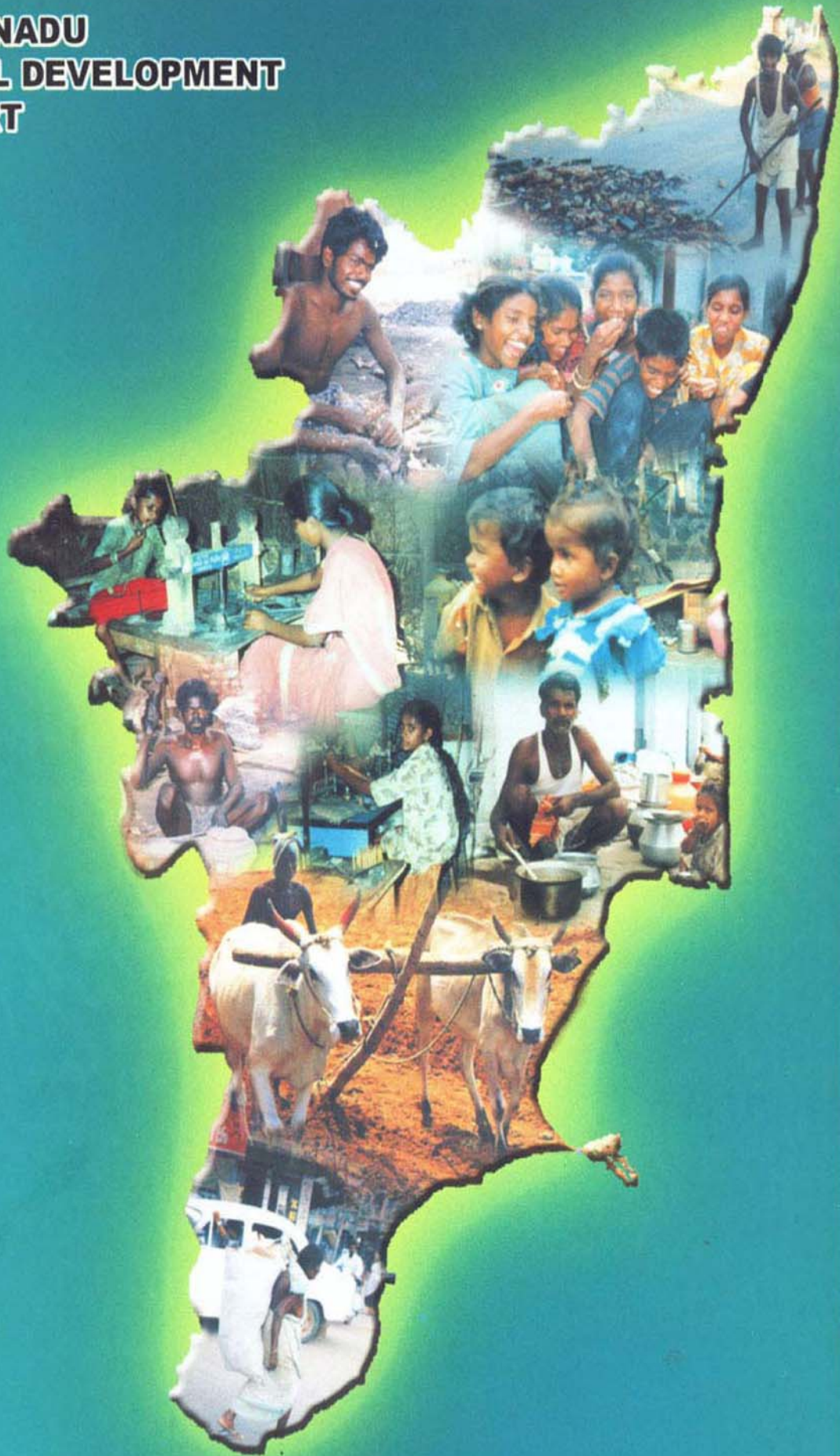


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Thanks.....

Thanks indeed for glancing through and reading this Report !

Getting a Social Development Report at a State level has not been an easy task. The challenge became even greater, given our big limitations, personnel-wise and otherwise. The fact that the Report has managed to reach your hands is a matter of great satisfaction for us !

We are acutely aware of the limitations of the Report. Our only wish has been to make a beginning, however modest it might be. If the Report can lead to relevant critiques, leading to greater efforts in the field, our task is done ! Do help us with your constructive criticisms !

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Help us with your feedback. It will help us in our search for greater relevance in the field of Social Development in Tamilnadu.

Thank you !

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