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Press Release

The Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) examines a set of sample households in Tamil Nadu at specific intervals to analyse the change in socio-economic status of individuals, families and communities and how they are influenced, especially by government intervention. Understanding this transformation is crucial for making the 'evidence-based policy' regime more effective in the state in the coming years. The TNHPS enables periodic, robust and well-analysed data on specific socio-economic development indicators and each of its significance. A rich repository of household data—across time—would help strengthen the state's objective of Data Purity and Data Centric Governance.

Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), in association with the Department of Economics and Statistics (DoES), Government of Tamil Nadu and the Survey Research Center (SRC) at University of Michigan, USA, undertook the TNHPS pre-baseline survey (PBS) and has adopted a Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) data collection design to gather, monitor, retrieve, and analyse data. The survey gathered demographic and socio-economic data from households as it aims to strengthen the capacity to carry out sample surveys by field officials of the Department of Economics and statistics within the state. In view of the delay in Census 2021, PBS data provides us with an opportunity to estimate the recent demographic features of the state population as well.

TNHPS Pre-Baseline Survey (PBS)

As a precursor to where the state is headed, the Pre-Baseline Survey, designed and deployed in 2018-19, provides a robust database of pre-pandemic data from 2,12,282 households. The key indicators analysed include education, employment, agricultural land and asset ownership, possession of ration cards, household income, sanitation, electricity, water, cooking fuel and housing.

TNHPS provides information on mean income, district-wise comparisons of development indicators to help the state with resource allocation decisions, labour force participation, employment opportunities, as also providing validated data on service provisioning. Starting from 2018-19, the TNHPS continues with a Baseline Survey (Wave 1) in 2022 and subsequent periodic surveys (Wave 2, Wave 3, etc.) to measure changes in the socio-economic domains of households in the state.

Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management of Tamil Nadu, released the Summary Report of the TNHPS Pre-Baseline Survey (2018-19) on the 11th of October 2022 at the Secretariat in the presence of Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Special Secretary, Planning and Development Department and Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS). The report highlights the major findings of the Pre Baseline Survey and the policy briefs include a snapshot of the various socio-economic indicators assessed.

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