

# Tamil Nadu Water Week 2014

Water Management for Sustainable Development

**December 8-12, 2014**

Programme Schedule Handbook

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## **Tamil Nadu and Water resources**

Every day, the humanity needs more water across the State to produce food to meet the demands of about increasing population added every year. Moreover, better quality water is required to defuse the health /sanitary bombs created by human negligence in many mega cities and to preserve and upkeep the bio diversity of ecosystems for future. The fresh water resources across the State need to be protected. Neglect in protecting Tamil Nadu State heritage and/or dying wisdoms of natural resources in many parts of the State since independence could prove extremely dangerous for the survival of humanity and for all the species in near future.

***Key status of water resources scenario of Tamil Nadu*** accounts for

- The Tamil Nadu State accounts for 4 percent of the land area and 6% of the population, but only 3 % of the water resources of the country.
- Total water demand in the State for irrigation, domestic, livestock and industrial need is 1867.85 tmcft (Thousand million cubic feet) for a year (as on 2013).
- The total water availability for all resources is only 16871.78 tmcft.
- Tamil Nadu had three reservoirs before independence and added 82 in last 6 decades and boasts of 39200 minor irrigation tanks.
- The State gets relatively more rainfall during North East Monsoon, especially, in the coastal regions. The normal

rainfall in south west and north east monsoon is around 322 mm and 470 mm.

- Similarly the per capita water availability of the state is 800 cubic meters which is the lower than then National average of 2300 cubic meters.
- Sedimentation in the reservoir has resulted the reduction of capacity of reservoir between 2% and 59%.

The second edition of Tamil Nadu Water Week 2014 is being convened during **8-12 December 2014 at Madurai**. The theme of the event is **Water Management for Sustainable Development**. This event would focus more on ***demand management*** of water resources for sustainable solutions of the present water resources challenges and issues for competing demand of water for various sectors like agriculture, drinking and other multiple uses.

**Challenges faced by the State:** Challenges faced by the state are

1. Fast pace of urbanization
2. Degradation and/or reduction of cultivable lands
3. Lack of integrated approach on water management using both surface and ground water judiciously
4. Cost effective technologies to treat or reuse(Waste water generated at household and at industries
5. Limited encouragement for water saving technologies
6. Lack of effective management and governance on water sector

**Water Demand management: Necessity and New thinking:**

In its vision document, Tamil Nadu State envisaged fresh water demand of multiple sectors including agriculture is estimated around 35820 MCM in the year 2050. But the present water supply potential from 66 reservoirs in 17 river basins and 39200 minor irrigation tanks along with ground water could meet only

28361 MCM as on date. The vast gap of demand and supply in case of Tamil Nadu necessitates various stakeholders to innovate and or invent new approaches /strategies on efficient water use for higher water productivity.

## **Purpose**

1. To take stock of water supply and demand gaps and list out of challenges thereof
2. To showcase proven experiences and success stories from the grassroots, academia, research etc.,
3. To highlight the 'voices' of 'un heard' namely the neerkattis, small farmers and find alternative solutions for the issues faced.
4. To evolve a frame work for sustainable water demand management

## **Convening organisations**

- DHAN Foundation
- WTC and Agriculture College and Research Institution, Madurai of TNAU
- Centre for Water resources Anna University, Chennai
- Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai
- NABARD, Chennai
- Thiyagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai
- Fatima College, Madurai
- DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation

## **Pathways:**

The five days intensive deliberations would end up with 'Madurai Declaration for solid actions' by the State Civil society and all relevant stakeholders. The day wise programme schedule is given in the following pages.

