

## **1.2. Sectoral Performance**

### **Economy**

- The GSDP for 2006-07 increased by 7.38% at constant (1999-2000) prices over the previous year.
- The contribution of the Primary sector to the GSDP which was Rs. 25239 crore during 2005-06 at constant prices, increased to Rs.26351 crore during 2006-07, showing a growth rate of 4.41%.
- The secondary sector grew by 6.92% during 2006-07. The growth in the secondary sector was mainly due to the contribution of the Manufacturing sector, which recorded a growth of 9.75%.
- In 2006-07, the tertiary sector contributed Rs.112844 crore registering a growth of 8.32%. Among the sub-sectors, a significant growth was noticed in Communication (16.09%), Real Estate, Ownership of Dwelling and Business Services (10.84%) and Community, Social & other services (12.10%).

### **Agriculture**

- The anticipated achievement for the area covered under food grains during 2007-08 is 41.5 L. ha. Of this, the area covered under paddy is anticipated to be 21.5 L.ha, Millets 11.5 L.ha and Pulses 8.5 L.ha. The area under Oil seeds will be around 10 L.ha.
- The production of food grains expected to be achieved during 2007-08 is 101.25 Lakh Metric Tonnes. This will be composed of 78 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Rice, 19 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Millets and 4.25 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Pulses. Oil seeds production will be of the order of 17 Lakh Metric Tonnes.
- The productivity of Rice, Millets and Pulses is expected to reach 3628 kg/ha, 1652 kg/ha and 500 kg/ha. respectively.
- To increase the productivity of rice, the Rice Intensification Technique has been followed broadly. During 2007-08,

demonstration and training are being given to farmers to popularize this practice.

- The area covered under major horticulture crops like Fruits, Vegetables, Spices, Flowers, Plantations and Medicinal Plants in 2007-08 is 10.52 L.ha. The production expected under horticulture crops is: Fruits - 67.87 Lakh Tonnes, Vegetables - 76.72 Lakh tonnes, Spices and Condiments - 9.39 Lakh tonnes, Flowers - 2.35 Lakh tonnes and Plantations- 11.38 lakh tonnes.
- In 2007-08, the National Horticulture Mission has been extended to 6 districts viz., Villupuram, Perambalur, Vellore, Pudukottai, Kanyakumari and Tanjore. 108650 farmers will be benefited under this mission during the year.
- Under micro irrigation, an additional area of 8284 ha. has been covered in 2007-08.

#### **Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries**

- The Milk production in 2007-08 will reach 5.59 lakh tonnes and the Egg production is expected to be 8366 Millions. The meat production from registered slaughter houses is anticipated at 229 lakh kgs.
- The fish production during 2007-08 is expected to be 5.65 lakh tonnes, of which the Inland fish production will be 1.70 lakh tonnes and the Marine fish production will be 3.95 lakh tonnes.

## **Forestry**

- The total anticipated area of tree plantation covered during 2007-08 will be 57270 ha. The plantation in these areas are carried out under various programmes such as (i) Tree Planting under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project in degraded forest areas (ii) Tree planting under Special Area Programmes - HADP, WGDP and ETRO (Coastal afforestation), (iii) Raising of plantation in tribal areas, (iv) Plantation under Wasteland Development Programme, (v) Minor Forest Produce Plantation, (vi) Teak Plantation Programme and (vii) Under 12th Finance Commission grants.

## **Industry**

- Since 2006-07, 11 MoUs have been signed by the Government with National and Multi national companies with an investment of Rs.11,083 crore which will provide employment opportunities for 1.25 lakh persons directly and indirectly.
- Action has been initiated to set up Tidel Parks II and III on Joint venture basis at Taramani in Chennai.
- Action is underway to set up one Special Industrial Area (SIA) in the industrially backward Perambalur district through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation. An IT-ITES Special Industrial Area has been established at Coimbatore.
- IT parks are being established in Madurai, Trichy, Salem, Tirunelveli and Sholinganallur.
- Under the scheme of free distribution of Colour Television sets, 24.58 lakh colour television sets have been distributed upto 2007.
- The TNSWAN project jointly implemented by the GOTN and GOI to provide broadband connectivity of minimum 2 Mbps linking the State Headquarters at Chennai with all the 30 District Headquarters is expected to be commissioned soon.

