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## FOREWORD

I am very happy that the second Tamil Nadu Human Development Report is being brought out by the State Planning Commission. Our Revered Leader the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had written the Foreword for the first Tamil Nadu Human Development Report which was brought out in 2003. It is well known that Tamil Nadu is one of the most progressive States in India. In the period since 1991, Tamil Nadu has witnessed the most rapid improvement in terms of social economic indicators amongst all the States in the country.

In 2012, our Revered Leader the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had launched the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 with goals and themes which would have the most perceptible impact on the lives of common citizens including substantial increase in income through generation of fruitful employment, improving quality of life through the provision of high quality infrastructure and services, focused growth of sectors where the State has a competitive advantage and above all peace, prosperity and protection of the vulnerable. The goal of my Government is to enable the people of Tamil Nadu to realise their legitimate expectations of further enhancing the quality of their lives.

Documents like the Human Development Report help to measure the progress along the path that we had set for us. It also helps to compare Tamil Nadu's achievements in various social, economic sectors with other States, particularly comparator States.

Our Revered Leader the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma did not believe in resting on laurels. In the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 Document aspirational and ambitions targets have been set. The present Human Development Report while highlighting the achievements of Tamil Nadu along different dimensions of Human Development, also identifies the next order of challenges that lie ahead of us, thereby enabling the State to address them in a concerted fashion.

I am confident that this Report will contribute significantly in realising the development goals of Tamil Nadu and also to ensure that we are in line to implement the Sustainable Development Goals identified by the United Nations for achievement by 2030.

  
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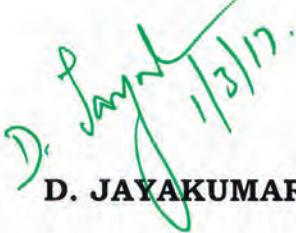
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Tamil Nadu has been India's most progressive State and is amongst the top three on several economic and social indicators. Our visionary leader, the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has vowed to make Tamil Nadu reach the status of developed countries in human development. With this commitment, the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has allocated Rs.2.11 lakh crore for the Twelfth Five Year Plan and designed special programmes for the empowerment of the poor and women like Solar Powered Green Houses, Maternity Assistance, Welfare kit for both the mother and New-born baby, Educational aids to children, Free bicycles and Laptops for students and Habitation Improvement scheme to improve infrastructure at the habitation level touching all walks of human life.

State's consistent investment with more than 60 per cent of the budget in social sectors has yielded significant results such as high income, low poverty levels, high enrolment and better nutrition level. The gross enrolment in tertiary education is very high when compared to other major Indian States.

The Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017 prepared by the State Planning Commission presents a detailed analysis on the different aspects of human well-being in a disaggregated manner. The report highlights achievements of the State and also the inter district disparities which require the attention of the State for correctional measures. This, I hope, will help to focus our attention on the relatively less developed districts. I appreciate the efforts made by the officials of the State Planning Commission and other development departments who contributed in the preparation of this report.

  
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