



1. The Registrar,
Thiruvalluvar University,
Serkkadu,
Vellore – 632 115.

2. The Controller of Examinations,
Thiruvalluvar University,
Serkkadu,
Vellore – 632 115.

1. I am a visually challenged person who founded Nethrodaya (a registered Trust) in the year 2002, with a 'vision'. I wished to create a suitable environment for nurturing the abilities and talents of the visually impaired persons. In realization of this objective, I established a residential higher secondary school which is a special school for visually challenged and differently abled students as well as a Centre for Excellence and Empowerment which provides free coaching, training and accommodation for differently abled children. In the last 24 years, these institutions that function under the aegis of Nethrodaya have contributed in shaping the lives of differently abled children.

2. The Government of Tamil Nadu, in a progressive step towards inclusive education, issued G.O. (Ms). No. 113, Higher Education (G1) Department, dated 28.06.2024. This Government Order explicitly exempts persons with benchmark disabilities pursuing higher education in Government and Government Aided Educational Institutions under various Departments in the state, from the payment of examination fee. Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 defines a person with benchmark disability means a person with not less than forty per cent of a specified liability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

3. Your esteemed institution is well aware of this Government Order as evident from your internal circular dated 25.09.2025 vide Ref. No. TVU/R/2025/Student Profile/Differently Abled/2443 which expressly refers to the mandate regarding exemption from payment of examination fee for persons with benchmark disabilities.

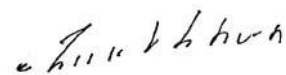
4. However, on 4.3.2026, your esteemed institution vide Ref. No. TVU/E/2025 issued a circular regarding payment of examination fee for the upcoming April-May 2026 Examination which starts from 12.3.2026. The said circular applies to all the colleges affiliated to your University. The circular mandates that the examination fee should be paid by 23.3.2026 (without fine) and 26.3.2026 (with fine).

5. Unfortunately, the circular does not carve out any exemption for persons with benchmark disability. The students with benchmark disability studying in colleges affiliated to your University have approached Nethrodaya regarding the predicament that they face. Considering the fact that they are differently abled, I am sending this representation on behalf of those students with benchmark disability who intend to write the April/May 2026 semester examination. The Government Order *vide* G.O. (Ms). No. 113, Higher Education (G1) Department, dated 28.06.2024 categorically carves out an exception for persons with benchmark disabilities pursuing higher education in Government and Government Aided Educational Institutions under various Departments in the state, from the payment of examination fee.

7. Therefore, considering the fact that the last date for payment of fee is 23.3.2026, I request your good-self to take immediate action to issue a clarification to the notification dated 4.3.2026 by stating that persons with benchmark disability are exempt from payment of examination fee.

Thanking You

For **Nethrodaya**



C. Govindakrishnan
Founder
National Awardee
Best Social Worker Awardee.