Inauguration of Tamil Nadu Water Week 2014 and Launch of  
Indian Network of **F**armers Federation for **w**ater **R**esources  
**Management (INFARM)**

on Dec 8, 2014 (Monday) 9.30 am – 1.00 pm at DHAN Foundation  
Organized by DHAN Foundation

- 9.30 am : Registration by participants  
10.00 am : Inauguration of Water Exhibition  
10.15 am : Prayer

**Welcome address**

A.Gurunathan, *Chief Executive, DVTF*

Lighting the lamp

**Special address**

**Ms.Rohini B Ramdas**, IAS., Addl. Collector DRDA Madurai

**Keynote address**

**Dr.S.Natarajan**, *Ph.D., Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural  
Institute (Deemed University), Dindigul*

**Inaugural and Chief Guest address**

Shri. K.V.Rao, Chief General Manager, National Bank for  
Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Tamil Nadu  
Regional Office, Chennai

**Felicitation by**

- **Dr.V.Abhaikumar**, Principal, Thiyagarajar College of  
Engineering, Madurai
- **Dr.B.J. Pandian**, Director, Water Technology Centre , TNAU,  
Coimbatore
- **Mr.M.P.Vasimalai**, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation,  
Madurai
- **Dr.K.Sakthivadivel**, Emeritus Professor, Centre for Water  
Resources, Anna University, Chennai

- 12.00 noon : **Launch of Indian INFARM facilitated by**  
**Mr.S.P.Madhan Mohan**, *Team Leader, DVTF*
- 12.30 pm : **Release of Policy Brief on Inland Fisheries by**  
**Mr.R.Vasavalingam**, *President, Vayalagam Mutual Movement*
- 12.50 pm : **Vote of thanks**  
**Mr.N.Venkatesan**, Chief Operating Officer, DVTF
- 12.55 pm : National Anthem
- 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm : Lunch

People seminar on Demand management in Tank Irrigation  
system

on Dec 8, 2014 (Monday) 2.30 am – 5.30 pm at DHAN Foundation  
Organized by DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation

- 2.30 pm to : **Welcome**  
2. 35 pm Mr.Pathinettampadiyan, Project Executive
- 2.35 pm to : **Inaugural Remarks**  
3.15 pm Panelist:
- Dr.R.Sakthivadivel
  - Dr.K.Palanisami
  - Dr.B.J.Pandian
- 3.15 pm to : **Lead paper presentation**  
3.30 pm Mr.J.Mohan, Team Leader
3. 30 pm to : **Experience sharing on Demand Management**  
4.15 pm Farmer leaders of Vayalagam Federations
- 4.15 pm to : **Open discussion**  
5.00 pm
- 5.00 pm to : **Concluding Remarks by the Panelist**  
5.15 pm
- 5.15 pm to : **Declarations**  
5.25 pm Mr.N.Rajasekaran, Programme Leader
- 5.25 pm to : **Vote of Thanks**  
5.30 pm Mrs.B.Saral Navroji, Project Executive

People Seminar on “Farm Ponds as Climate Smart solutions in Rainfed regions”

on Dec 8, 2014 (Tuesday) 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm  
at DHAN Foundation, Madurai

Organised by Climate Change Adaptation, DHAN Foundation

- 02.30 PM : **Welcome and overview**  
Adhinarayanan R
- 2.40 PM : **Lead paper presentation**  
Adhinarayanan R
- 2.55 PM : **Farm pond : Adaptation to climate change experience sharing**  
R.Ilangovan, Kilankulam, T.Kallupatti block
- 3.15 PM : **Experience sharing by Farmer**  
Farmer from Saveriyarpatnam,  
Ramanathapuram district
- 3.20 PM : **NABARD experience on Farm pond to adapt climate change**  
**Mr.Nagarajan, DGM , NABARD**
- 3.25 PM : P.Subburaj, Avarampatti
- 3.30 PM : **Chief guest address**  
Shri. K.V. Rao, Chief General Manager,  
NABARD, TNRO, Chennai
- 3.45 PM : **Sub group discussion**
- 4.45 PM : **Sub group presentation and synthesis**  
K.Saravanakumar
- 5.30 PM : **Policy recommendations and concluding**



Workshop on  
Water Management for Sustainable Development - Agriculture  
and Irrigation

on Dec 9, 2014 (Tuesday) 9.30 am – 12.20 pm  
at Agricultural College & Research Institute (AC&RI), Madurai  
Organised by WTC, TNAU

**Inauguration**

9.30 am : Registration

***Welcome address***

**Dr. B.J.Pandian**, Ph.D, Director,  
Water Technology Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore.

***Felicitation***

- **Dr. K. Palanisami**, Director, IWMI, Hyderabad.
- **Dr.V.Veerabadran**, Rtd.Professor(Agronomy),  
TNAU, Coimbatore

