

**OPENING REMARKS OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,  
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU AT THE  
CONFERENCE OF COLLECTORS HELD ON 18.12.2012**

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Hon'ble Ministers of Government,

Chief Secretary,

Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments,

District Collectors,

We have had a fruitful discussion on the issues concerning the maintenance of peace and order in the State, yesterday. Today we propose to focus on the development agenda that will fuel growth and prosperity for the people of the State. I have been personally focusing on the prime issues concerning the economic development of the State. With the strong bedrock of peace and stability which the State can justifiably be proud of, we can confidently move towards a development agenda that will give Tamil Nadu the numero uno status in growth and development in the country. All economic thinkers are agreed that for ensuring sustainable development, there should be growth coupled with distributive justice. This aspect if given due focus in the sectors of agriculture, industry and services and when propelled by a sound base in education, health and infrastructure will surely make Tamil Nadu the cynosure of all the States of the country. I am sure that this vision will become a reality if the policies laid down by the Government are successfully implemented in the field. The Collectors have been vested with the task of discharging this important responsibility. I request you to take this responsibility seriously and perform your duties with devotion and sincerity. The items listed out in the agenda may be now taken up sequentially for a meaningful discussion.

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