

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture sector is a leading sector in Jaffna District. There are 1/3 of the families from total families in this District solely depending on agriculture including livestock and large share of the population is also involved in home gardening.

People in Jaffna district traditionally farming community. Their culture is mostly agrarian based. These traditional farmers have generations of experience about the soil, climate and agricultural technology which is unique to their system of production. They have their own cultivation techniques developed by their forefathers and the practices have been time tested and proven to be more appropriate than modern technologies. These traditional farmers never had an opportunity to practice their most unique and effective farming technology during the past three decades due to the prevailed situation Jaffna District is predominantly an agricultural area and always has enormous potential for agriculture produce such as red onion, chilies, potatoes, tobaccos, vegetables, banana and grapes cultivated for commercial purposes. Other crops cultivation such as paddy, pulses, and coconut are in substantial level. Palmyrah products also substantial source of income. Rice is produced during the Maha season under rain fed condition while vegetables are produced nearly all year around under rain fed irrigated conditions.

FISHERIES

Jaffna District is surrounded by Sea and Lagoon. The Fisheries Sector is an important sector in Jaffna District and major economic activity and the source of livelihood for about 21,456 families consisting of 91,129 persons in and 22,103 persons active fisherman in Jaffna District.

INDUSTRIES

There are three level industries functioning in Jaffna District. There are Micro, Small and Medium. According to the information collected from Divisional Secretariat wise, about 2,227 industrial units are in Jaffna District. Most of them are food and beverage types industries. Secondly, wood and wood based industries and other industries such as cloth and cloth based, light engineering, Palmyra based, leather based, paper based, cement based, coir based, chemical based, metal aluminum based, etc.

TOURISM

Jaffna is an immense potential for tourism and Hotel industry. Three types of places such as Historical, Natural and Religious places are available in Jaffna district. Historical important Places such as VEDIARASAN fort at Delft, HAMMENHEIN fort at Kayts, Jaffna fort, Jamuna pond, Manthiri Manai (kings Palace), Entrance Arch of Jaffna. Natural places such as Chatty area at Velanai, Casuarinas' Beach at Karainagar, and coastal areas at Manatkadu. Famous religious places such as Nallur Kandaswamy temple, Naguleswaram Sivan temple, Vallipuram Vishnu temple, St. James Church, Dutch Church at Chankanai, Nagadeepa Buddhist Temple at Nainativu.