***Inaugural Address***

**Dr. C.R.Shanmugam**, Former Dean,(AEC&RI),  
TNAU,Coimbatore

***Key note Address***

**Dr. K. Ramasamy**, Vice-Chancellor,  
TNAU,Coimbatore.

***Vote of Thanks***

Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Dean, AC&RI Madurai

## Technical Session: Agriculture & Irrigation

**Chairman** : **Dr. Veerabadran**, Retired Professor (TNAU)  
**Rapporteur** : **Dr A.Gurusamy**, Prof(Agronomy) AC & RI, Madurai

11.00 – : **Dr. Veerabadran**, Retired Professor (TNAU)  
11.30\* : Water Management- Issues & Challenges in Periyar Vaigai Command.

11.30 - : **Dr.C.R.Shanmugam**, Former Dean .  
12.00\* : AEC&RI,(TNAU)  
Water Management in Tank Fed Agriculture.

012.00 - : **Dr.K.Palanisami**, Director, IWMI, Hyderabad  
12.30\* : Water Management in Tamil Nadu: Economic dimension and new thinking.

12.30 – : **Dr.B.J.Pandian**, Director, Water Technology Centre  
01.00\* : Role of SRI in Sustainable Agriculture – IAMWARM success stories in Tamil Nadu

1.00 – : LUNCH  
2.00

2.00 – : Exhibition, Display and Interaction with farmers on  
4.00 : Water Management Practices.

**Dr.A.Raviraj** and **Dr A.Gurusamy**

\* Presentation will be of 20 minutes duration and 10 minutes interaction

Seminar on  
Economics of Water Demand Management

on Dec 10, 2014 (Wednesday) 10.00 am – 1.00 pm  
at DHAN Foundation, Madurai

Organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.

- 9.30 to 10. Am : Registration
- 10.00 am to 10.30 am : **A. Narayanamoorthy**  
Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi
- Demand Management of Water and Drip Method of Irrigation Nexus*
- 10.30 am to 11. 00 am : **D. Suresh Kumar**, Professor  
Department of Agricultural Economics  
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University  
Coimbatore
- Can drip irrigation technology be an effective demand side management of irrigation Water?*
- 11.00 am to 11.30 am : Floor Discussion
11. 30 am to 12.00 pm : **S. Janakarajan**, ICSSR Professor,  
MIDS, Chennai
- Sustainable Urban Water Management*
- 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm : **L. Venkatachalam**, Associate Professor  
MIDs, Chennai
- Tradable Water Rights: Can it be a Potential Instrument for Managing Irrigation Water Demand?*
- 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm : **Floor Discussion and Conclusion**

Policy seminar on  
Demand Management in Irrigation system

on Dec 10, 2014 (Wednesday) 9.30 am – 4.15 pm  
at Tata Dhan Academy, Melakkal, Madurai  
Organised by DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation

- 10.00am : Prayer and welcome
- 10.15 am : Purpose and background of the seminar
- 10.30 am : Opening address: Chairperson
- 10.45 am : Lead paper presentation
- Panel:**
- Prof.C.R.Shanmugham**, Former Dean,  
CAE, TNAU, Coimbatore
- Dr.K.Sakthivadivel**, Emeritus Professor,  
Centre for Water Resources, Anna  
University, Chennai
- Dr.K.Palanisami**, Director, IWMI, Hyderabad
- 11.00 am : Paper presentations by the practitioners /  
Experts
- 11.45 am : Tea break
- 12.00 noon : Paper presentations by the  
practitioners//Experts- continues
- 1.30 pm : Lunch break
- 2.30 pm : Subgroup discussions
- 3.30 pm : Plenary and concluding remarks by the panel

Workshop on  
“Revival of Urban Water bodies: A Strategy for Sustainable  
Urban Water Resources Management”

on Dec 10, 2014 (Wednesday) 9.30 am – 4.00 pm  
at K.S. Auditorium, Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), Madurai  
Organised by TCE, Madurai

