

### 3.3.2 Backward Community

Among the backward communities, Gounders are predominantly agriculturists. Most of the people of the Nadar community engage themselves in agriculture-based works and small business. Vanniyars are engaged in agriculture. Pandarams perform pujas in the temples of the local deities and they work as flower vendors also. Acaris are engaged in carpentry work and in making of gold ornaments. Kulala Chettiyars are pot makers, Komutti Chettiyars and Mudaliyars are engaged in business besides, agriculture. Isai Vellalars are temple musicians, Guhavellalars engage themselves in conducting boat service across the river Cauvery. Ottars or Boyars are stone masons and the service communities like Washermen and Barbers are engaged in their respective traditional Professions.

### 3.3.3 Scheduled Community

People of Pallar caste mostly supervise the lands of the Gounders and work as agricultural labourers also. They engage in basket making using bamboo splinters. Parayars work as agricultural labourers and drum beaters. They also work as menial servants to the people of the forward and backward communities. Cakkiliars are primarily engaged in shoe making and are also engaged in agricultural labour.