DR. AMBEDKAR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU

(Established by an Act of Parliament, 2009)

Neelakudi Campus, Kangalancherry, Thiruvarur – 610 005.

General Guidelines for Admission in DACE- CUTN (2027)

ADMISSION NOTICE

Online applications are invited by the **Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur** under the **Scheme of Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs, and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.**

Courses:

a. **Group A and B examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**
b. **Group A and B examinations conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC).**

Duration of the course: One Year

Total seats for free coaching to SCs and OBCs students: 100 seats
Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme: Unlimited

General Guidelines

1. Admission for free UPSC Civil Services coaching will be through Entrance Examination (CBT Mode). DACE-CUTN is inviting application to the **SC, OBC** candidates and **Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme**. The application form for applying to the free coaching under this scheme will be available ONLINE from **20th November 2026** and last date for applying the application form is **10th December 2026.**

2. The Common Entrance Test (CET) and admission to the DACE program shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation & Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

3. The admission to this scheme is suggestive of the fact that the terms and conditions laid down in this brochure are acceptable to the candidate and his/her guardian.

4. Benefits under the Scheme (DACE) can be availed by a student not more than twice, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination. The student will be required to submit an affidavit in this regard.

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5. DACE program is ONLY for the **SC, OBC** candidates and **Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme** to offer them 'Free Coaching' for the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC/TNPSC.

6. This scheme is approved by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) & Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. As per the terms and conditions of the scheme, **DAF** will send the institution fee to the admitted SC, OBC candidates and **Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme** to their bank account and student has to transfer this institution fee in the DACE-CUTN account immediately.

7. A stipend of Rs. 4000/- per month

8. An incentive of Rs.15,000/ (Fifteen thousand) shall be provided to all the successful students after clearing Mains to prepare for the interview for the Central Civil Services / State Civil Services Exams for Class 1 and Class 2 posts.

9. The candidates enrolled under this scheme shall have to attend all the classes. If any student remains absent for more than four days without a valid reason like medical or household emergencies, his/her candidature for the scholarship shall be cancelled. Biometric attendance based on Aadhar of the students will be recorded and shared with the ministry on monthly basis for crediting stipend. If any admitted candidate decides to leave the coaching midway without prior approval of the competent authority, the expenditure incurred on the candidate will be recovered from the candidate concerned.

10. Duration of the course will be 12 months in case of UPSC/TNPSC applicants.

Reservation Policy:

The percentage of SC students shall not be less than 70%. In case of non- availability of adequate number of candidates in the SC category, the University can relax this 70:30 (SC/OBC) ratio. However, in no case, a less than 50% SC students shall be permitted. Also under each category, 30% of the slots shall be reserved for female candidates. In case sufficient numbers of female candidates are not available under any category, male candidates from the same category shall be considered by the University.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Only students belonging to **SC & OBC**, having a total family income of **Rs. 8 lakh or less per annum** from all sources will be eligible for benefits under the Scheme.

2. SC/OBC candidates belonging to a Minority community may apply under the similar scheme(s) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, or the State Govt. as the case may be.

3. AGE LIMIT: The candidate must be a minimum of 21 years of age. SC (21-37 years) and OBC (21-35 years).

4. The candidate has to apply for this scheme online. No offline application will be accepted.

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5. Income Certificate: The income declaration of self-employed parents/guardians should be in the form of a certificate issued by a Revenue Officer, not below the rank of Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain an income certificate from their employer and submit a consolidated certificate from the Revenue Officer including any other additional source of income.

6. The student should have a valid Aadhaar number and a bank account seeded therewith, allotted to him/her. At the time of application, if the student does not have Aadhaar number, he/ she can submit his/her EID number. However, the payment shall be released only after obtaining the Aadhaar Number and shall be disbursed to the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the student only.

7. Students having **less than 50% marks in their class XII exam and graduation, shall not be considered under the scheme**.

