

## SAVE - Tiruppur

## **e**-spectator...

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SAVE (Social Awareness and Voluntary Education) is a Indian registered Non-Governmental Organization, promoted in the year 1993, as a growing response to the challenge of preventing the labour child practices. Internalizing the fact that the issue of child labour needs to addressed multipronged strategy SAVE expanded its intervention among women and textile and garment industry workers focusing promotion of the

comprehensive rights of the garment and textile industry workers and empowerment of women. Currently SAVE reaches out to children, young women, women, and textile and garment workers including the migrant workers. Since 1995, SAVE has been carrying out programs among children in distress primarily among the children working in textile and hazardous industries with specific emphasis on promotion of health and educational rights through special schooling for the drop out children and child labourers and through vocational training support. Community sensitization is one of the main activities towards prevention of child labour. SAVE initiated campaigns and advocacy strategies could mainstream the issues of child labour and the plight of young girls in the garment and textile industry. SAVE has the unique credibility of being the champion organization in exposing the child labour issues in Tiruppur.

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### **Program of the Month**

## Social Dialogue and Information Communication and Technology

## **Program detail**

SAVE organized a program on Social dialogue and on Information, Communication and Technology in three locations in the month of March 2019;

- from 12th to 14th in Dindigul – 12 male and 14 female participated;
- on 23rd & 24th in
   Trichy 31 male and
   13 female
   participated;
- And on 28th & 29th in Dindigul – 16 male and 7 female members participated.

Introduction to Photography

- Briefing on phone Photography
- · Practical session on phone photography
- Mobile editing application SNAPSEED explanation

#### DAY 2

DAY 1

- Introduction to DSLR and its features
- Video making process
- Video editing on mobile based application- Video show
- DSLR photography practical session.
- Feedback

#### DAY 3

- Introduction to documentation
- MS word and its working explanation
- Tips and tricks for a good documentation
- Introduction to various media
- MS Power point and its usage
- Gender based violence and labour rights
- · Group activity & Feedback session

### A dropout student – back to school

Identified a dropout and enrolled in Sevanthampalayam Alternative Learning Centre

I was unable to continue my studies because of language barriers. It was during the survey SAVE Staffs identified me and gave a new life by enrolling in Sevanthampalayam ALC. I was enrolled in the bridge school by Sakthivel sir. I am very much gifted that I continue my studies and learn my subjects very interestingly. SAVE gives me opportunities to develop my extracurricular activities such as acting, singing and drawing etc., in and outside class rooms. I will use this great opportunity and study well to achieve higher.











| Tar | Tamilnadu Minimum Wage             |               |        |        |          |               |        |         |           |               |       |       |         |
|-----|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------|-------|---------|
|     | EMF                                | PLOYM         | ENT IN | ITAILO | DRING IN | IDUSTE        | RY - A | pril 20 | 19 - Marc | h 2020        |       |       |         |
| N   |                                    |               |        |        |          |               |        | ne C    |           |               |       |       |         |
| 0   | Employees/<br>workers              | Basic<br>Wage | V.D.A  | Total  | Per day  | Basic<br>Wage | V.D.A  | Total   | Per day   | Basic<br>Wage | V.D.A | Total | Per day |
|     | Wages in INR                       |               |        |        |          |               |        |         |           |               |       |       |         |
| A.  | TAILORING SHO                      | )PS           |        |        |          |               |        |         |           |               |       |       |         |
| 1   | Cutter                             | 5789          | 3353   | 9142   | 351.62   | 5639          | 3353   | 8992    | 345.85    | 5511          | 3353  | 8864  | 340.92  |
| 2   | Machine Operator/Tailor            | 5639          | 3353   | 8992   | 345.85   | 5511          | 3353   | 8864    | 340.92    | 5383          | 3353  | 8736  | 336.00  |
| 3   | Khaja Master                       | 5256          | 3353   | 8609   | 331.12   | 5128          | 3353   | 8481    | 326.19    | 5000          | 3353  | 8353  | 321.27  |
| 4   | Ironing Master                     | 5256          | 3353   | 8609   | 331.12   | 5128          | 3353   | 8481    | 326.19    | 5000          | 3353  | 8353  | 321.27  |
| B.  | EXPORT GARN                        | MENT N        | //ANUF | ACTO   | RY:      |               |        |         |           |               |       |       |         |
| 1   | Production Manager                 | 5959          | 3353   | 9312   | 358.15   | 5746          | 3353   | 9099    | 349.96    | 5575          | 3353  | 8928  | 343.38  |
| 2   | Supervisor                         | 5789          | 3353   | 9142   | 351.62   | 5639          | 3353   | 8992    | 345.85    | 5511          | 3353  | 8864  | 340.92  |
| 3   | Cutter-cum-Marker<br>Gr.I          | 5789          | 3353   | 9142   | 351.62   | 5639          | 3353   | 8992    | 345.85    | 5511          | 3353  | 8864  | 340.92  |
| 4   | Cutter -cum-Pattern<br>Maker Gr.II | 5639          | 3353   | 8992   | 345.85   | 5511          | 3353   | 8864    | 340.92    | 5383          | 3353  | 8736  | 336.00  |
| 5   | Tailor/ Machine<br>Operator Gr.I   | 5639          | 3353   | 8992   | 345.85   | 5511          | 3353   | 8864    | 340.92    | 5383          | 3353  | 8736  | 336.00  |
| 6   | Tailor/Machine Operator Gr.II      | 5469          | 3353   | 8822   | 339.31   | 5341          | 3353   | 8694    | 334.38    | 5213          | 3353  | 8566  | 329.46  |
| 7   | Trimmer                            | 5256          | 3353   | 8609   | 331.12   | 5128          | 3353   | 8481    | 326.19    | 5000          | 3353  | 8353  | 321.27  |
| 8   | Button & Khaja Opr.                | 5256          | 3353   | 8609   | 331.12   | 5128          | 3353   | 8481    | 326.19    | 5000          | 3353  | 8353  | 321.27  |
| 9   | Checker Gr.I                       | 5789          | 3353   | 9142   | 351.62   | 5639          | 3353   | 8992    | 345.85    | 5511          | 3353  | 8864  | 340.92  |