- 10.00 am : **Inauguration**  
: *Restoration of water bodies in Urban areas –  
Need of the Hour*
- 11.00a.m.-  
11.45a.m. : **Dr. M. Kaarmegam**, Former Director, Centre  
for Water Resources, Anna University,  
Chennai  
: *Revival of water bodies – as adaptation  
strategy to climate change*
- 11.45 am-  
12.30pm : **Dr.Hopper**, Director, Bio-industrial  
watershed, M.S. Swaminathan Research  
Foundation, Chennai.  
: *Groundwater Management in Urban Areas*
- 12.30pm-  
01.15pm : **Dr. A. Subburaj**, Sr. Scientist, Central  
Ground Water Board, Chennai
- 01.15pm-  
02.15pm : Lunch
- 02.15pm-  
03.00pm : *Urban Ecology and Urban water  
management: The Significance of protecting  
water bodies*  
**Dr.S. Janakarajan**, Professorial Consultant,  
MIDS, Chennai and SOAS, University of  
London
- 3.00- 4.00 : **Panel discussions and conclusions**

Side event on  
Heritage Walk around Meenakshiamman Temple

on Dec 11, 2014 (Thursday) 7.00 am – 8.30 am  
at DHAN Foundation

Organised by Tourism Development Programme of DHAN Foundation



Seminar on “Sustainable development on Water Resources and multiple uses of Water”

on Dec 11, 2014 (Thursday) 9.30 am – 4.00 pm  
at DHAN Foundation

Organised by Centre for Water Resources, Anna University

09.30 am - : **Paper Presentation**

12.30 pm

1. Paper 1: Groundwater Management in the State of Tamil Nadu - **Dr. R.Sakthivadivel**
2. Paper 2: Strategy for the Sustainment of Urban Waste Water - **Dr. S.Chandran**
3. Paper 3: Protection of Waterbodies – A Legal Perspective – **Dr. Carolin Arul**
4. Paper 4: Sustainable Planning of Degraded Land in Semi-arid Basin for Climate Change Mitigation: an IWRM Approach – **Joe Vivek David and Dr.Krishnaveni**
5. Paper 5: Impact of Climate Change induced Droughts on River Basins – **Vignesh Rajkumar.L., and Dr. Krishnaveni**

12.30 pm-  
02.30 pm

**Poster Presentation on “Water Management for Sustainable Development”**

1. An integrated approach to industrial water management - **A. Shanthi and Dr. Carolin Arul**
2. IAMWARM - An irrigation project of Tamil Nadu funded by World Bank - **A. Vidhyaand Dr.N.K.Ambujam**
3. Wavering climate- flaw and flow towards sustainable livelihood - **A.Ellakiya Priyaa and Dr. Carolin Arul**
4. Impact of climate variability on agricultural productivity - **P. Anitha and Er. V. Ramji**
5. Farm level adaptation to climate variability - **Malarmathi Divinya.A and Dr. B. V. Mudgal**
6. Land use Dynamics and food security - Nexus: The Challenge of Transformation - **S.Monisha and Er.E.Arun Babu**
7. Impact of urbanization on riparian zone and riparian rights – **P. T.Santhana Krishnan and Dr.Carolin Arul**

02.30 pm-  
05.00 pm

**Discussion Forum - On Recent Water Crisis**

People Seminar on “Water Management Practices through  
Neerkattis (Traditional Water Managers)”

on Dec 11, 2014 (Thursday) 9.30 am – 4.15 pm

at DHAN People Academy (DPA)

Organised by DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation & DPA

- 10.00am : **Registration**  
Selvi. Thavamani & Ramya, Vayalagam Volunteers
- 10.30 am : **Prayer**  
Smt. Kalaiselvi & Prabhavathy, Vayalagam  
Volunteers
- 10.40 am : **Welcome Address**  
Mr. R. Prakash, Senior Project Executive, DHAN  
Foundation
- 10.50 am : **Lighting of Lamp**  
Chief Guests
- 10.55 am : **People Seminar Introduction**  
Mr. C. Kannan, Faculty, DHAN People Academy
- 11.00 am : *“Water Management Practices through Neerkattis”-*  
**Booklet & Short Film Release** by Chief Guests
- 11.05 am : **Mahakavi Bharathiyar thoughts on Environment  
& Water**  
Mr. P. Thirumalai, Programme Officer,  
DHAN Foundation
- 11.20 am : **Water Management Practices though Neerkattis  
- A Historical Perspective**  
Dr. V. Vedhachalam, Archeologist, Madurai
- 11.35 am : **Lead Paper Presentation on Water Management  
through Neerkattis in Irrigation Tanks spread in  
Gundar River Basins**  
Mr. N. Rajasekaran, Programme Leader, DHAN  
Foundation
- 11.55 am : **Neerkattis – A Short Film**  
R. Sundarapandian, Radio Jockey,  
Vayalaga Vanoli 90.4 FM, Kottampatti
- 12.05pm : **Experience Sharing** by Neerkattis from River  
Basins - Gundar, Pambar & Palar basins



