



### **BRIEF NOTE ON DR.A.SAKTHIVEL, Chairman Apparel Made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council**

Dr.A.Sakthivel, President of Tirupur Exporters' Association - popularly known as TEA, has been continuously in the helm of affairs for the past 25 years since establishment of TEA in 1990 and he is a true visionary, self determined, original thinker and total commitment in resolving the issues having exemplary leadership qualities. The phrase says "The proof of pudding is in the eating" and in Dr.A.Sakthivel's case, one could visualize his contributions from the growth of Tirupur exports from **Rs.15 Crores ( US \$ 3 Million)** in 1985 to **Rs.18,000 Crores (US \$ 3 Billion)** in 2014, in 3 decades and in continuation of this growth trend, in the first three quarters of this fiscal year, Tirupur exports recorded **Rs.15,000 Crores** and is expected to touch **Rs.27,000 Crores**.

Dr.A.Sakthivel was a prime mover of so many visionary projects executed in Tirupur to name a few, Tirupur Export Knitwear Industrial Complex (TEKIC), Inland Container Depot (ICD), TEA Public School, New Tirupur Area Development Corporation Limited (NTADCL), NIFT – TEA Fashion Knitwear Institute, India Knit Fair Association (IKFA) and Netaji Apparel Park (NAP).

Dr.A.Sakthivel was instrumental in implementing Tirupur third water project which was executed by NTADCL, formed under Public Private Partnership model with a total cost of Rs.1,200 crores and helped to supply water uninterruptedly at door steps of households and industries in Tirupur apart from supplying water to way side villages in Panchayat unions. The success of the project has been also a point of discussion in all water related forums.

Dr.A.Sakthivel was elected as Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) for three tenures and was also elected eleventh time as Executive Committee member of the AEPC continuously for last 30 years. Dr.A.Sakthivel was also President of Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) and three times as Chairman of Federation of Indian Export Organizations Southern Region. Dr.A.Sakthivel was also President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Coimbatore, first time an outsider from Coimbatore was elected as President of ICCI.

Dr. A.Sakthivel is also Chairman of Knitwear Technology Mission setup in Tirupur under aegis of AEPC and has been strongly advocating for promotion of synthetic garments exports, as there is a potential market available throughout the year globally where we reached saturation in cotton garments.

Now he is the Chairman of Apparel Made Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council and he is working towards skill development of Apparel Made Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council. In addition to this, he is also the Chairman of Southern Chapter of FIEO.

His involvement in AEPC, TEA & FIEO, he played a vital role to help the growth of export sector in India, specially in SME and his service has been recognized in India and also Internationally

The Central Government recognized his unparalleled service to export sector and conferred “**Padma Shri**” award in the year 2009 and Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore conferred Degree of **Doctor** of Literature (**Honoris Causa**) on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for his pivotal role in motivating many enterprising and capable youngsters to make a career in export, his dedicated involvement in visionary projects and initiatives and his immeasurable contribution to the growth of industry and to the development of the society. He also received the awards like “ Knit Sarathi” and “Kongu Nattu Sathanaiyaalar Viruthu”