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MESSAGE



I am delighted to learn that the Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics is bringing out District Human Development Reports for all the 30 districts of the State, simultaneously.

Karnataka is consistency striving to improve human development parameters in education, nutrition and health through many initiatives and well-conceived programmes. However, it is still a matter of concern that certain pockets of the State have not shown as much improvement as desired in the human development parameters. Human resource is the real wealth of any State. Sustainable growth and advancement is not feasible without human development. It is expected that these reports will throw light on the unique development challenges within each districts, and would provide necessary pointers for planners and policy makers to address these challenges.

The District Human Development reports are expected to become guiding documents for planning and implementation of Programmes within the districts. I urge the Members of Parliament, Legislators, Zilla Panchayat, Taluk Panchayat and Gram Panchayat Members, vis-a-vis representatives of Urban Local Bodies to make conscious attempt to understand that analysis that has been provided in the district human development reports and strive hard to ensure that the identified gaps are bridged through effective planning and implementation.

A number of people from many walks of life including administrators, academicians and people representatives have contributed in making of these reports. I commend each and every one associated with the preparation of the District Human Development Reports. I acknowledge the efforts put in by district committees headed by Chief Executive Officers and Officers of the Planning Department in completing this challenging task.

It gives me great pride to share with you that Karnataka is the first state in the country to prepare district human development reports for all the districts. I am hopeful that this initiative will spur us to double our efforts to make Karnataka, a more equitable progressive State.

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MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the District Human Development Reports (DHDRs) for all the 30 districts in the State are being placed in public domain shortly. A painstaking and massive effort has gone into the preparation of these reports. I heartily congratulate the Zilla Panchaayats and the Planning Department for this commendable work.

The reports, I am sure, would help policy makers, administrators, researchers, social organizations and the public at large to understand the critical concerns of human development in the Districts and Taluks of our State and also to bridge such deprivations by initiating suitable policy and programme interventions.



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FOREWORD

I am very happy to note that the first District Human Development Report of Bagalkot has digged out many issues of the district. A historically and culturally well known Bagalkot district is moving from agro based economics. Being a new district carved out from Vijayapura, it has made a significant progress over the years. Still there are many issues such as Literacy and Education, Health and Nutrition, Income, Poverty and Employment, Standard of Living, Gender and Development, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Governance and Urban Issues need to be addressed systematically and vigorously.

A joint project sponsored by UNDP and the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka has examined various aspects of human development and also has identified persistent gaps. The team led by Prof. Vijaya.B.Korishetti and Prof.M.B.Dilshad have done a remarkable job in comprehensively bringing out the quantitative statistic to a qualitative analysis. This report will certainly help in the development of Bagalkot district as a whole. The report in its true sense will be an eye opener to all the stakeholders which has set the development agenda. It is now the time for the Zilla Panchayat to act and make this district a developed one. I am sure with the support from State Government and other agencies, the Bagalkot district will move forward in the process of development.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank the entire research team, Officials of Zilla Panchayats, Taluk Panchayats, and Gram Panchayats which have been actively involved in the preparation of this report. Given the amount of information found in the report, I am sure, it will be used as a hand book by all the concerned in every step of development.

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It is a matter of great pride that the Government of Karnataka has taken initiatives to publish District Human Development Reports. This will strengthen the process of human development at grass root planning. This being the first DHDR of the Bagalkot district, I am sure it has unearthed many basic issues of development in Bagalkot district. I hope that this report will provide significant and varied data which can throw light on many issues. I understand that the in-depth analysis will certainly help all the stakeholders

and particularly the district administration, the Zilla Panchayat and other agencies involved in uplifting the human development standards.

It is amazing to see a voluminous report that contains 12 chapters, with a specific emphasis on Literacy and Education, Health and Nutrition, Income, Poverty and Employment, Standard of Living, Gender and Development, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Governance and Urban Issues of the district. I hope this report will act as a ready reckoner to research community, planners, policy makers and the administrators. The Zilla Panchayat and Taluk Panchayats will take necessary steps to disseminate the message of this report to the grass root. I congratulate the Research team, led by Prof. Vijaya.B.Korishetti and Prof.M.B.Dilshad, Karnataka state women's university, Vijayapura for bringing out the first ever DHDR of Bagalkot district. The significant gaps identified in the report, the strategies proposed by the research team will definitely help the administration to initiate action plans to bridge these gaps and take the district to a higher level of human development. This, I am sure, has set a road mark for the integrated development of the district.