- 12.20 pm : **Special Address**  
**Mr. N. Palaniraj**, Treasurer, Vayalaga Mutual Movement  
**Mr. R. Shankar Narayanan**, District Development  
Manager, NABARD, Madurai  
**Dr. M. Karmegam**, Former Director, Centre for  
Water Resources, Anna University, Chennai
- 01.15 pm : Lunch break
- 02.15 pm : **Bahour Irrigation tank & Neerkattis - Puducherry  
Experience**  
**Mr. P. Premanand**, Programme Leader,  
DHAN Foundation
- 02.30 pm : **Water Management in Pambar river basin  
irrigation tanks**  
Mr. J. Mohan, Team Leader, DHAN Foundation
- 02.45 pm : **Water Management in Palar Kosasthalaiyar river  
basin irrigation tanks**  
Mr. R. Prakash, Senior Project Executive, DHAN  
Foundation
- 03.00 pm : **Sub Group Discussion**  
**Group 1:** Best Practices in Water Management by  
Neerkattis  
Rajasekaran, P. Premanand,  
R. Prakash, J. Mohan, V. Vediappan,
- Group 2:** Livelihood Development Programmes for  
Neerkattis M/s N.M. Pathinettampadian, D.Ganesan,  
C. Kannan
- 03.30 pm : **Sub Group Presentation**  
Mr. V. Vediappan, Faculty,  
DHAN People Academy
- 03.45 pm : **Synthesis of Sub group findings**  
Mr. D. Ganesan, Faculty,  
DHAN People Academy
- 04.00 pm : **Declarations**  
Mr. Sethuraman, President,  
Kallikudi Vayalagam Federation
- 04.15 pm : **Vote of Thanks**  
Mr. M. Pathinettampadian,  
Project Executive, DHAN Foundation

Workshop on  
Vaigai River Restoration Pageant Project  
on Dec 11, 2014 (Thursday) 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  
at Jubilee Hall, Fatima College, Madurai  
Organised by Fatima College, Madurai

- Topic** : 'Vaigai River Restoration – An Ecological Perspective: Role of academia and Researchers'
- Chair** : **Prof. David Blake Willis**  
Fieldwing Graduate University, California, USA  
**Dr.S.Mohan**  
Professor, Environmental and Water Resources  
Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology,  
Chennai
- Co-Chair** : **Er. R. Venkatasamy**  
Retired Superintending Engineer, Agricultural  
Engineering Dept, Govt of Tamilnadu
- Panelists** : **Dr.S.Chandran**  
Associate Professor, Thiagarajar College of Engineering,  
Madurai  
**Mr. A.Gurunathan**  
Chief Executive, DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation,  
Madurai  
**Mr. A. Madhanakumar**  
Programme Leader, DHAN Foundation, Madurai  
**Dr.V.Vedhachalam**  
Retired Senior Epigraphist, Tamilnadu State Department  
of Archaeology

Side event on  
Water Walk around Madakulam Tank

on Dec 12, 2014 (Friday) 10.00 am – 12.00 noon  
assemble at DHAN Foundation  
Organised by Madurai Urban Region & DHAN Vayalagam (Tank)  
Foundation

Seminar on  
Role of Watersheds in Tamil Nadu in Water Management and  
Sustainable Development

on Dec 12, 2014 (Friday) 10.00 am – 01.00 pm  
at DHAN Foundation, Madurai  
Organised by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development  
(NABARD)