| 10 | Checker Gr.II                                 | 5639 | 3353 | 8992 | 345.85 | 5511 | 3353 | 8864 | 340.92 | 5383 | 3353 | 8736 | 336.00 |
|----|-----------------------------------------------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|
| 11 | Washing Helper                                | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 12 | Iron Man or Presser<br>Gr.I                   | 5362 | 3353 | 8715 | 335.19 | 5234 | 3353 | 8587 | 330.27 | 5106 | 3353 | 8459 | 325.35 |
| 13 | Iron Man or Presser<br>Gr.II                  | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 14 | Packer                                        | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 15 | Layer (Helper)                                | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 16 | Helpers -(all kinds)                          | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 17 | Trainee - Apprentice                          | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 18 | Any other category not covered by other items | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |

| <b>ADMINIS</b> | ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (both Tailoring shops & Export Garment Factory): |      |      |      |        |      |      |      |        |      |      |      |        |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|
| 1              | Manager<br>(Accounts,<br>Shipping,<br>Purchase,<br>sales)             | 5959 | 3353 | 9312 | 314.46 | 5746 | 3353 | 9099 | 349.96 | 5575 | 3353 | 8928 | 343.38 |
| 2              | Accountant,<br>Cashier, Clerk,<br>Typist                              | 5426 | 3353 | 8779 | 337.65 | 5277 | 3353 | 8630 | 331.92 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 |
| 3              | Store Keeper                                                          | 5362 | 3353 | 8715 | 335.19 | 5213 | 3353 | 8566 | 329.46 | 5106 | 3353 | 8459 | 325.35 |
| 4              | Driver                                                                | 5533 | 3353 | 8886 | 341.77 | 5384 | 3353 | 8737 | 336.04 | 5234 | 3353 | 8587 | 330.27 |
| 5              | Time Keeper                                                           | 5426 | 3353 | 8779 | 337.65 | 5277 | 3353 | 8630 | 331.92 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 |
| 6              | Security/<br>Watchman                                                 | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |
| 7              | Sweeper                                                               | 5256 | 3353 | 8609 | 331.12 | 5128 | 3353 | 8481 | 326.19 | 5000 | 3353 | 8353 | 321.27 |

| Zone A: Ma | adras, Coimbatore, | Madurai, Trichy, | Tirunelveli, Salem, | Tiruppur & Vellore. |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
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Zone B: All other municipalities

Zone C: Townships, Town Panchayat, Cantonment & Village Panchayat

Apart from the minimum rates of wages detailed herein, the Dearness Allowance payable for the period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 shall be Rs. 3353.00 per month.

|                                   | Wage Details - April 2019 - March 2020 |       |      |           |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| EMPLOYMENT IN HOSIERY MANUFACTORY |                                        |       |      |           |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| No.                               | Class or Classes of Employees/         | Basic | D.A. | Per Month | Per Day |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Workers                                |       |      |           |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                                 | Cutting                                | 4248  | 3259 | 7507      | 288.73  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                                 | Tailoring                              | 4248  | 3259 | 7507      | 288.73  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                                 | Ironing                                | 4248  | 3259 | 7507      | 288.73  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                                 | Packing                                | 4248  | 3259 | 7507      | 288.73  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                                 | Fabrication                            | 4248  | 3259 | 7507      | 288.73  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                                 | Checking                               | 2448  | 3259 | 5707      | 219.50  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                                 | Labelling                              | 2148  | 3259 | 5407      | 207.96  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                                 | Hand folding                           | 1998  | 3259 | 5257      | 202.19  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                                 | Fold and Tie like assistance           | 1848  | 3259 | 5107      | 196.42  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Tripartite Wage- April 2019 - March 2020              |                  |                        |                              |                                |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Section                                               | Basic<br>Pay Rs. | 5%<br>Increment<br>Rs. | Dearness<br>Allowance<br>Rs. | Travelling<br>Allowance<br>Rs. | Total  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cutting, Tailoring, Ironing, Machine, Singer, Packing | 205.99           | 10.30                  | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 384.96 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Checking                                              | 117.62           | 5.88                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 292.17 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Label                                                 | 105.44           | 5.27                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 279.38 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hand Folding                                          | 103.03           | 5.15                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 276.85 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Damage                                                | 82.39            | 4.12                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 255.18 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Layering                                              | 58.83            | 2.94                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 230.44 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machine, Local Section                                | 192.03           | 9.60                   | 148.67                       | 20.00                          | 370.30 |  |  |  |  |  |

