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Village life has become a fascinating subject for research study in a given time which often reveals either the growth or the decline of a particular rural area. While choosing Thengamputhur as a village for my investigation, I wanted to find out whether a rural society in Thengamputhur Town Panchayat had progressed or stagnated or declined over time. To this question, the answer I had was Thengamputhur Town Panchayat was progressively developing socially, economically and culturally.

At the same time, the cordiality with which Hindus, Christians, and Muslims co-exist, betrays that the traditions of the rural population still form the bedrock of the culture of the country. The fact that about eight different caste groups are living without any feeling of animosity, is also due to the people's strong faith in the principle of unity in diversity. Among many problems, they stand look like a well – rooted tree.

The hallmark of Thengamputhur Town Panchayat economy is cottage industry, weaving, planting of coconut plants which, are very popular in Thengamputhur. Another important highlight of economic activity in Thengamputhur is formation of Co-operative Agricultural Primary Banks. Co-operative endeavours in
employment generating preposition and hence it is often suggested as a remedial measure for the economic ills of an under developed society. Thengamputhur has a rich tradition of supporting Co-operative Banks from the beginning of the 20th Century. This is remarkable achievement of the people by any standard. The study makes clear that Thengamputhur is one of the popular Town Panchayats of Kanyakumari District known for its panoramic views. Mostly paddy fields and tanks, coconut graves, vegetable gardens, streams will kindle your mind to enjoy the nature's beauty. Thengamputhur Village provides settlement predominantly to Vellals who are called "Nanchilnattu Pillaimar". People of this Town Panchayat are involved in agriculture, and other government jobs. Some of them are engaged as daily coolie labourers.

Thengamputhur is noted for its religious activities. They join together to celebrate the religious festivals and functions with all cooperation. Keezha Udayappankudieruppu Sreeman Narayana Temple is famous. Apart from keezha Udayappankudieruppu and Mela Udayappankudieruppu there is no temple for Ayyavali people.

In the Murgan temple, the Suran Thirunal is celebrate in pomp and show. After the surasamhara, the "Arattu" festival is celebrated in pomp and show. The procession which starts from Thengamputhur to Sasthankovilvilai during the Arattu festival consists of thousand of
devotees. The procession is a fantastic one to witness. Next there are more number of village deities in and around Thengamputhur. “Kodal” festival is one of the important functions in the small temples. In the 18th century, the Christian Missionaries entered Thengamputhur and established a church of South India. They promoted the gospel among the people of Thengamputhur and many number of people embraced Christianity and they are minority people in Thengamputhur Town Panchayat. Two churches one in Kulathuvilai and the other were built in Kovilvilai by Rev. Charles Mead and Ringal Tabue. Other six churches are built by the people of the locality.

The Thengamputhur Town Panchayat, the Government Higher Secondary School in Maniketipottal and Government High School in Thengamputhur provide good education to the various section of people of the panchayat.

The Town Panchayat of Thengamputhur is carrying many progressive welfare schemes for the development of the villages in and around of Thengamputhur. Through M.P and M.L.A Funds worked are carried for the improvement of villages in Thengamputhur Town Panchayat. Drainage facilities and availability of drinking water is a most appreciable measure taken by the Thengamputhur Town Panchayat. Well maintained health
activities are undertaken by them for the welfare of the people. Thengamputhur is a perfect village for leading a healthy life.

The People here are optimistic, basically educated and mostly schooling their children in the right way. They are hard working people. The Government well look after the Thengamputhur Town Panchayat by proving special monetary assistance and this Town Panchayat is a model example to many Panchayat of Kanyakumari District.
Panchayat Office of Thengamputhur Town Panchayat

Front view of Thengamputhur Primary Agricultural Co-operative Bank
Gateway of Higher Secondary School of Manikattipottal

Entrance of Sivanthi Aditanar College-Pillayarpuram
A front view of Sreeman Narayanaswamy Temple-Keezha Udayappankudieruppu

Side view of Mutharamman Temple at Sasthan Kovilvilai
Gopuram of Kulathuvilai C.S.I Church

Front View of Kulathuvilai C.S.I Church