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It gives me a great pleasure and satisfaction in presenting this forward to the 'Divisional Resource Profile' of Kuchchaveli Division for the year 2020.

This Resource Profile contains updated information up to end of December 2020. The peace process paved the way to open the doors for the Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Development of the most affected areas in this division. I am sure this document would provide the essential information for the Planners, Administrators and National and International Organizations who are involved in the Development, Relief, Resettlement and other related activities in the division.

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Any suggestion for the improvement of this publication from the Users will be highly appreciated with kind regard to all Users.

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Introduction

1. Basic Information

1. Province	:	Eastern Province
2. District	:	Trincomalee
3. Electorate	:	Trincomalee
4. Divisional Secretariat Division	:	Kuchchaveli
5. No. of Villages	:	78
6. No. of Families	:	12,900
7. No. of Members	:	42,577
8. Extent of G.N.Division	:	504.23 Sq.km

Background of the Division

Kuchchaveli is one of the eleven DS Divisions in Trincomalee District. That is located in the Northern part of the district, about 40 km North West of Trincomalee Town. Trincomalee District is the northernmost of the three districts in the Eastern Province. The division spreads over an area of 504.23 S.q. km., which contains 11.5 % of the land area of the district. This is the fifth largest division in terms of land area. There are 78 villages covered by 24 Grama Nildaries' divisions. The Kuchchaveli division is coming under the Trincomalee electorate.

Kuchchaveli is a low population density division having 135 persons per square Kilometers of its total land area 504.23 s.q. k.m. The total population of the division was estimated at 42,577 persons from 12,900 families in 2020. The average population density is 84.44 persons per s.q. k.m.

The Administrative setup has been commenced in 1964. Since 1964 to 1972 Kuchchaveli Division was functioning as Divisional Revenue Officer's (DRO) Division. Thereafter from 1972 to 1998 it was functioning as Assistant Government Agent's (AGA) Division. Thereafter, this was changed and functioning as Divisional Secretary's Division.

The Majority of the people in Kuchchaveli division are Muslims. The 65.66 % of the population in Kuchchaveli Division is Muslims. 32.04% of the population in Kuchchaveli Division is Tamils and 2.3% of the population in Kuchchaveli Division is Sinhalese. Kuchchaveli division is one of the ancient regions, which are predominantly an Agricultural and Fisheries area. Very suitable Tourism spots area in the division. It has been analyzed and recorded in the historical notes that division is one of the oldest villages and the best division with fertile soil, ancient tanks which are very useful for cultivation, so the main economic activities are agriculture, Fisheries and agriculturally based industries. The majority of the people are continually depend on agriculture and fisheries sector.

The entire Kuchchaveli division people have been displaced several times by the ethnic conflict that took place in the North east province and thereby cultivation of lands, cattle breeding and other similar development projects have come to a standstill. Kuchchaveli, Thiriyai, Kaddukkulam, Thennamaravadi people was mostly affected by the ethnic conflict. Since the situation is normal now, the people are returning back and are resettled in their own places. Nearly 150 families were resettled in thennamaravadi division very recently in their own places. Up to 31st of December 2017 around 13,199 persons from 4561 families were resettled in Kuchchaveli Division.

The Kuchchaveli division is fallen to dry zone in the country. The Trincomalee District contains many important scenic, aesthetic archeological and religious places of interest to the people of this division. In view of these aspects this division has a vast potential for eco-tourism development as it includes protected areas, lagoons, beaches, forests, mangroves, corals, sewer systems as well as species such as whales, textiles, crocodiles, a wide diversity of bird species etc. Like that Lanka mineral sands limited and raigam salt company is very vital resource for Kuchchaveli division located in

pulmoddai and kumpurupitty east respectively. The Pulmoddai beach deposit, where one can virtually walk on money, has two characteristics that make it unique, the mineral sands get replenished with every monsoon and the sand has a heavy mineral content that far exceed that of deposits elsewhere in the world. Ilmenite, rutile and zircon are the minerals derived from sands on the seashore and, unlike other countries that have to mine heavily to excavate mineral deposits, in Pulmoddai the minerals only have to be separated from the sea sand. Ilmenite and rutile are used to produce titanium dioxide and in the manufacture titanium metal while zircon is used in the ceramic industry as a refractory in the manufacture of moldings. Srilankan government earns a large amount of foreign exchange through the sale of mineral sands. The Corporation currently exports mineral sand to Russia, Japan, US and the UK and is to venture into value added export products.