### **News Highlights**

# Indian Express 04.03.2019; Mega Push – Dyers' associations working with IIT to develop captive electricity plants

The rationale – the team met the people of Tiruppur Dyers Association (TDA) to explain their innovation. To which the latter was surprised that the project, if implemented, would save much money.

The TDA is working closely with an expert team from Indian Institute of Technology Madras to generate electricity within the dying units. For this, the excess steam produced from the low-presure boilers at the dying units shall be converted into electricity. Experts foresee that this process may bring down some amount of expenditure.

The team led by Professor VR Muraleedharan has agreed to provide technical support to the Dyers Association and the latter is likely to visit the campus by June this year to understand the project completely.

Dinakaran 05.03.2019; can make money out of waste cloths – doormats are made in handloom machines Selathurai, 40 years old living in Anuparpalayam is making doormats out of waste cloths. In 8 hours he makes 20 pieces for the size 27/16 and 30 for the size 22/16. He sells out for Rs. 30 for direct sale and Rs. 20 for wholesale; and if small Rs. 15 and Rs. 25 respectively.

## Theekathir 05.03.2019; Pending pension should be issued immediately – protest at Labour Welfare Department

All labour associations protested at Labour Welfare Office against for not having issued the pending pensions to the workers retired. They also insisted that the Rs. 2000 scheme as announced by the state government for the unorganized labours should also be given. Moreover, the current welfare schemes should be raised.









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## Dinakaran 06.03.2019; Sexual Harassment to women – Suicides on increase – Seeking the advice of the District Administration

It is reported that the women working in knitting companies at Tiruppur are more in numbers and affected by sexual harassment within the premises of the company. It is also noted that the extra-marital affairs are more and that leads high numbers suicidal cases in the district. The social workers have insisted that the district administration takes enough action to council these women.

Dinathanthi 24.03.2019; Knitting Mills at Tiruppur – a plan derived to avoid lacking of the workers It has been noticed that at least 2 lac workers are needed in excess as of now. Hence an action plan has been derived. The associations and companies believe that the issue will be addressed.

# Dinathanthi 25.03.2019; 7 thousands of workers are linked to the workers' insurance scheme – The exporters association informs

The workers at Tiruppur, in order of benefiting health services, working at knitting companies and the exporters' association has joined hands with Edalvise organization for an insurance plan called Medi-Plus 365. Yearly Rs. 777 for a single person will benefit Rs. 1 lac; Rs. 1599 for a family will benefit Rs. 1 lac; Rs. 1199 for a single person will benefit Rs. 3 lac; and the same for a family by paying Rs. 2499 will also benefit Rs.3 lac. The same scheme will also be introduced in the districts of Coimbatore, Karur, and Erode.

### Dinamalar 25.03.2019; there will be salary hick from 1st of April for banyan workers at Tiruppur

There will be 5% of salary hick for the banyan workers since 1st of April. Over 6 six lakhs workers work in Tiruppur from various states and districts of Tamilnadu. They are given work on 8 hours shift basis. Based on the dialogue initiated by entrepreneurs and exporters association they have arrived at this decision. This is when compared to the government salary, it is high.

### Indian Express 29.03.2019; GST blocking textile sectors' progress – Complaints Aplenty

The sector comprising many unorganized units was fully exempted from tax until GST was introduced. Initially, 12 per cent tax slapped on the fabrics nd then it was reduced to five per cent for both handloom and powerloom goods. However, even now 12 per cent tax was levied on branded goods and ready made products of over Rs. 1000 value, the functionaries lamented.

As a new government is going to assume office after the election, we want the major parties to consider exempting the sector from GST ambit in their poll manifesto.

The functionaries said that previously, when VAT was levied on yarn, the sector did not face any problem. However, with introduction of GST, every activity of the sector was brought under its ambit, causing trouble to the traders and producers in claiming the input tax credit (ITC).

The present rule promised a tie-up with the European Union (EU) nations to get the most favoured nation status for our exports. However, as the status was not yet obtained, the nations levied 28 per cent import duty on our products, leading to rise in cost of our materials, they complained.

