

Best SPOC Award in the TN Skills – State-Level Programme

The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TN Skills) organized a major event at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, on July 01, 2025, bringing together several important skill development initiatives for the people of Tamil Nadu. *The event was attended by Honourable Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K. Stalin, and Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin,* along with other dignitaries including Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Mayor of Chennai.

55 SPOCs (Single Points of Contact from Arts, Science, Polytechnic, and Engineering colleges from the various part of the state) were recognized for their exceptional work in promoting and implementing TN Skills' initiatives at their respective institutions.

Among those honoured was *Dr. R. Jothimurugan, SPOC from Sakthi Polytechnic College,* who was recognized for his outstanding contribution to skill development at the college level.



Nal Aasaan Award

Through the Tamil Nadu Government's Department of Higher Education, a *Nal Aasaan Award* has been instituted from this academic year (2024–2025) for teachers working in polytechnic colleges across Tamil Nadu. The award is given to five teachers each from Government, Government-aided, and Private colleges, based on criteria such as highest pass percentage and significant contribution to the growth of the institution. Under the Government-aided Colleges category, **Dr. R. Jothimurugan, Lecturer in Physics at our Sakthi Polytechnic College**, has been selected for this year's Nal Aasaan Award.

This award was presented to him today at the Chennai Central Polytechnic College during a special ceremony held at Central Polytechnic College, Tharamani, Chennai on 06 October 2025. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Dr. Kovi. Seliyan, in the presence of the Department of Higher Education Secretary Shankar, I.A.S., and the Director of Technical Education Innocent Divya, I.A.S.

