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## **PREFACE**

I acknowledge the effort by the State Planning Commission and Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli with the assistance from UNDP and the Government of Tamil Nadu, for the preparation of the District Human Development Report and I am happy to be associated with this process.

Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu have introduced several special growth related schemes for the people of Tamil Nadu State to focus the attention to State Human Development and for Progressive growth. Tamil Nadu prepared its first Human Development Report in 2003. The real growth of a State lies not only in its higher growth of GDP, but also in the actual state of human development of the State. Human Development is improving the overall knowledge, skill and attitude of the people for maximization of the human satisfaction. The Human Development Report was prepared to bring people at the core of development and to make them feel that the development should be for the people and by the people. Human Development basically focuses on two major themes of equity issues and sustainability of development, to encompass the perspectives of the economy and society. Capabilities based and environment natural resource based sustainability is the necessity of the hour.

The Report discussed the status of education, employment and health, gender equity, access to basic needs and critically highlighted the status of development in Tamil Nadu, also tending to identify suitable steps required, especially for the promotion of gender and social equity. Now, the same kind of Report is being prepared at the district level. The main aim of the report is to identify the gaps in access to health, education, employment and finance. The report also aims to address the issues related to gender, social security and infrastructure. The report would help the policy makers to identify the issues easily and respond with necessary interventions. This apart this report would serve as a ready reckoner to access information on varied socio economica domain with adequate time series data.

The Report provides a holistic picture of Human Development bringing out the intra-district variations, enabling assessment of the status of Human Development in terms of four indices, namely, Human Development Index, Gender Inequality Index, Child Development Index, and Multi-dimensional Poverty Index. Computation of these indices is based on 2011 Census data as well as 2013-14 data collected from various Administrative Departments at the district level. Human Development indicators illustrate the present situation of disparities among blocks of the district and help the district authorities to formulate appropriate future policy.

The Present report consists of nine chapters, which comprise of profile of the district, status of human development; employment income and poverty; demography, health and nutrition; literacy and education; gender; social security; infrastructure; and summary and way forward. In the report substantial weightage has been given to education, health poverty and gender which would help the district authority to identify and address the different issues at different levels and in turn it would also help to frame a policy for balanced growth of all the blocks of the district and in turn, of the whole State.

In this context I wish to reiterate the words of HENDRY FORD that,

**“Coming together is a beginning!  
Keeping together is progress! and  
Working together is Success”**

It is my firm conviction that a sincere and serious study of the report will pave way for all development department officials to consolidate the strength, weed out the weakness, capitalize the opportunities and to thrash out the threats while planning for overall development of Pudukkottai District.

  
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