10.00 am – : **New launch**  
11.15 am

**Welcome**

- **Shri.M.P.Vasimalai**, Executive Director,  
DHAN Foundation, Madurai

**Launch and Chief Guest Address**

- **Shri. K. Phanindra Reddy, I.A.S.**,  
Principal Secretary, Municipal Water  
Supply, Govt. Tamil Nadu, Chennai

11.15a.m.- : **Watersheds and Water Management**  
12.00 noon **NABARD experience in the Tamil Nadu**

- **Mr.S.Natarajan**, General Manager,  
Watershed Division, NABARD - RO,  
Chennai
- **Mr.W.Nagarajan**, WDF, NABARD - PMU,  
Madurai

12.00 noon :  
- 12.30 pm Farmers experience sharing

12.30 pm- :  
01.00 pm Open discussion, vote of thanks and concluding

01.00pm- :  
02.00pm Lunch

## Valedictory event of Tamil Nadu Water Week 2014

on Dec 12, 2014 (Friday) 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm at DHAN Foundation  
Organized by DHAN Foundation

- 2.30 pm : **Welcome address**  
**Mr.A.Madhan Kumar**, Programme Leader, DHAN Foundation
- 2.40 pm : **Special address**  
**Dr.S.Mohan**  
Professor, Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai
- 3.15 pm : **Conference key messages by**
- **Dr.S.Natarajan**, General Manager, NABARD, Chennai
  - **Dr.R.Sakthivadivel**, Emeritus Professor, Centre for Water Resources, Anna University, Chennai
  - **Dr.B.J. Pandian**, Director (i/c), Water Technology Centre , TNAU, Coimbatore
  - **Dr.K.Arunachalam**, Dean & HOD, Thiyagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai
  - **Mr.M.P.Vasimalai**, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation, Madurai
- 4.00 pm –  
4.20 pm : **Valedictory address**  
**Mr.C.Kathiravan**, IAS, Commissioner, Madurai Corporation
- 4.20 –  
4.25 pm : **Madurai declaration for Water Management**  
Conference coordinator
- 4.25 pm : **Vote of thanks**  
**Ms.J.Kanagavalli**, Programme Leader
- 4.30 pm : National Anthem

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# CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

## **Water Technology Centre (WTC), TNAU**

The WTC at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) is one among the three such centres in the country which was established during 1982 to cater to the needs of the Southern region in relation to research, extension and teaching. It plays a key role in making an assessment of the available resources of water and economic utilization for maximizing agricultural production with suitable on-farm water management practices developed for different situations.

## **Centre for Water Resources (CWR), Anna University**

The CWR was established in May 1979 to pursue teaching, research, consultancy and impart training programmes in hydrology, water resources engineering, irrigation management and water quality and quantity management. It is basically the upgraded Hydraulics Division of the Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai.

Right from inception the Centre is academically supporting various subjects for B.E. Civil Engineering and selected subject for others branch students. In July 2006 Centre has started B.E., Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering with 40 students intact.

## **Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS)**

MIDS was founded by Dr.Malcolm S Adiseshiah and Mrs.Elizabeth Adiseshiah, in January 1971, shortly after Dr.Adiseshiah's retirement as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO.

In 1976 the Government of India through the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, sent a mission to study the possibility of developing MIDS into a national institute of social science research. On the recommendations of the mission the Institute was reconstituted as a National Institute in March 1977 under the joint sponsorship of the Government of India through the ICSSR and the Government of Tamil Nadu. The trustees gifted to the reconstituted

National Institute its land and buildings, its library, furniture and equipment and a cash endowment. The Reserve Bank of India established a Chair in applied research in regional economics in the Institute in 1985.

## **DHAN Foundation, Madurai**

Development of Humane Action (DHAN) Foundation, a professional development organisation, was initiated on October 2, 1997. It brings highly motivated, educated young women and men to the development sector. They would make new innovations in development to root out poverty from the country, in thus achieving the Mission of the organisation. Currently it is working for the upliftment of poor in 14 States across the country and working directly with more than 1.4 million families.

DHAN has rooted in values, such as Grassroots action, Collaboration, Enabling, Innovation, Excellence, and Self-Regulation. DHAN believes that these values are its core strength needed to realize its Vision and Mission.



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