

Press Release

A Workshop on **“Access and equity to economic resource ownership – property rights, wages and inheritance laws”** was conducted through webinar on 14.10.2020 at 10.30 a.m in the Conference Hall of State Development Policy Council, Ezhilagam, Chennai-5 under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Vice Chairman, Thiru C. Ponnaiyan, State Development Policy Council to understand the dimensions of inequalities which is more critical to peoples’ well being and how to overcome the challenges and obstacles in implementing, inclusive pro-equity policies. Thiru Anil Meshram, I.A.S., Member-Secretary, SDPC, Dr. N. Venkatachalam, I.A.S., Revenue Administration, the higher officials of Social Welfare, Adi Dravidar, Employment & Training, Labour, Welfare of Differently Abled, Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation, Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and Domain Experts, Dr. Brindapaulraj, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, and Thiru M Vijayabaskar, MIDS, and Thiru CA S.Sankararaman, Amar Seva Sangam were participated and shared their views and comments on policy measures, issues and intervention of the Government, updation solutions, implementable suggestions and the best practices adopted by other States/Countries were deeply discussed.

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“Kingdom is that which continues to be free from excessive starvation, irremediable epidemics, and destructive foes”

TN Vision 2023 aims to achieve Inclusive growth- along with a high rate of economic growth; Vision 2023 also seeks to reduce inequality of incomes across the state simultaneously. Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 places substantial emphasis on inclusive growth by channeling considerable resources to the lowest income groups and ensuring that Tamil Nadu becomes poverty free State as envisioned by the former Hon'ble Chief Minister Amma.

Tamil Nadu has been one of the India's best-performing states when it comes to inclusive development. Since 1994, poverty has declined steadily in the state, resulting in Tamil Nadu having lower levels of poverty than most other states in India. The percentage of persons below the Poverty Line in 2011-12 has been estimated as 15.83% in rural areas, 6.54% in urban areas and 11.28% for the state.

In the year 2017-18 the Gross District Domestic Product at Constant (2011-12) prices the high income districts like Thiruvallur (Rs.10328268 lakhs) and Chennai (Rs.9121776 lakhs) have more than ten times the incomes of low income districts of Perambalur (Rs.413354 lakhs), Ariyalur (Rs.762004 lakhs), Thiruvarur (Rs.859491 lakhs). In the case of percapita income of the Districts (at Net District Domestic Product - 2017-18) Thiruvarur (Rs.0.60 lakhs) and Perambalur (Rs.0.64 lakhs) have less than one third of highest per capita incomes districts.

The recently released data on Sub National Human Development Index (SHDI) -2018, an average of the sub national values of three dimensions, mainly Education, Health and Standard of Living for Indian States during the period 1990 to 2017 reveals that states like Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab along with Kerala remain at the pole position. HDI for Tamil Nadu stood at 0.708 in 2018 from 0.471 in 1990.

There is a wide gap at sub state level in Tamil Nadu, HDI analysis reveals that Kanyakumari is the district with the highest HDI (0.944) and Ariyalur has the lowest HDI (0.282) which is around only one fourth of the Kanyakumari district as per Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017.

The Tamil Nadu State has taken various measures to reduce or to eliminate the inequalities at various levels as envisioned by the Hon'ble Ex.Chief Minister and the envisioned concept being executed by the present Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Several social security / welfare programmes have been implemented under different sectors and for different marginalized population groups, which had and are expected to have far-reaching implications for human development.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chairman in his concluding remarks pointed out that the Government Department works in accordance to the fund availability. It is also pointed out that as we are in electronic age, online education should be utilized in better manner.

Asian Development Bank and NABARD are ready to fund for unemployed rural women. The self employed peoples' end products should be brought to the market so as to enhance the refund the loan. MSME and industries have many schemes with subsidies to extend the survival of self employed eg. Cottage industry.

Awareness on working women & livelihood, inheritance legal issues were discussed. The child and migrant labours issues were taken in to account. In this regard, the Hon'ble Vice Chairman highlighted that the Government of Tamil Nadu is pioneer in amending state rules on the lines of child and adolescent labour (prohibition and regulation act, 2016 on 15.11.2019. The equal wages for men and women were also stressed focusing the discrimination prevails in the districts.

The Hon'ble Vice Chairman in his concluding remarks stated that the outcome of the workshop will be forwarded to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister for policy based interventions.

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