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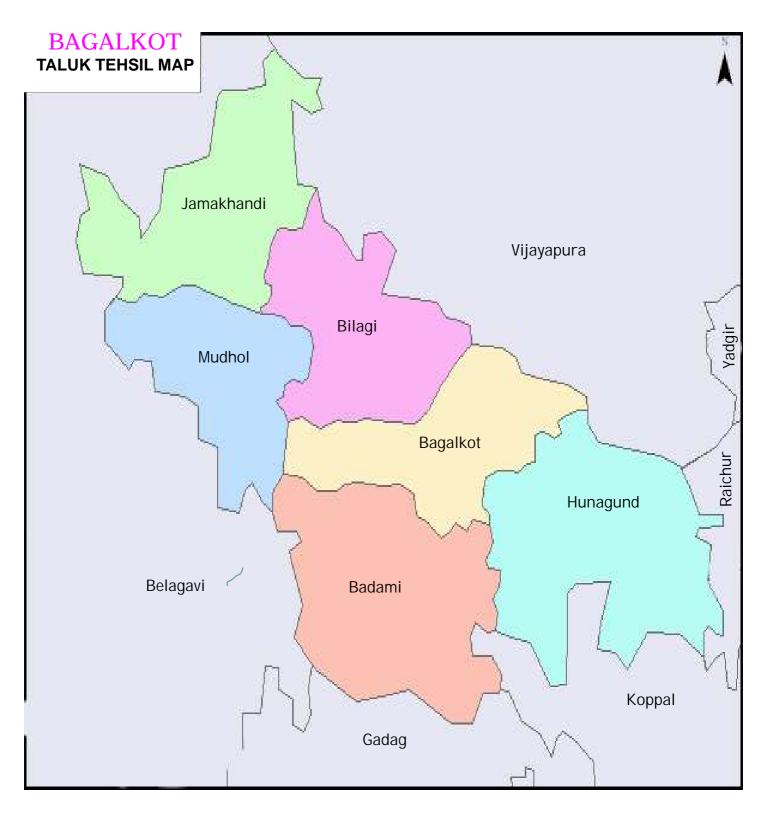
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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ANC Ante Natal Care

AOA Agreement on Agriculture

ASHA Accredited Social Health Activists

BMS Basic Minimum Services

BPL Below Poverty Line

CAA Constitutional Amendment Act

CBR Crude Birth Rate

CCDI Comprehensive Composite Development Index

CDDI Composite Dalit Development Index

CDI Child Development Index

CDR Crude Death Rate

CHC Community Health Centre CMC City Municipal Corporation

CMR Child Mortality Rate
CPR Couple Protection Rate

CTDI Composite Taluk Development Index

DAG District At A Glance
DDI Dalit Deprivation Index

DDPI Deputy Director of Public Instruction
DHDR District Human Development Report
DUDC Department of Urban Development Cell

FSI Food Security Index FWC Family Welfare Centres

GDI Gender-related Development Index GDDP Gross District Domestic Product

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GDTP Gross Domestic Taluk Product

GER Gross Enrolment Ratio

GEM Gender Empowerment Measure

GFATM Global Fund Fight Against Aids, TB and Malaria

GII Gender Inequality Index

GM General Merit GP Gram Panchayat

HDI Human Development Index HDR Human Development Report HIV Human Immuno Deficiency Virus

HPCFRRI High Power Committee For Redressal of Regional Imbalances

HPS Higher Primary School
IAY Indira Awaas Yojana
IMR Infant Mortality Rate
JSY Janani Suraksha Yojane
KHB Karnataka Housing Board

KSDB Karnataka Slum Development Board KGBV Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya LEP Learning Enhancement Programme LPS Lower Primary School

