

**TOWARDS INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE:  
TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION IN TAMIL NADU**

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**Abstract**

*This article focuses on some reforms to be adopted in Tamil Nadu for achieving excellence and development in the field of higher education. Quality in higher education is intrinsically connected with a nation's economic and social development. In a fast-developing nation like India with its vast population, reforming the higher education to suit the current needs has become all the more significant. Pragmatic policy directions of the governments for the proper growth of higher education relevant to the complex situation obtaining in the country has come as a panacea. In recent years the higher education sector has expanded to a remarkable extent. After studying the dominant reforms made at the global level, India should adopt measures that are relevant to the Indian situation. It has to be borne in mind that globalization cannot be ignored and global aspirations should be taken into account while adopting reformatory measures in higher education in Tamil Nadu. Only a deep understanding of the subjects would make the leaner and innovative researchers. The significance of research for development in every field should go into the psyche of planners, administrators and rulers. For example, during the COVID -19 pandemic, the entire world understood the importance of research in the field of vaccine development to prevent the spread of the dreaded disease. Inter - disciplinary, multi - disciplinary and Trans - disciplinary research are the need of hour. The need - based curriculum should be introduced to create employable graduates and to inspire the youth to become entrepreneurs. Skill - oriented education for employability should be the focus at every stage of curriculum development. Personalized learning and mentor - mentee learning should also be seriously implemented. Above all, universal human values-based learning should be adopted.*

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