CHAPTER V

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Education is derived from the Latin word 'Educare' means to bring out. Education is to bring out the hidden talents of the learner. In olden days the traditional form of Education known as 'Gurukulam' system was adopted in India. Only the high caste Hindus were allowed to study. The poor people remained illiterate and allowed to work only in farms. The Individual teacher conducted traditional 'Pial' schools called 'Pallis'. The Pial was the Thinnai or the platform schools which was run in the varantha of a house. In certain cases sheds were setup near the teacher’s house. Pupils lived in public rest house like mantram which is also served as schools.

The people of Painkulam are well developed in the field of education with in ten years above 75% people will be educated. There are 12 schools situated in the area of Painkulam village.

Now there are 12 schools in this village 6 schools are primary schools, 2 schools are middle schools, 2 schools are High schools, and 2 schools are higher secondary schools.

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3. Ibid.
Koottalumoodu Arulmigu Bhadreswari Devasthanam Matriculation Higher secondary school.

The management of the koottalumoodu Arulmigu Bhadreswari Devasthanam was not satisfied with the temple and the spiritual development alone. It was much interested in the educational progress of the village. So this Devasthanam started this school in the year 1980. It silver Jubilee has been educated in the year 2005.

This school was started with 10 students and two teachers and it was named as Arulmigu Bhadreswari Nursery school. L.K.G class was started first with two teacher and a honorary principal Thiru R. Kochappi Nadar, Retired Headmaster mela vilakam, Painkulum was the primary, daughter Radha and Reman daughter of Thiru Podiyappi Nadar, keezha muttam were the teacher. The strength of the pupils in the school increased considerably. New classes were started and additional teachers were appointed.

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In 1985 koottalumoodu Arulmigu Bhadreshwari Devasthanam Educantional service society was started with due Registration\(^8\). In 1989 this school was approved by the Govt of Tamil Nadu. The first batch of matriculation students appeared for the examination through this school in 1998. The school produced good results\(^9\).

The school strives to promote the moral, spiritual and material well being of its pupils. The cherished idea of importing education with religious fervor has been achieved to a great extent\(^10\).

The first batch of Higher Secondary students appeared for the examination through this school in the year 1999. The school produced good result. At present this school is functioning with 1317 students and 58 teachers\(^11\).

**Government Middle School Painkulam:**

This is the oldest Educational Institution in Painkulam Village. This school was started in the year 1892. Its centenary year was celebrated in the

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\(^9\) Ibid

\(^10\) Ibid

year 1992\textsuperscript{12}. This school has been upgraded as middle school. Now 236 students are studying in this school. Both Tamil and Malayalam Languages are taught in this school. Out of the total students of 236, 41 students are studying Malayalam language\textsuperscript{13}. There are 6 teachers and a Headmaster in this school. Thiru. K.S. Raman Thampi is the president of parent Teachers Association of this school. Headmaster of the school, teachers and the president of parent teachers association are working for the development of the school\textsuperscript{14}.

**Government Higher Secondary School Thenga pattanam:**

Government Higher Secondary school at Thengapattanam is built in 1971\textsuperscript{15}. In the area of 75 cents of land. With classes from V to X students or was upgraded of Higher Secondary School since 11\textsuperscript{th} July 2001\textsuperscript{16}. 21

\textsuperscript{12} Personal Interview with K.S. Raman Thampi, President, Parent Teachers Association, Government Middle School, Painkulam, aged 52, residing at Painkulam, Dated 12-06-2007.

\textsuperscript{13} Personal Interview with C. Rathakumari, Teacher (Malayalam) Government Middle School, Painkulam, aged 40, residing at Painkulam, Dated 12-06-2007.

\textsuperscript{14} Personal Interview with K.S. Raman Thampi, President, Parent Teachers Association, Government Middle School, Painkulam, aged 52, residing at Painkulam, Dated 12-06-2007.

\textsuperscript{15} Inscription on the wall of Government High School, Thengapattinam, Dated 10-05-1971.

teachers staff and two non teaching staff are working in this school the strength of the school in 400. Among them female are 250 and males are 150. Free Uniform and text books are given to all the students with a new to promote education free noon meal is also given to the poor students.