MDG Millennium Development Goals

M.Sc Master of Science

MGNREGA Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

MLA Members of Legislative Assembly MLC Members of Legislative Council

MMR Maternal Mortality Rate
MNP Minimum Needs Programme

NER Net Enrolment Ratio

NGO Non Governmental Organization

NPEGEL National Programme of Education for Girls at Elementary Level

NRHM National Rural Health Mission NSSO National Sample Survey Office

OBC Other Backward Class
Ph.D Doctor of Philosophy
PHC Primary Health Centre
POA Programme of Action

PQLI Physical Quality of Life Index

PUC Pre University Course

RGHCL Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd

SARDA Social Action for Rural Development Association

SC Scheduled Caste

SDMC School Development Monitoring Committee
SEARCH Social Education Activity for Rural Child Health

SHG Self Help Group

SLCC State level Co-ordination Committee SOAS School of Oriental and African Studies

SRS Sample Registration System SSA Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan SSI Small Scale Industry

SSLC Secondary School Leaving Certificate

ST Scheduled Tribes

SWR South Western Railway

TP Town Panchayat

TMC Town Municipal Council TPR Teacher Pupil Ratio

UDI Urban Development Index

ULB Urban Local Body UKP Upper Krishna Project

UN United Nations

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

VAW Violence Against women WHO World Health Organization WPR Work Participation Rate

ZP Zilla Panchayat

PART-I EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Introduction

Human Development Reports draw attention of the policy makers, administrators and other stake holders to the more direct and important aspects of human life of a geographical area for a particular period normally a year. The Bagalkot District Human Development Report is the first such report being prepared for the district separately. According to Karnataka Human Development Report 2005, Bagalkot district ranks 22nd in Human Development, 22nd in education, 12th in income and 23rd in Gender Development Index. It is one of the five bottom district in the health indicators. The present Bagalkot District Human Development Report has thrown light on 126 parameters used to indicate the HDI of the taluks. The present report emphasizes on development issues at taluk level. It has focused on the three dimensions of human development that is living standard, health and education. It also has highlighted the significant trends that have been witnessed in the district. The report has made an effort to find out the reasons for such trends and also identifies significant gaps. It has been prepared to serve various stakeholders as a guideline to prepare district level and taluk level plans and programmes. An effort is made in this chapter to provide an executive summary of the report in three sections: Research design, Major findings and Way forward.

2. Research Design

The present District Human Development Report is an empirical study prepared by a team of experts of Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapur under the scheme entitled "Human Development: Towards Bridging Inequalities", a project supported by Planning, Programme Monitoring

and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka, Planning Commission, Government of India and UNDP with an objective of measuring human development at district and taluk level against 126 given parameters by assessing the achievements of Bagalkot district and its taluks on the basis of 6 indices related human development. along with a sample survey on Composite Dalit Development Index. Specifically the objectives are to provide the data required for framing the development plan at grass root level; to find out variations in the status of inter taluk development on the basis of focus on literacy, work participation, health, gender, marginalized groups, urban issues etc and to identify the problems faced by different departments while implementing the development programmes. The radar scale technique is used in the report to illustrate and demonstrate the progress achieved by the taluks and the district in relation to core indicators of human development.

The District Human Development Report of Bagalkot is presented in 12 chapters supported by descriptive and inferential statistics narrated using 204 tables and 78 figures.

The major source of data used in the report are secondary source which are authentic and reliable that mainly include Census 2001 and 2011, Sample Registration System (SRS), NSSO (nrhmmis.nic.in), RDPR (rdpr. kar.nic.in) and SSA (ssakarnata. gov.in) and annual reports of various Departments and Ministries of Government of Karnataka and Bagalkot district in particular. Data obtained from District Statistical Office, published and unpublished records of Zilla Panchayat and Taluk Panchayat were also used in this report. However, small area studies have been reported using primary data through survey method of research. The report has been prepared based on the guidelines issued by the Human Development Division, Planning Department of Government of Karnataka.

Six indices have been constructed in this report to capture the status and substance of people's capabilities in six taluks of Bagalkot district. They are Human Development Index (HDI), Gender Inequality Index (GII), Child Development Index (CDI), Food Security Index (FSI), Composite Taluk Development Index (CTDI), Urban Development Index (UDI) apart from a small study on Composite Dalit Development Index (CDDI).

Feedback obtained from the stake holders on the status, problems and challenges of the taluk and districts during six taluk level and one district level workshops constitute the major primary source for data collection. The data is collected for 126 parameters. The obtained data was validated by lead agencies and District Level Officers of Bagalkot district including the research team that prepared this report.

