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SAVE (Social Awareness and Voluntary Education) is a registered Indian Non-Governmental Organization, promoted in the year 1993, as a growing response to the challenge of preventing the child labour practices. Internalizing the fact that the issue of child labour needs to be addressed in a 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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Workshop

Using Community Engagement for the Prevention of Exploitative Practices in Garment and Textile Industry

Objectives of the Programme

- ✚ To know about the exploitative practices in garment, textile or any industries.
- ✚ To sensitize about the working conditions in garment and textile industries
- ✚ To comprehend the strength of the community
- ✚ To share the SAVE's community intervention process and its strategies.

Purpose of the Workshop

- The main theme of this workshop is to prevent the exploitative practices in the garment and textile industry using community engagement.
- We all aware that the workers predominantly come from villages and it is an acceptable fact that they get exploited in the established industries especially textile industries.
- Now, the textile industry consists of more workers in India. Though it is deemed as positive, it is workers who toil relentlessly for a meager wage.
- It is imperative to act against ill-treatment and exploitation by sensitizing the community in the vulnerable villages.



Training of CBOs at Hotel PVK Grand, Dindigul – 17.05.2019



Bridge School

The dedication of the teachers and the hard works of the students of the alumnae students of SAVE run bridge school yielded fruits in terms of the marks scored by our students in the board exam held in the month of March 2019 for the secondary school students. Totally 16 students appeared for the exam. Fourteen students have passed with good marks. The teachers have taken initiative to admit the students for further studies in school and colleges.

Survey Detail undertaken by SAVE: Every day Tirupur witnesses a



greater number of migrants to the Districts in search of work. The type of job includes both formal and informal jobs. Very often the children of the parents who go for informal jobs are neglected by the parents in their busy schedule of search for their day to day living. The children come from Northern states of India often

stay at home or go for informal jobs due to the language barrier. To eradicate the dropout completely in Tirupur, SAVE team was involved in conducting survey in Tirupur more specially in the locality where a greater number of interstate migrants live. In the month of May 2019, 121 students were identified who dropped from school for very many reasons. The identified students reside in the following locations: Kavitha Nagar, Anuparpalayam, Athupalayam, Iduvampalayam, Mahalakshminagar, Vanjipalayam, Annnagar, Sathiya nagar,

Chinnapomminayakan Palayam, Poochakadu, Ayyan nagar, Avarangadu Thottam, Jeeva Nagar, Jeyalalitha Nagar, Konganagiri, Pudhu Colony, Chikkanna College, Priyanka Nagar, Angeripalayam, Vayakadu Thottam, TMC Colony, Arivoli Nagar, Poombugar Nagar, Kovil Vazhi, Kuralakuuttai, Kangeyam, Varathapalayam, Perumanallur, Pongupalayam, New Tirupur and Pandiyan Nagar.

The identified students are yet to be admitted in school. The teachers explained to the parents about the bridge school run by SAVE.

Rescued Child Labour:

On 15th May 2019, a child labour was rescued while inspecting a company headed by Ms. Raja Lakshmi, Assistant Director, Labour Welfare Department and Mr. Nambi Raj, Program Manager, NCLP. The two



officers were accompanied by Mr. Sakthivel and Mr. Sambath Kumar NCLP teachers. The boy aged 12 was rescued by the team. The age of the boy was confirmed by the Government Doctor by medical diagnosis.

The boy is rescued and handed over to Child Welfare Crew. Later on, the boy was handed over to his parents by CWC with the assurance that the boy will be either send to special school run by NCLP or to regular school.

Education Elevates...

Karunambiga daughter of Narayan Moorthy a former bridge school student has secured 360 marks in SSLC examination held in March 2019. The family originally came from Madurai. The family migrated with two children to Tirupur in search of work. Narayan Moorthy the bread winner of the family deserted his wife and two children and married another woman.

Manimagalai struggled to feed the two children on daily basis. This elder child of the younger sister. At team in the year and enrolled her in school. The girl 2015-2016 academic



active in the class and was enthusiastic in learning. Due to the family situation the girl was admitted in hostel Nambiyur. The SAVE teachers continued to support her morally. The teacher visited her frequently and motivated to concentrate in her studies. The hostel warden also used to boost her in her performance. Thus, the girl scored 360 marks in the board exam. Now the girl has got admitted in 11th std.

“It is because of SAVE I am able to continue my studies and enjoy my childhood. If SAVE did not intervene I would not have studied. I will study well and secure good marks in 12th std as well. My aim is to become a teacher in future. My life was enkindled by a teacher I also want to enkindle the life of many more like me and bring joy and happiness in their life”. – Karunambigaa

News Highlights

***Dinathanthi* 02.05.2019; The trading market needs to be set up – Industry Sectors demands**

Many spinning and related job-work companies function at Tirupur. The cloths manufactured in these companies are exported to abroad, other states and districts in Tamilnadu.

***The Hindu* 02.05.2019; Open-end spinners down shutters for five days**

Over 150 open-end spinning mills in Tamilnadu have downed shutters for five days from Wednesday protesting against hike in raw material prices. It is expected to result in production loss of Rs. 15 crore a day. Mr. Jayapal, president of Open-end spinning mills association, and G. Arulmozhi, its secretary, told press persons here on Wednesday that the mills will not produce yarn, will not buy raw material (waste cotton), and will not sell yarn for five days....

