

Model & SMART Corporation Schools in Chennai

Greater Chennai Corporation and Chennai Smart City Limited are implementing the “Model & SMART Corporation Schools in Chennai” program under the ‘City Investments To Innovate, Integrate and Sustain’ (CITIIS) program of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India in association with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD, France). The total value of the program is Rs. 95.25 Cr. The project aims to holistically transform Chennai Schools across six transformational areas viz. (i) civil infrastructure; (ii) pedagogical innovation; (iii) capacity building of teachers and administrators; (iv) digital infrastructure and e-governance; (v) extra-curricular interventions (in sports, fine-arts, etc.); and (vi) partnerships with NGOs, corporate foundations. Chennai was the first city among 12 participant cities to complete the Detailed Project Report and move into the Implementation phase.

Under this program. The revamp shall include SMART classrooms, modernised lab facilities, better sports infrastructure, and toilets. In addition, Teacher Development Programs, Sports Coaching for students, creation of STEM Labs, Language Labs are also envisaged. The components are briefed below:

Civil Infrastructure:

Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 Chennai Schools have been selected for physical infrastructure revamp• Revamping/ refurbishing of Classrooms, Toilets, Cooking & Dining spaces, Play Area, etc.• Construction of new classrooms, toilet blocks, etc.• New look and face-lifting of HM Rooms and Staff Rooms• Coloring and painting by considering child-psychology and to positively stimulate enhanced learning and public perception.• Improved Sports and Extra-curricular Infrastructure• Total Budget: ₹69 Cr.
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Teacher Development & Pedagogical Innovation

Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information, Communication and Technology Training for 2000 Teachers (handling digital tools, computer, SMART class etc.)• School Leadership Development Program for 600 AEOs, HMs, AHMs, Senior• Academy of STEM Excellence• Total Budget: ₹9 Cr.
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Digital Infrastructure:

Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LCD-LED interactive panels for 500+ classrooms in 28 schools for integrated blended teaching-learning, with dynamic access to e-resources• All 28 Schools to be established as Wi-Fi Campuses• Learning Resource Repository Management System and School Management System for all schools across GCC Schools, and other Schools operated by GoTN• Establishing STEM Lab and Language Labs across all project campuses• Total Budget: ₹12 Cr.
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Sports and Extra-Curricular Activities:

Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Cricket Coaching Program for 30 Talented students across GCC Schools (₹0.34 Cr.) including scouting, equipment, travel and food• Special Football Coaching Program for 60 Talented students across 3 GCC Schools (₹0.08 Cr.) including equipment, travel and food• Providing Sports Kits across GCC Schools• Additional Sports Infrastructure (Nets, Lighting, Boards etc.)• Total Budget: ₹1 Cr.
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