3. Major Findings of the Study

A succinct account of the principal findings of the study is given below. One can understand the development and deprivation status of Bagalkot district and its taluks on the basis of the values of various indices and indicators of HD. The development status of the six taluks in respect of various indices in the district is not uniform.

Human Development Index is a composite measure of progress achieved by people in a region. It consists of three dimensions. However, there are other dimensions which are not included in the HDI. In order to give the comprehensive

and exhaustive account of development in the six taluks of Bagalkot district, other indices are constructed using HD indicators.

Bagalkot is a backward district. However, as a taluk, Bagalkot has excelled in HDI, FSI, UDI and CTDI in the district. It is for the simple reason that it happens to be the head quarter of the district. The gap between Bagalkot taluk's HDI value and that of the HDI values of other taluks in the district is very wide. It is a matter of great concern (Table 3.1.). Bagalkot taluk is growing at the cost of the development of other taluks in the district. Its total sex ratio in 2011(989) is slightly higher than that of the sex ratio of the state (973). However, its child sex ratio(935) is not only lower than that of the state level child sex ratio(948) but more alarming thing is that it has declined from 940 in 2001 to 935 in 2011. The district suffers from high degree of gender inequality. The anemia among pregnant women is comparatively higher and female literacy is relatively lower in the district. These factors have contributed to higher GII in the district.

The defining aspect of this report is that it throws light on the multidimensional aspects of deve lopment at the taluk level. Another thing is that it uses disaggregate data for the analysis and assessment of the deve lopment and deprivation status of taluks in the district. Dr. Nanjundappa committee Report (2002) has made pioneering contribution in assessing development at the taluk level for the first time in Karnataka state. The present Bagalkot District Human Development Report 2014 is continuing that tradition by constructing various indices relating to HD for the six taluks of Bagalkot district. As it has already been noted, the performance of the district in respect of FSI is extremely good. However, except Bagalkot city all other cities and

towns in the district suffer from higher proportion of slum population, inadequate and irregular water supply, lack of well maintained drainage facilities etc.

From the development policy point of view, it is important to take note of the extremely deprivation status of Bilagi, Badami and Hungund taluks. The taluks of the district can be divided into relatively developed and relatively deprived taluks. Bagalkot, Jamakhandi and Mudhol taluks belong to relatively developed category while Bilagi, Badami and Hungund belong to relatively deprived taluks.

Literacy rate (68.82 percent) of Bagalkot district is moderate and it is less than the state literacy rate (75.36 percent). The gender gap in literacy which was 27.21 in 2001 is almost unchanged in 2011. Though on a decline, significant rural/urban disparity exists among males and females. During the decade Mudhol and Bilagi taluks have recorded lowest male literacy in the district. There is a significant variation in the enrolment of social group. The gender gap in literacy is substantially higher in Hungund (24.95 percent), Mudhol (18.78) taluk. There is a little increase in the NER of the district during the decade 2001-11. Substantial rise is also observed in the dropout rate from primary to upper primary in Mudhol, Badami and Hungund taluks. Children who are out of school are more in Bilagi and Hungund taluks and these children are used for agriculture or non-agriculture work.

Mainstreamed drop out children belonged mainly to OBC/SC/ST. Hunagund and Bilagi are poor performers. The transition ratio of children from class V to VI and from VII to VIII of Bagalkot district is very promising with a very high transition rate of more than 90 percent. The transition rate at secondary level is slightly lower than upper primary level. There exists a gender gap in secondary school enrolment. Mudhol taluk has relatively higher dropout rate than the district level. The teacher pupil ratio higher than the state ratio. The availability of 8 basic facilities in the schools of the district are satisfactory. The SSLC results show gradual increase in the district though Badami taluk has a poor track record. The PUC results have made promising improvement which is higher than the state level. It is observed that colleges do not suffice the popu lation it serves and professional education is imparted mainly by private sector in the district. Gender gap is significant in professional education. It is also noticed that the district has satisfactorily utilized the funds under SSA on various schemes. The per capita expenditure of Jamkhandi taluk is well below the district expenditure.

