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The Panchayats have past formed an integral part of village administration in our country from the earliest period onwards. The present Kanyakumari District, the Panchayat administrative system prevailed prior to the extension of the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act, 1958. In Kanyakumari District every panchayat was having a full time panchayat officer. As per this Act mentioned above the Town Panchayats are manned by Executive Officer. Hence this problem was solved by upgrading all the panchayat in the district as full fledged Town Panchayat. Thengamputhur Town Panchayat is one among them.

The present dissertation entitled "THENGAMPUTHUR TOWN PANCHAYAT - A STUDY" deals with the economic, educational and administrative system of Thengamputhur Town panchayat in a fair manner. This panchayat has done tremendous work for the development of the villages under the Rajakamanagalam Panchayat Union. No research scholar so far attempted to do research on this topic. Therefore I have chosen this topic. I had to pursue various original source materials and general published works for the completion this work. I had the rare opportunity to get unstinted help from many personalities.
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