PREFACE

In understanding the changing scenario of the Kerala economy the role of consumption is undoubtedly significant in determining such a change. Household consumption is a driving force behind the production of goods and services. Our lifestyle choices, the goods and services we consume affect the economy. Consumption by households affects the environment. The impacts on the environment from households have grown over recent decades, and are expected to intensify over the next decades, especially for energy, transport, and waste. This study on “Household consumption Expenditure in Kerala- Arguments, Evidences and Lessons” is an attempt to analyse consumption levels and pattern of households in Kerala. The thesis also provides information on the main demographic features like socio-economic status, occupational distribution, and other aspects of living conditions like dwelling ownership type, type of structure etc. It brings out the unique nature of household consumption expenditure both in the level and type of commodities of consumption in Kerala compared to that of India.