Bagalkot district has recorded slightly higher CBR and CDR than the state level. The Infant Mortality Rate has decreased significantly in all the taluks of district. Maternal Mortality Rate in the district is considerably higher with 163 per lakh live births, but it is lower than state level MMR. Badami (256) and Jamakhandi (223) taluks recorded highest MMR per lakh live births in the state. The CPR in Bagalkot district is higher than state level. Jamakhandhi and Mudhol taluk have lower CPR than the district level. It is observed that family planning responsibility is mainly on the shoulders of women. Availability of Doctors and nurses is considerably low. PHCs are not distributed evenly in various taluks of the district. Utilization of ANC by pregnant women in Bagalkot district has increased significantly. More than half of pregnant women in Bagalkot district are anemic. Proper

utilization of nutrition is still lagging among pregnant women. The percentage of institutional delivery is as high as 97.99% in 2011-12. There is gradual increase in immunization of children in Bagalkot district. The percentage of malnourished children is quite higher in Bagalkot district with 42.85 percent. Mudhol and Jamakhandi taluks share major burden of HIV disease patients.

The GDDP of Bagalkot district has almost doubled during the decade, while Mudhol still remains as backward taluk with low GDDP. The economy of the district has taken a paradigm shift towards the tertiary sectors. Bagalkot taluk stands at top place in per capita income. Hunagund taluk occupied first place in terms of per capita food grain production. Live stock in Bagalkot district has increased significantly during the decade. The district cropping intensity was 129.05 percent. Hunagund taluk has highest cropping intensity and Bilagi taluk has lowest. The irrigation potential was high in district due to UKP and Krishna river. Tube well and canal irrigation are the predominant source of irrigation. The irrigation intensity was very high in Bagalkot and Bilagi taluks and low in Jamakhandi taluk. The highest household employed and person days generated under MGNREGA was found in Badami taluk and Bilagi was a poor performer. Total workers have increased by about 7 percent in Bagalkot district from 2001 to 2011. There is a significant decline in the registration at employment exchange in Bagalkot district. The proportion of main workers has increased while the number of marginal workers has declined. The work participation rate among women is significantly lower than that among males. Women are entering paid jobs more and more in recent days. The dependency on agriculture is very high (60.91 percent) in the district but its share in the income is lower than non agricultural field which accounts only 39 percent.

The district has better housing status compared to the state. More than four fifth of families has own houses. There exists rural urban disparity with regard to own house. Mudhol taluk (22.18%) accounts for highest number of site-less households. Only one third of the families live in pucca houses in the district. Badami, Hunagund and Bilagi taluks have very high proportion of kachcha Bagalkot district has houses. slightly poor housing conditions as compared to the state. A steady decline is observed in the number of radio listeners (10.42). More than forty percent of households lack TV facility. About 5 percent have telephone facility. The ownership of computer with Internet facility is very low but it is on an increase. Jamakhandi taluk accounts for highest number of bicycles. A significant increase in the ownership of motorcycle is noticed in Mudhol, Jamakhandi and Bagalkot taluks. Four wheelers ownership is significantly lower. Significant variations are noticed in the construction of houses for house less community across the taluks. High degree of unevenness is found in beneficiaries of IAY. Nearly three fourth of households are provided with water. Hunagund taluk has very less households with water (63.46 percent). Provision of electrification is quite satisfactory. The use of modern fuel in the district is very low (14.37) as compared to state (33.5). 81 percent of households in the district are deprived of toilet facility. Bilagi taluk has very low percentage of toilets availability. Nearly two third of households do not have drainage facility.

Gender inequality is considerably higher in Bagalkot as developed taluk. Mudhol taluk has recorded lowest MMR whereas Badami taluk has recorded highest MMR in the district. With regard to institutional deliveries Jamakhandi taluk which has comparatively lower number of hospital facilities, has recorded highest institutional deliveries. Hunagund taluk has recorded lowest institutional deliveries. More than 40 percent of women participate in local self Govern ment. The child sex ratio is not favorable to females. Significant gender disparity in literacy exists in Bagalkot district. Participation of women workers is low in Jamakhandi taluk and highest in Mudhol. Although nearly half of population is women, the work participation rate among women in the district is only 37.92 percent. Women's participation rate in non-agricultural sector is significantly lower in the district (22.17 percent). Bilagi taluk has very low rate of women workers in non agriculture sector and the highest proportion is found in Hunagund taluk. Gender disparity in wage rates also persists in the district. The female literacy in Mudhol taluk (55.93) is significantly lower and the gap is as high as 30 percent. The malefemale literacy gap in 2001 was highest in rural areas; about 30 percent. The enrolment of females is lower than males in primary as well as secondary education.