Very little emphasis on development activities have been given in respect to some of the village in the division due to restricted access to these areas. As a result, the areas concerned needs to undergo a comprehensive rehabilitation process in order to cater the needs within the province. It is understood that most of the natural and other resources have been degraded as a result neglect and no management practices adhered to over the years. However, the province is at present facing more problems mainly associated with the environment.

Several attractive places situated in this division such as Thiriyai, Arisimalai, archeological and religious places of interest to the tourist of this division. In view of these aspects this division has a vast potential for eco-tourism development as it includes protected areas, lagoons, forests, mangroves, corals, sever systems as well as species such as whales, textiles, crocodiles, a wide diversity of bird species etc.

Kuchchaveli division lies within the intermediate zone and the climate is characterized by high Temperature and seasonal high rainfall. Temperature ranges from 25°C to 39°C and the highest temperatures are normally recorded during the month of April and May. The average annual rainfall over 30 year's period amounted to 1340 mm. within January to December for every year. Nearly 80 percent of the rainfall was recorded during the North East monsoon months from October to January. The months from February to July are dry with very little rainfall during the months of June, July and August.

Under Agriculture sector, Red Onion, Manjoka, Fruit cultivation and paddy cultivation are continuing to play a major role in the economy of the Kuchchaveli division even during the conflict in the region. Agriculture is not only a major contributing sector to the economy but also a major sector for employment in the rural areas. This division mainly relies on agriculture for food security, income generation and employment of the population.

Irrigation Schemes in the Division are looked after by three agencies, which are Central Irrigation Department, Provincial Irrigation Department and Department of Agrarian Development. Kuchchaveli division has one Major tank, 4 medium tanks, 93 Minor tank and 8 River basins. The major and medium tanks are now functioning and these tanks are maintained by Central Irrigation Department and Provincial Irrigation Department. The large numbers of minor tanks are available in the division but the largest part of the tanks was abandoned. Recently we have renovated several minor tanks under consolidated fund and assistance with UN Agencies and International Non-Government Organization. No major tanks are in our division.

Kuchchaveli Division is an agricultural division with livestock sector farms an important component in it. The topography and agro climatic conditions of Kuchchaveli Division are ideal for livestock development. Suitable farmland and water are available as unutilized resources in the division. Further necessary manpower both skilled and unskilled is available in abundance. Dairying is the major component of livestock sector in Kuchchaveli division. Dairying is labor-intensive and promotes opportunities to rural women and contributes to family labor. Dairying effectively utilizes marginal lands unsuitable for crop cultivation and provides income throughout the year. In addition, cattle manure is an important source of organic manure and is used in crop cultivation in Kuchchaveli division. Availability of large extent of natural grazing land, syrup jungle, harvest- paddy field and tank catchments areas favor the livestock farming in the division mainly under and extensive system of the management. They are allowed to graze during day and are padlocked in the night. Animals are generally milked once a day or not at all. Due to the displacement of people, the cattle are not looked after well and this population of stay cattle increased.

The Fisheries sector is very important sector in Kuchchaveli division because very long Costal area available in the division. Most of the people are active in the sector.

The village development is depending under access of transport facilities. Most of the roads which were affected by conflict, Tsunami and flood but several roads were rehabilitated and reconstructed under the Mahinda Chinthana programme. However, there are plenty of roads which are in dilapidated condition require improvements in order to uplift the living condition of the people.

Kuchchaveli Division that covered with a large forest is a countryside division. Yan Oya River flows through west and north boundaries making a charm to the division.

Most of the people in the division fulfill their needs with the traditional paddy cultivation. Even today, these people use environment friendly traditional methods in their livelihoods. Somehow with the open economic approach in the country, people are looking for more earnings from little input. Therefore, some harmful activities to the environment can be seen with these changes in the lifestyle.

