

**Press Release**

**Review of Aspirational District Programme.**

**Vice Chairman, SDPC instruct Collectors ‘strive hard to maintain top position at National level’.**

Thiru. C. Ponnaiyan, Hon’ble Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council reviewed on the progress achieved by the Virudunagar and Ramanathapuram Districts which are covered under Aspirational Districts Programme. He appreciated the District Collectors and team of officials for winning the award for achieving the first rank at National Level in Agriculture & Water Sector and Basic Infrastructure Sector by Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar District respectively. He also congratulated Virudhunagar which received award for latest delta raking released by NITI Aayog for the period of June-July 2020. While reviewing the performance in the 49 key of indicators under this programme, the Hon’ble Vice Chairman applauded the commendable improvement in the majority of indicators which attained 100 % score. Further he requested the district Collectors to pay more focused attention to the less performing indicators. He also observed that the post Covid 19 pandemic is a challenge as well as an opportunity to show vigour in setting the economy on track. Mudra Loan, E-Nam, micro irrigation, Seed Certification and certification of prior learning need to be focused so as to maintain the top positions in National level as well as creating opportunity for livelihood enhancement. As the Districts are ranked in 5 Thematic Sectors, i.e Agri & Water Resource, Health& Nutrition, Education, Skill Development & Financial Inclusion and Basic

Infrastructure and Tamil Nadu State Government is implementing various kind of interventions which targeting all above sectors, the Vice Chairman requested the District administration to converge the State schemes with focused attention in such way that the fruits of the State schemes also impacting scores in the performance indicators and achieve top position.

The review meeting was conducted as webinar by State Development Policy Council on 15.10.2020 Dr. Atul Anand, I.A.S., Member Secretary inaugurated the webinar and discussed with District Collectors, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar On the programme in Detail and advocated the focused attention as per the road map and strategy in the District Action Plan.

The webinar concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. G.N. Krupa Senior Planning Officer, State Development Policy Council.

Member Secretary(FAC)

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