The association has appealed to the state government to remove the cess on waste cotton, to the spinning mills to remove the packing charges, and to central government to levy duty on export of comber noil.

***The Indian Express* 02.05.2019; OE mill industrialists shut down units, want cotton waste price reduced**

Open end mill industrialists across the state shut down production in their units to condemn the steep rise in price of cotton waste – the industry's primary raw material. The strike has been scheduled for five days.

Dinakaran 05.05.2019; Spinning mills that pull way without paying the daily wages – Job-Work Companies erupts

Dinamalar 05.05.2019; The passing of the old the ascendance of the new – over 40% of the north Indian workers have not turned to Tirupur but at the same time concentration of new workers...

Dinathanthi 07.05.2019; Until normalcy returns – don't send the Odisha workers to their home town – Service centre requests the industry sector

Over 1 lakh workers from Odisha work at Tirupur. These workers normally during long holidays such as Diwali go home. But now due to Pani Cyclone, many districts have been badly affected in Odisha. So many workers start requesting for holidays to visit their home town. But the service centre has requested the industry sectors not to send them until normalcy returns in Odisha.

Dinathanthi 09.05.2019; Workers shortage soon to be resolved – Intensity of setting up of train centres in 15 districts

In and around Tirupur, there are over 8 lakhs workers working in spinning mills and job-work companies. All facilities for these workers are provided by the concern companies. On regular basis, people from within the state as well as from other states come to Tirupur for job.

However, still there is shortage of 2 lakhs workers approx. Hence, in order to solve this issue, Sripuram trust and Pothigai Human Resource Development Training System jointly makes lots of efforts towards solving this.

The centre for training will be set up in the districts of Sivagangai, Nellore, Thiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, and Trichy. There will be 40 centres set up. 2 each from each location will be brought to Tirupur to be trained and in turn they will train others. It is a 15 days program.

***Dinathanthi* 09.05.2019; Electricity Connection has been disconnected in 15 printing companies operating without permission at Tirupur - Action taken by Pollution Control Board officials**

Inthu Thamil 11.05.2019; In order to enhance the 181 – telephone service started for the women’s protection has to be made investigated – Social Welfare Department plans

Indian Express 11.05.2019; Tirupur Tax practitioners Assn inaugurated

This was inaugurated by the ex-district governor of Lion club R Mathana Gopal, here on Friday. AC Eswaran said that the tax practitioners play vital role in building the financial strength of Hosiery Industry. While workers served as a backbone of the textile city, accountants and auditors served as an important pillar of the industry. He added that earlier, there were very few accountants in the entire industry and 30 years ago the place did not look like a subdivision of the district. But it was hard work of knitwear entrepreneurs that placed the city on the world map. It then came to be known as huge hub for knitwear export in India, he said.

Dinakaran 12.05.2019; Reputedly disturbing sewage dye waste – struggling textile city – ignored by pollution control board

Inthu Tamil 12.05.2019; Noticed Health hazard situations in and around the city of Tirupur – Whether ignored due to no voting power here in the location?

Indian Express 16.05.2019; Three-day India International Knit Fair begins in Tirupur

The three-day India International Knit Fair, organized by India Fair Association and Apparel Export Promotion council, began here in Tirupur on Wednesday. The fair was inaugurated by Principal Secretary to government handlooms and khadi department, Kumar Jayant, in the presence of HKL Magu Chairman of apparel export promotion council and Dr. A Sakthivel Chairman of India Knit fair association.

The Hindu 18.05.2019; KPR Mill expands to Ethiopia – Garment maker establishes facility to invest \$million initially

KPR mill, a fully integrated garment manufacturing company in Coimbatore, has expanded to Ethiopia, setting up its first overseas production facility – KPR export Plc – in Makelle at an initial investment of \$5 million.

Dinamalar 23.05.2019; Mode of hiring contract workers – Industrial Association strongly opposes

In order to deprive the rights of the workers at Tirupur, the industrial associations together have made the resolution against the state government to drop the contract system.

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Dinathanthi 23.05.2019; Workers struggle without basic amenities – suggested that the concerned officials to make an assessment on the situation

The Hindu 27.05.2019; Brands urged to source garments from local manufacturers

The Indian entrepreneurs federation plans to write to Indian and international brands requesting them to source garments for the domestic market from the manufacturers in the apparel clusters in India.

Dinakaran 27.05.2019; Microbial wastes that are produced from the textile dye wastes has to be made as fertilizer – People from industry sector suggest

The Hindu 29.05.2019; SIMA wants new government to focus on TUFS

The Southern India Mills' Association has appealed to the new government at the centre to resolve to the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

The Hindu 29.05.2019; Textile units await implementation of Textile Policy

Textile and clothing industry in the state await implementation of the integrated textile policy the Tamilnadu government announced over two months ago.

***Indian Express 30.05.2019; Export Malpractice has industrialists
batting for cotton control***

TS many problems (both internal and external) notwithstanding, Tamilnadu's textile industry is now reportedly faced with malpractice in exports. Bangladesh textiles industrialists have complained of up four per cent loss per bale (170kg) as ginnerers allegedly weigh down the cotton with water. With the country's exports taking a hit, industry associations have decided to ask the central government to reintroduce cotton control order.

Thank You