The proportion of main women workers is higher than marginal workers. The lowest proportion of women main workers is recorded in Badami taluk. Women work participation rate is increasing considerably. Women agriculture labourers rate has decreased at district and taluk levels. The women's participation in industries also has decreased from 7.56 percent in 2001 to 5.52 percent in 2011. The proportion of women in other works has increased significantly in 2011 with 22.17 percent. About 17 percent of the families are headed by women. Women representation in local self Government at all three levels is more than the Government's reservation policy. Violence against women is on an increase in the district with a significant increase in women suicide cases and missing cases. Number of SHGs is steadily increasing (4010) with more participation by women from all categories.

SC population is increasing in both rural and urban areas. The SC community is relatively more urbanized than ST's. There are substantial differences among social groups in terms of literacy Relatively higher gap in rates. literacy rate is observed between the SC population and the total, which account for 20 points. There is also a gender gap in literacy rates of ST in Bagalkot district. Bilagi and Mudhol taluks have comparatively lower literacy rate among ST group. Rural urban disparity is higher among both SC/ST's. The enrolment of SC/ST decreases significantly as the standard increases. The SC lowest enrolment is recorded in Bilagi taluk. Gender disparity is also noticed in total enrolment of SC/ST in different taluks of the district. The gender disparity among SC is more pronouncing in Hunagund taluk compared to other taluks. Significant gap noticed in dropout rate among SC/ST from primary level to upper primary level. Girl's dropout rate among SC/ST at upper primary level doubles the The gap between boy's rate. primary and upper primary dropout in district is quite big. The dropout rate among girls in SC/ST group is significantly higher in Mudhol and Hungund Taluk. Decrease was observed in the dropout rate among SC/ ST at secondary level in Bagalkot district. PUC results for SC/ST students are not satisfactory compared to the state results. There is significant difference between work participation rate of SC and ST in rural and urban areas. Lowest work participation rate among SC/ST is found in Bagalkot taluk. The percentage of cultivators among SCs is very less (10.62 percent). The gender gap is pronouncing in the category of cultivators both in SC and ST. Most of the SC and ST's are working as agriculture labourers in the district. Although there is increase in non-agricultural workers among SC/ST in the district, they lag behind the others. Half of the SC does not have good housing. Less than half of the houses constructed for SC/ST have livable housing facilities. Proportion of access to electricity among SC/ST is lower than the state level accessibility. Toilet facility among SC/ST is very grim. The value of CDDI and DDI reveals the severe deprivation of dalits in small area study.

The three tier panchayat system in Bagalkot district is functioning effectively. Members of various social categories get their due representation as per the existing reservation policy of the State Government. E-Governance is operating in the district. All the Gram Panchayats have computers with internet facility. Sakal and RTI are effectively being implemented in the district. Number of NGO's working in close connection with local people in the district is lower. Women participation in all the three tiers is also a positive development. Jamkhandi, Hunagund and Bilagi taluks have higher proportion of general category women than marginalized groups. The proportion of women found in urban local bodies is lower than men. Mudhol was the best performer and Badami was the worst performer in gram panchayat performance. The amount released by Zilla Panchayat on SC, ST and women and child development is utilized satisfactorily but health department needs to be more active in utilizing the amount allotted for them.

Population concentration is found in Bagalkot city only compared to other townships. The population in Bagalkot city is highest in district with 39.25 percent. Ilkal city is attracting people through traditional textile and spinning mills. Bilagi has highest slum population (43.13 percent). Ilkal has more number of households without own houses (45.16 percent). More than one third of people are deprived of water facility in small cities. Bagalkot city has comparatively better drainage system in the district. Drainage facility, Hospital facility lagging behind in all the small towns. Ilkal mobilizes more financial resource from the business it harpers. Ilkal has spent significantly higher amounts on development works among other cities of the district. Crime rate is highest in Bilagi compared to other taluks of the district. Mahalingapur has recorded highest road accidents. Solid waste management is lacking in all the urban centres. The ULB's in district are not well equipped to deliver civic services to people. The service delivery of ULB's is not up to mark.