## **Education**

- The total enrolment in classes 1 to 12 is anticipated to be 130.55 lakh pupils in 2007-08.
- During 2007-08, the following schemes are under implementation, in order to improve the quality of education in schools; (i) Activity Based Learning under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been effectively continued, (ii) the "Padippum Inikkum" scheme has been implemented, (iii) 16 more Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas for Girl children have been opened, (iv) Computer facilities to 400 schools and 1000 high schools are being provided, (v) Language Laboratories are being established in 26 High/Higher Secondary Schools, (vi) Construction of several school buildings and other infrastructure facilities under NABARD funding are being undertaken, (vii) Training Programme have been arranged for the newly appointed teachers as measure of improving quality of education, (viii) Libraries are being opened in rural areas in 25 districts and (ix) A State Library of International Standard is being set up in Chennai.
- In order to provide equal access for Higher Education for the rural poor students, the Common Entrance Exam has been abolished for the admission of the students to Professional courses from 2007-08.
- To streamline admission to Govt. Arts and Science colleges, a Single Window system has been introduced from 2007-08.
- The Admission fee in Govt. Engineering colleges has been reduced from Rs.12,550 to Rs.7,550 from the academic year 2006-07.
- To increase the students' strength and to utilize the infrastructure facilities optimally, shift system has been introduced in 10 Government Arts Colleges from 2007-08.

- The EVR Nagammai Free education scheme has been introduced from the academic year 2007-08. Under this scheme, Free Education is given to Post-graduate girl students studying in Arts and Science Colleges and belonging to poor and middle class families irrespective of the community, whose parent's annual income is less than Rs.50,000.
- In 2007-08, two new Government colleges have been opened in the rural areas of Surandai and Kulithalai to improve access for all students.
- To maintain and monitor the standards of engineering colleges, two Technical Universities in the name of Anna University have been established in Trichy and Coimbatore in the academic year 2006-07. During 2007-08, one more Technical University has been established in Tirunelveli in the name of Anna University.

### **Energy**

- With the installed capacity of 10,122 MW as on 31.8.2007, the power position in Tamil Nadu was satisfactory. The Peak demand of 8857 MW was attained on 13.8.2007.
- In 2006-07, totally 7,30,783 new connections have been provided, of which 546 were High Voltage connections, 22,972 were low voltage industrial connections, 61,329 were hut connections, 34,325 were agricultural connections and 24,447 were street light connections. In 2007-08, upto 30.06.2007 1,60,618 new power connections have been provided.

### **Health**

- During 2007-08, under Varumun Kappom Thittam, 4872 camps have been conducted benefiting 51 lakh people.
- 75 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded with a provision of 30 beds; 5 doctors have been appointed in each of these Primary Health Centres.
- Upto 07.09.2007, 2.31 lakh pregnant women have been given assistance of Rs. 6000 each under the pathbreaking Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyyar Maternity Assistance scheme.

**Fiscal Balance**

- The Budget Estimates of 2007-2008 show that the ratio of Revenue Deficit to Total Revenue Receipts is kept at 0.23%.
- The Fiscal Deficit as a percentage of GSDP is estimated at 2.84% in the Budget Estimates 2007-2008.
- Tamil Nadu continues to retain the highest Tax-GSDP ratio in the country. In the Budget Estimates 2007-2008, this ratio is 11.3%. State's Own Tax Revenue is estimated at Rs.30,988 crore which is 10.5% higher than the Revised Budget Estimates 2006-2007.

**Poverty Reduction**

- The population below the poverty line has been estimated to be 22.5% in 2004-05. The number of people below poverty line is about 146 lakh, with 77 lakh in the rural and 69 lakh in the urban areas. The target fixed for Eleventh Plan is to reduce the poverty ratio to 17% by 2012.