**Mid day meal scheme:**

During the regime of Kamaraj mid-day-meal scheme was introduced to the poor and the needy. It created awareness to the people living under poverty. The children of the poor people come to school with new hope. Then at the rule of MGR’s nutritious meal scheme was introduced in 1982. Under this scheme students were given meals in this school. In the year 1982 a separate teacher was appointed regarding the scheme and started functioning well. When Karunanithi become chief Minister be introduced

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19 Personal Interview with Chellachi, Midday Meal Scheme Teacher, Thengapattanam, residing at kappikadu, dated 05-06-2007.
eggs to the mid-day meal children once in a week \(^{22}\). The present nutritious scheme teacher Mrs C. Chellachi worked with a cook and an assistant \(^{23}\).

**Al Amen Matriculation Higher Secondary School Thengapattanam:**

In 1985 Ms. M. Shareeja Beevi and Ms. M. Shafeera Beevi visited Thengapattanam with role of meeting of public to discuss about Educational developmental activities of Thenga pattanam. The people expressed their view of a matriculation school. Hence they decided for establishment a school for the benefit of if children of this area \(^{24}\).

At first this school was in a thatched; hear to of Government Hospital this school was since its approved 1986 \(^{25}\).

Then this school was shifted near the Government higher school in 1996 subsequent by school was again shifted to Beach Road. In its Convened of its students and general public. The total strength of school is 400 Among them 255 students are male and 145 students are female. Total strength of teachers of this school twenty Mrs. M. Shareefa Beevi was the first head masters of this school. The present headmistress is

\(^{22}\) Register of eggs report, 2007.


\(^{24}\) Personal Interview with A. Asarin, Teacher, Al Amen Matriculation School, aged 45, residing at Thengapattanam, dated 20-06-2007.

Mrs. M. Shajeera Beevi the school is built is an area of 78 cents this school possesses all facilities as drinking water, Play ground, Library, lab etc… In 2005 the school was upgraded into a higher Secondary school this area.

**Government Village Library Painkulam:**

This Library has been started on 23-7-1999\(^{26}\). As there was no Government building it was functioning in a rented building near Painkualm Junction. In the year 2001 a building was Constructed in the C.R centre (Community Recreation centre) in Painkulam Junction, from the M.L.A fund for one lakh rupees and that building was inaugurated by Dr. D. Kumara Dhas M.L.A on 23-7-2001. Subsequently another building for Rs 2 lakhs has also been Constructed from the M.L.A fund, adjacent to the previous building and it was also inaugurated by Dr. Kumara dhas M.L.A on 27-11-2002\(^{27}\). As the space in these two buildings was not adequate for the functioning of the library, another one upstair building, adjacent to the previous buildings has also been constructed for Rs 2 lakhs from Panchayat fund by Thiru. T. Chandra Kumar president, Painkulum Panchayat. This

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\(^{26}\) Inscription on the foundation stone of Government Library, Painkulam, Dated 25-7-1999.

building was inaugurated by Thiru. Pon Radha Krishan, former central minister on 11-9-2005. Now this library is functioning in a pucka building.28

The Hindi (English) Thina malar (Tamil) Thina-Thanthi (Tamil) and Mathrubhoomi (Malayalam) newspapers are available in this library.29 In addition to these daily newspapers, Employment News and many other weeklies and monthlies are available in this library. General Knowledge books. Books for the Competitive examinations, medical Books, Library books, children’s book etc...are available in this Library in English, Tamil and Malayalam Languages. More than 11 thousand books are available in this library.30 Cost of these books is Rs 6, 35,992.31 Many people are attending this library daily. Librarian of this library is a Government Servant, Working under the Control of the District Library officer.32

There are 701 members and 69 puravalars in this Library.33 Membership amount is Rs 20 and the puravalar. Amount is Rs 1000/-.

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The 38th national Library week has been celebrated from 14-11-2005 to 20-11-2005.

Essay and Elocution Competitions for school and college going students have been conducted in connection with the library week celebration and the prizes and the certificates were issued to the winners by the District Library officer, Nagercoil. Books exhibition was also conducted in the library during Library week celebration.

Though this library is functioning under the control of the department of public libraries, the day today affairs are looked after by the Readers Forum. This readers Forum consists of president, Vice president, Secretary, Joint secretary, Treasurers and is Committee members. The Librarian of this Library is the secretary of the Readers forum.

The present members of the Readers forum are:

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