4. Strategies Suggested

The strategy should concentrate on improving all the three indicators of human development index i.e. living standard, health as well as education. Child Development Index can be improved by lowering the existing percentage of malnourished children, number of children born with under-weight and by mainstreaming dropout children. Strategies should also emphasize on reducing child mortality rate.

Food security Index (FSI) may be bettered through higher cropping intensity, higher irrigation intensity, increased net sown area and thereby higher per-capita food grain production and

production of more number of leguminous crops. Strategies should also focus on increasing per-capita income, increasing non agricultural workers and reducing the number of agricultural workers. The number of PDS outlets need to be increased keeping in mind the population to have a better accessibility index so that FSI may also find a rise. Measures also need to be taken to bring down the number of anemic pregnant women.

Other urban sectors of the district excluding Bagalkot need to be developed on the lines of Bagalkot city. Better edu cational, commercial, enter tainment, transport, hospitals and other facilities including better sewerage and drainage facilities can be created in these urban segments. Efforts be made to decrease the number of households without own houses and also slum population. Strategies should also focus on augmenting own resource mobili zation through non-conventional fund raising programmes.

Vigorous actions are needed to raise the literacy rate of the district to equalize the state literacy rate. Emphasis should be focused on increasing female literacy rate with an emphasis on reducing rural urban disparity. Stringent measures are required to be adopted to increase the girl's enrolment which will help in increasing the NER and GER of the district. Suitable steps are also required to bring down the dropout rate from primary to upper primary level. It is for the District administration to take area specific measures to find alternative labors to replace children.

The transition rate needs to be improved by creating more number of high schools with adequate facilities. Improvements in Teacher-Pupil ratio also will help in increasing transition rate and enrolment and also help in decreasing drop out rate. The establishment of many more high schools and colleges in different parts of the district are required to encourage higher education.

Strategies should focus on lowering IMR in Bilagi, Hunagund and Mudhol taluks and MMR in Badami and Jamakhandi taluks. Necessary steps have to be taken to increase the Couple Protection Rate in Jamakhandi and Mudhol taluks. Awareness has to be created among men folk to undergo vasectomy. More number of Government hospitals with adequate facilities including Doctors and qualified nurses should be opened in other parts of district in general and Bilagi taluk in particular.

More number of nutrition aware ness and supply programs are essentially required to bring down the number of anemic pregnant women particularly in Jamakhandi and Hunagund taluks. More intensive to child immunization programs are highly required. Awareness need to be created among people of Badami taluk regarding communi cable diseases and measures are required to be taken to prevent such communicable diseases. It is highly required to create aware ness about AIDS in Mudhol and Jamakhandi taluks and that the District admini stration can take the help of Karnataka State Women's University, GFATM programme in this regard.

Strategy should mainly be focused on improving the GDDP of Bilagi taluk. A conducive environment needs to be built to establish industries and manu facturing units. The irrigation potential of the whole district has to be exploited to the optimum extent. Farmers should be encouraged to grow commercial crops, oil seeds and Vegetables and fruits. Farmers of Mudhol and Jamakhandi taluks should also be

encouraged to grow food grains to enable a raise in per capita food grain production. There is an urgent necessity to relook into the very nature of Employment Exchange Offices. To decline in the number of marginal workers and substantially to increase the main workers remodeling of works is required to be done by marginal workers. Necessary and strict actions are required to prevent child labors in the district which is very rampant particularly in Hunagund taluk.

The Area Development authorities should give more emphasis on improving the housing conditions as per their Master plans. The Prasara Bharati should take necessary steps to attract more number of radio listeners by designing user friendly programs. Bicycle culture has to be promoted among farmers. Implementation of various housing schemes requires more transparency in identifying real beneficiaries.

The future strategy should mainly focus on minimizing gender blindness among the people and creating gender awareness among women of the region. These can be achieved through rigorous gender sensitization programmes and also by announ cing many women friendly schemes aiming at bridging the gender divide.