Some illegal deforestation activities by villagers as well as activities of wood racketeers reduce the forest resource in the division. Due to the security reasons, it appears to be difficult to prevent such activities. Modernization and expansion of villages are also affecting the well balance of the nature in the division. Improper excavation of sands also may harmful to the natural environment. Rare tree varieties, Animals, Archeological items, Hot water wells and hill are Applecart natural attraction in this area.

Divisional Administration System in 1964 to 2020 Kuchchaveli Division

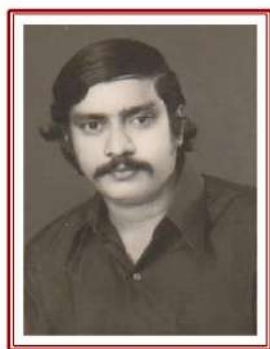
S.No.	Name of the Head Officer	Designation	From	To	Service Period
1	Mr.T.Balachanthiran	DRO	-	-	-
2	Mr.S.Subramanian	DRO	-	-	-
3	Mr.S.Gobalarathnam	DRO	-	-	-
4	Mr.Senthilnathan	DRO	-	-	-
5	Mr.K.C.Logeswaran	DRO	-	-	-
6	Mr.S.Shanmugalingam	DRO	-	-	-
7	Mr.T.Murugavel	DRO	-	-	-
8	Mr.S.Arulampalam	DRO	-	-	-
9	Mr.S.Patkunam	DRO	-	-	-
10	Mr.K.Pararajasingham	AGA	1972	1978	6 years
11	Mr.S.Kannesan	AGA	1978	1978	1 year
12	Mr.J.Nicholas	AGA	1979	1979	1year
13	Mr.S.Perera	AGA	-	-	-
14	Mr.C.F.Chinniah	AGA	1980	1985	5years

S.No.	Name of the Head Officer	Designation	From	To	Service Period
15	Mr.M.S.S.Ibrahim	AGA	1985	1985	1year
16	Mr.S.Sinnathurai	AGA	1985	1987	2years
17	T.Kulaveerasingham	AGA	1987	1990	3years
18	K.Veerasingham	AGA	1990	1991	1year
19	Mr.S.Sinniah	AGA	1991	1993	2years
20	Mr.K.S.Jayachandra	AGA	1993	1998	5years
21	Mr.K.S.Jayachandra	DS	1998	2004	6years
22	Mr.N.Selvanayaham	DS	2004	2005	1year
23	Mr.A.Nadarajah	DS	2005	2005	1year
24	Mr.N.Selvanayaham	DS	2005	2008	3years
25	Mr.A.Umamaheswaran	DS	2008	2014	6 Years
26	Mr.A.Thayaparan	DS	2014	2017	1 years
27	Mr. P.Thaneswaran	DS	2015	Todate	

Source: Divisional Secretariat, Kuchchaveli



Mr.S.Patkunam DRO
1969 - 1972



Mr.K.Pararajasingham AGA
1972 - 1978



Mr.S.Kangesan AGA
1978



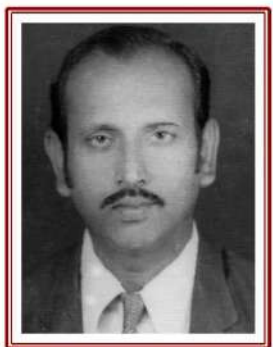
Mr.J.Nicholas AGA
1979



Mr.C.F.Chinniah AGA
1980 - 1985



Mr.M.S.S.Ibrahim AGA
1985



Mr.S.Sinnathurai AGA
1985 - 1987



Mr.T.Kulaveerasingham AGA
1987 - 1990



Mr.S.Shinniah AGA
1991 - 1993



Mr.K.S.Jayachandra AGA/DS
1993 - 2004



Mr.A.Nadarajah DS
2005



Mr.N.Selvanayagam DS
2005 - 2008



Mr.A.Umamaheswaran DS
2008 - 2014



Mr.A.Thayaparan DS
2014 - 2015