic of research, discipline of study, etc. The committee recommended to conduct a workshop for the shortlisted candidates to have an open discussion on the topics selected by the individuals.

Accordingly, a three day workshop was conducted from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 at CIIL, Mysore. 39 applicants (34 for doctoral and 5 for post doctoral) have attended the workshop. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.M.Balakumar, RRO, CT&E and Mr. M. Saravana, SRP of NTS and Dr. K.R. Sarala, JRP of NTS assisted them in conducting the workshop.



*Prof. Pon Subbiah, Head, NTS-India, addressing the participants of the workshop*

## Announcement

### Developing Modules

Synopses are invited for developing Training Modules on various topics related to testing and evaluation in education (list provided in the website) from the scholars of any discipline / field of study.

Language of the module: English (with an option of translating the module into one of the three languages viz., Hindi, Tamil and Urdu); Size of the synopsis: About 700 words (as per specification) on any one of the listed topics displayed; Size of the full module: Maximum 15 to 16 pages including exercises (as per specification); Remuneration / Honorarium: For each module with translation in one of the above 3 languages Rs.40,000/- (Rs.30,000/- for main English version and Rs.10,000/- for translated version).

For details such as application pro forma, list of topics, specifications, etc., please log on to [www.ciil-miles.net](http://www.ciil-miles.net) and look for ANNOUNCEMENT (NEW). The pro forma may be downloaded from the website. The duly filled in prescribed application (with synopses) should reach the **Head, NTS-India, CIIL, Mysore-570006**.

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