6.5 CONCLUSION

In the rapidly changing global economic scenario, tourism is considered to be one of the largest and fastest growing industries. The jobs generated by tourism have and is still giving great fruits to those benefitted by it. Through this eco-friendly industry, they are not only enhancing their standard of living but also generating income and raising their standard of living. Tourism has given a big hand in transforming the world-at-large to a global village. It has played a remarkable role in making all nations exchange free trade and culture and share their interest of mutual benefit. India is one of the chief destinations for the foreign tourists particularly, the state of Tamil Nadu because of its rich cultural heritage among the Indian states. All over the world, the tourists are visiting it due to its pleasant climate, scenic beauty and ecological resources. The statistical figures reveal that the lion shares of total tourist’s arrivals- foreign and domestic are coming to Tamil Nadu. The major centres of tourist attraction in the state are Chennai, Kanchipuram, Mahabalipuram, Trichy, Pondicherry, Thanjavur, Madurai, Rameshwaram and Kanyakumari.

The rich and vast natural wealth like flora, fauna and water resources are available in plenty. The lakes and beaches of this region must be carefully protected and preserved so that tourism potential of the region may be harnessed and tapped effectively. This in turn helps the residents to have a better living, preserve the nature and also serves as a cradle for mixing of different people irrespective of any divisions. There is a growing realization that tourism is no longer a pursuit of the rich or the poor of the selective groups as billions of people from all walks and shades of the society have already embraced it as a means to
fulfill their social needs and psychic gratification. The time has come to duly acknowledge the potential of tourism in developing the status of the country and therefore positioning the tourism department as one of the engines of socio-economic progress. While it may not be a universal remedy, it is certainly an effective tool to negotiate with many issues for the expansion of our nation. The Central and State Governments must come up with more inclusive tourism policies and programmes to take the momentum forward and derive better synergy of tourism and advancement. There is no deficiency in attractions, resources or manpower because the country has all of these in plenty and in huge diversity. Leveraging these vast resource bases of the country for building a quantitatively better and stronger, tourism industry should provide a winning proposition for all stakeholders, especially the common man.

Tourism industry in India is growing and it has vast potential for generating employment and accumulating large amount of foreign exchange. But, still the undone is vast and the country has to eradicate those deficiencies. Eco-tourism needs to be promoted so that tourism in India helps in preserving and sustaining the diversity of the India’s natural and cultural environments. Tourism in India should be developed in such a way that it accommodates and entertains visitors in a way that is minimally intrusive and destructive to the environment. Moreover, since tourism is a multi-dimensional activity, and basically a service industry, it would be necessary for all wings of the Central and State governments, private sectors and voluntary organizations to become active partners in the endeavor of lifting Indian tourism to the highest pedestal.
The present study,” Role of tourism in the Economic Development of Kanyakumari District” is based on the employers, employees and the local people connected with tourism in Kanyakumari District. Therefore, there is a need to investigate the broader aspects and other dimensions of the concept of tourism development and its impact. Besides the specific areas of tourism development connected with the Economic Development of Kanyakumari district are to be investigated separately for which the researcher would like to suggest the following area for further research

- People's perception and attitude towards Eco-tourism in the District
- Impact of Eco-tourism on local communities of the district
- Socio-cultural impact of Tourism development in the District.
- Benefits of Integrated marketing communication to Eco-tourism in Kanyakumari District
- Sustainable and responsible tourism in the district
- Impact of information Technology in the Tourism Development of the District
- Religions and Spiritual tourism in the district
- Life style changes and Tourism Development
- The negative impacts of tourism in the district