The existing SDMC's may be given this responsibility to bring female group to education. Gender disparity calls for redefining the labor and wage. Special orientation or induction programs have to be conducted regularly to enable them to function properly by utilizing the services of Karnataka State Women's University which is established exclusively for the empowerment of women. The local bodies shall be made accountable to handle and prevent illegal trafficking of women including suspicious missing cases. More vigilance has to be kept on highways. Through personal interactions by the officials and involvement of active NGOs women belonging to Scheduled Tribes have to be actively involved in SHGs.

Group specific income generating programmes for SC/STs have to be developed. Both the communities should be helped in creating their own assets specifically immovable property. There is a need for more transparent methods of identifying beneficiaries for various schemes from housing to banking, health to insurance and employment benefits etc. Special attractive packages shall also be offered to the communities at all levels of higher education. It is a dire necessity to create mass awareness about entitlements. The candidates belonging to these communities may be trained with soft skills, communicative skills to optimize their employability.

The District administration must develop an annual governance strategy and action plan for each taluk . Skill induction programmes have to be organized to impart governance skills among the local civic bodies. Transparency, discipline, enforce ment of law and order, implementa tion of Government orders from time to time, effective participation under RTI, SAKAL, E-Governance projects require commitment from both officials and people's representa tives. The Zilla Panchayat has to give more importance on the expenditure of health as the health index is very low in the district. This cannot be achieved by any laws, on the other hand a holistic approach is needed which has to be built on national interest. This culture needs to be groomed.

The Area Developmentauthorities should give more emphasis in improving the housing conditions as per their Master plans rather than expanding their areas and developing these new areas.

There must be devised action plans to develop facilities like water, electricity, toilets, inner roads, market yard, hospitals playgrounds etc within the jurisdiction of the local body. At the same time action plan is also required to marginalize the slums. Each local body must also develop strategies to augment their own financial resource through various cess and taxes. The Police of these areas must be too alert to reduce the crime rate and accident rates which are more in number. Most urgently required strategy is that of solid waste management.

5. Conclusion

The preparation of Bagalkot District Human Development Report 2014 is a continuation of the pioneering work started by HPCFRRI in 2002. For the first time in Karnataka the taluk became the basic unit of assessment and analysis of development. This report contains a detailed analysis of the achievements attained by six taluks of Bagalkot district in terms of various indices related to human development. It has established that this district has been suffering from severe inter-taluk disparities in development. The principal message of this report is that the authorities concerned have to take suitable measures to arrest the ever increasing disparity in development between relatively developed taluks (Bagalkot, Jamakhandi and Mudhol) and relatively deprived taluks (Bilagi, Badami and Hunagund). The existence of inter-taluk development disparity is empirically displayed and proved in this report. The intent, content and the extent of deprivation differ from one taluk to another taluk. The development admini strators can use this report to identify which taluk is lagging behind in which index, in the index, in which indicator its performance is weak. Indices give an aggregate picture about the level of development in a taluk. But policy-makers have to go to the indicators that make the

indices to formulate appropriate policies to address the problem concerned. For instance Bilagi is the least developed taluk in the district. However, its backwardness is more severe in the Living Standard and Health indices than that of the Education index. Similarly the performance of Bagalkot taluk in FSI is very good. However, its performance in availability index (0.488) is lower than that of the availability index of Hunagund taluk (0.648).

One of the critical things the report has brought to the forefront is the concentration of develop ment activities in Bagalkot taluk which houses the district head quarter. The gap between Bagalkot's HDI value and the HDI value of the least developed Bilagi taluk is 0.613. It is unacceptable gap. How many more years required for the Bilagi taluk to reach the level of developed attained and accomplished by Bagalkot taluk? Being a district head quarter it enjoys certain advantages. But these advantages should not become hurdles for the development of backward taluks in the district.

The development administrators at the district level have to take immediate and suitable measures to allocate more resource to programmes and projects to the backward taluks within the district. Regional disparity is not mere a state level problem. The removal of intertaluk development disparities within the district is a matter of social justice. Balance in development between taluks never comes auto matically. Conscious efforts have to made to mitigate inter-taluk development disparities. This is one of the principal messages of this report.