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Topic	Trends in Growth and Inequality: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu
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All are cordially invited.

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Abstract

Tamil Nadu has managed to sustain its economic growth with development in certain basic indicators. The growth has been broad based; while service sector has been the main driver of the growth, Industry has also fairly contributed to the state's economic growth when compared to other similarly developed states in India. Besides inherited economic advantages owing to the 'historical legacy of port-enclave development' in the colonial period, the successive political regimes, particularly since early 1960, have also brought in certain institutional interventions facilitating growth. The paper offers evidence that growth process has been inclusive in terms of social groups notwithstanding unevenness of such inclusions. Contesting the claim that 'business for elites and welfare for poor', the paper argues that the state has facilitated entry of new caste groups into the space of entrepreneurship. Among these new entrants, some have gained more than others.