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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 Tirupur.

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## **Programs at Glance**

### **Social Dialogue and Information Communication and Technology**

SAVE organized a three-day program on social dialogue and information communication and technology two times in the month of February 2019; the first program was organized at Maniam Classic, Tirupur between 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 and 11 male and 17 female members participated and the second program was organized at Dindigul between 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2019 for 19 male and 9 female participants. The content of the sessions was as follows;

#### **DAY 1**

- **Introduction to Photography**
- **Briefing on phone Photography**
- **Practical session on phone photography**
- **Mobile editing application – SNAPSEED explanation**

#### **DAY 2**

- **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**

## **Workshop on Gender Violence Free Workplace and Living Wage**

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The workshop on Gender Violence free workplace and living wage was illustrious and it was held in KSR Mahal, Tirupur on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The workshop was organized by SAVE and it was headed by the Mr. A. Aloysius, Managing Director-SAVE and Ms. A. Viyakula Mary, the Executive Director-SAVE.



Women's conference at KSR Mandapam 07.02.2019



Mr. A. Aloysius explained about the essential and non-essential expenses. He termed the essential expenses as food, shelter and clothing and the non-essential things as expenditure for celebrations, functions and other events. He expressed his views on the workers remuneration and the benefits of the labourers. The statistics

about the population was discussed and it was said that among twenty-five lakh people, women workers were estimated as 4 lakh people. He said that if a monthly wage of 18000 to 20000 is given only, an individual can run a family without any debt. He ended up his interaction with a

slogan that “Let us strive hard to get our rights and let us get our rights”.

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**Ms. Viyakula Mary** portrayed the picture of how equality is discriminated from the birth of a kid. A girl child is brought up in a manner that “she should stay at home, do makeups for her beauty, play with cookware items. But a boy child is brought up in a manner that “He could go out for

playing, can do mechanic works and so on. The ultimate theme was that” Gender discrimination starts from there and it should be changed in the forth coming years and men and women should be treated equally



from the birth and they must be given equal respect. So that they would be able to face the challenges at the workplace and would be able to learn the techniques against sexual harassment and workplace harassment. She concluded her presentation by her words that “Men and women should be given rights in an equal manner”. Finally, the valedictory thoughts were shared by Ms. Viyakula Mary. She thanked the entire fraternity for the constant support that they rendered throughout the workshop. She thanked the Staffs of SAVE for having organized such a beneficial workshop.

### **School dropouts identified and enrolled in SAVE'S ALC Centre**



Arjun and Nagarjun were roaming in the streets. They were identified and enrolled in Kovilvazhi - ALC. During the field survey, they were identified and enrolled in school to inculcate the learning methodologies.

These migrant children namely Mathan Kumar, Kirshana, Masanam, Yusaf Ali, Saiyun, Vishal were unable to continue their studies because of

language barriers. SAVE Staffs

identified them and gave a new life by enrolling them in the Sevanthampalayam ALC. Now they are enjoying their livelihood in a studious manner.

Durga Kumari aged 11 left the school in 4<sup>th</sup> std. Being a Migrant child, she was unable to pursue her studies. SAVE staffs identified her and enrolled in Paapanayakkanpalayam ALC. Now she is able to learn her subjects in 3 languages.



Campaign was organized at Government School on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019; in Sevanthampalayam Selva Vinayagar street. Ms. Meena conducted the awareness campaign. 100 students participated in it.



Post card campaign was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Aandipalayam Panchayat Union School. 110 students participated in it.





Postcard campaign on Plastic Free Environment was conducted On 16th February 2019 by Mrs. Sarahl at Sirupoolavapatti. 203 people participated in it.



Postcard Campaign on Plastic Free Environment was Conducted on 19th February 2019 by Mrs. Kaladevi at Anna Nagar. 185 public got awareness about the ill effects of plastic usage.



Post card Campaign on Plastic Free Environment was conducted on 19th February 2019 by Mrs. S. Anandhi at Pandiyan Nagar. 226 people participated.



Mrs Arputha Mary conducted plastic awareness post card campaign in Sevanthampalayam. Nearly 98 of the people participated and got to know about the bad effects of plastic usage.





