

2.21. Technical Education

2.21.1. The total number of Polytechnics during 2006-07 is 236 including Hotel Management and Catering Technology Institutions with an intake of 65,999 seats and 248 Engineering Colleges with an intake of 90,698 seats and 12 Deemed Universities with 13 Engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu.

2.21.2. The endeavour of the Government is to consolidate the capacities built up, while improving the quality of these institutions rather than merely increasing the number of new institutions. In line with this policy, the Government has created a Technological University by converting Anna University located in Chennai into an affiliating type. Anna University has initiated programmes for upgrading the engineering curriculum and syllabi in order to respond to new technological development and to the demands of the market. Anna University has emerged as the largest technical University in the country.

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)

2.21.3. The Government of India has launched Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme to improve the quality of Technical Education in the degree and diploma level engineering institutions across the country. Tamil Nadu Government has been included in the second cycle of TEQIP project, which is one among the seven states selected. It has been taken up with World Bank assistance with lifetime allocation of Rs. 9616.27 lakh. The outlay proposed for 2007-08 is Rs.3240 lakh.

2.21.4. The agreed outlay proposed for Technical Education for 2007-08 is Rs. 44.62 crore.