8. The applicants appearing in the last year/ Semester of Graduation are also eligible to apply, but Graduation degree certificate is mandatory at the time of final admission in this programme.

9. Only those candidates who have passed the Common Entrance Test (CET), and have graduation degree, would be eligible for admission in DACE. The CET will be conducted by the University as per the directions provided by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

10. The Final selection of the candidates for admission to the program shall be made strictly on the basis of the merit in the CET and performance in the personal interview.

11. All beneficiaries of the PM CARES Children Scheme who have a certificate (with beneficiary ID) issued by the Central Government confirming their status as beneficiaries are eligible. **There will be no income or caste-related restrictions for such beneficiaries to avail of the benefits under this scheme**

12. **Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme will be exempted from entrance examinations.**

Important Note:

1. It shall be the duty of the applicant to produce the prescribed/desired documents for admission. In case of non-production of the required documents, his/her claim for admission shall automatically stand cancelled.

2. The applicant is advised to remain vigilant in collecting information regarding the Common Entrance Test (CET), its results and other details, published on the

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University website and other relevant sources. The University shall not be responsible if the applicant fails to collect such information.

3. The information regarding the Common Entrance Test (CET) and admission process will be published on the portal of the University website.

4. The information provided by the applicant in his/her application (Online) shall be treated as final. Any subsequent change in the Online Registration Form will not be entertained. If any information provided by the applicant is found to be false or forged at any stage, his/her admission shall be cancelled.

5. Any additional information will be published from time to time on the University website.

Common Entrance Test (CET) Syllabus:

- The Admission Test will be of Two Hours duration. The candidate has to answer 100 questions of multiple choice (MCQ) nature.
- One-third of the marks allotted to a question will be deducted as a penalty for each question for which a candidate provides an incorrect response.
- **The syllabus for the entrance test is given hereunder:**

  Current events of national and international importance, History of India and Indian National Movement, Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic geography of India and the World, Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayat Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc., General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialisation, General Science, Comprehension, Interpersonal skills including communication skills, Logical reasoning and analytical ability, Decision-making and problem solving, General mental ability, Basic numeracy, Data interpretation.

Commencement of classes:

- The classes will be started from **1st February 2027** in the full-time regular physical mode in the Central University of Tamil Nadu campus.
- Coaching will include (a) classes on General Studies, and CSAT (b) Test series, answer's and evaluation shall form part of the curriculum.
- Continuous evaluation will be done monthly for assessment of candidate performance.
- Candidates enrolled shall have to attend all classes. 90% attendance is must.
- Library facility is provided
- Candidate who will continue absent for more than 4 days in a month without any valid reason or leave the coaching midway without proper approval, the total expenditure incurred on the candidate will be recovered from his or her.

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Counselling and Admission Process:

1. At the time of admission, student has to submit the Self attested copies of the following documents:
    - Educational qualification
    - Aadhaar card copy.
    - Bank account details with IFSC code.
    - Self-declaration certificate provided on Rs. 100 Non-Judiciary stamp paper. The declaration certificate should be undersigned by the candidates & his/her parents.
    - SC/OBC caste certificate.
    - Income certificate having income less than Rs.8 Lakh. The income certificate should not be six months older and should be issued not below the rank of Tahsildar.
    - Admit Card and Score card of CET/Qualifying Proof published by the University.
    - Any candidates furnished false information/documents, He/ She will be liable for Administrative/criminal proceedings and action will be initiated for recovery of the amount.

Important Dates (Tentative)

Start Date of Online submission of application form:	**20th November 2026**
Last date of receipt of online application form:	**10th December 2026**
Date of downloading **admit card** (Tentative)	**20th December 2026 onwards**
Date of **Entrance Test** (Tentative)	**26th December2026**
Declaration of **result of Entrance Test** (Tentative)	**10th January 2027**
Interview Date (Tentative)	**20th and 21st January 2027**
Commencement of the Classes (Tentative)	**01st February 2027**

For Apply: **https://cutnadm.samarth.edu.in/index.php/site/login**

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