Mrs Latha initiated plastic awareness post card campaign on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Karuvampalayam, where 100 people participated in it.

#### THEN A CHILD LABOUR... NOW AN ACCOUNTANT

It has been an arduous journey from a child labourer to an Accountant. The laurels have arrived not a moment too soon. Kowsalya belongs to Mysore. She was forced to discontinue her studies after Class V when her family fell on hard times. Being a dropout, she came to Tirupur along with her family for the sake of livelihood. At that juncture, her father passed away, which was again a heart break for her. Family situation and poverty made her to go for Garments and she earned Thirty Rupees per day. She continued her work for few days. After which SAVE staff Vasanthi identified and rescued her and made her to join in Pandian Nagar Alternative Learning Centre. She belongs to a nuclear family, where her Mother Gowri and Brother Suresh lives along with her. She studied her VI and VII Standard in SAVE Centre for 2 years, after which she was mainstreamed in Pandian Nagar High School. She had completed her Bachelor of Business Administration. Now with all her efforts, she had joined as an Accountant.

## NEWS – HIGHLIGHTS

- **Indian Express 02.02.2019; Interim Budget fails to impress Tirupur industrialists – Announced pension scheme a mere eyewash – TN farmers association wants loan waiver scheme – budget belies hopes of farmers...**

Tirupur businessmen were disappointed with the 2019-20 interim budget presented on Friday as it had nothing to do to the industrial sector.

The announcement of a pension scheme for unorganized labour in the budget was just “old wine in a new bottle” charged United Federation Trade Unions State President EVK Shanmugam.

Tamilnadu small and marginal farmers association was disappointed over the budget not including a loan waiver scheme.

The interim budget belied the hopes of farmers this year as well in terms of doubling farmers’ income charged Tamilnadu Agriculturalists Federation State President and lawyer C Nallasamy.

- **Dinamalar 02.02.2019; 21, 052 households have no access to toilets – order speed up the subsidiary scheme**



- **Dinathanthi, 03.02.2019; Let the Children Live... an article elaborates children's impact in family and society.**

“Children are the key to Paradise”, says Eric Haber an American Philosopher. Children pave ways to world of trust and their contribution towards leading us to the better society is enormous. The article demonstrates their skill to establish a better society tomorrow. The impact is clearly discussed.

It illustrates that the crime against women are increasing day by day; it is noticed in 2014 as 89,423; in 2015 as 94,172 and in 2016 as 1,06,958.

The amendment of the law bought by the Central Government for preventing children from sexual harassment states the following;

- If children within 12 years of age are raped, minimum of 29 years sentence of jail or maximum of death penalty
- Similarly, if children between 12 to 16 years of age are raped, minimum of 29 years sentence of jail or maximum of death penalty
- 10-year imprisonment to those involve in sexual harassment against women
- No anticipatory bail for those involves in sexual harassment against girls within 16 years of age
- The investigation of the case within 2 months' time and the petition for appeal within 6 months' time has to be completed
- The government and the victim's representative should be consulted before the accused can be granted bail

- **Dinathanthi 04.02.2019; Central Government must encourage the small and medium entrepreneurs**







- ***Dinamalar 05.02.2019; SIMA to maintain the hostel for labours***  
Tamilnadu state government has completed the construction of the hotel a year ago. Since it is not yet opened, SIMA is in dialogue with the welfare department to initiate the hostel under the care of SIMA.
- ***Inthu-Thamil 06.02.2019; Working women's hostel for those who work at Tirupur – TN CM K. Palanisamy inaugurated***
- ***Indian Express 06.02.2019; Tirupur MP seeks upgrade of best-performing PF office***
- ***The Hindu 10.02.109; Pension scheme for workers in informal sector to kick-start from February 15 – to provide minimum assured monthly pension of Rs. 3000 from 60 years of age***
- ***Dinathanthi 12.02.2019; From the month of April – increase of 25% price in the Kaja button – the members of the association have decided***
- ***Dinathanthi 12.02.2019; 2022 – the knitting industry will achieve its goal – Knitting Industry entrepreneurs are hopeful***
- ***Dinathanthi 14.02.2019; Knitwear board should be set up in Tirupur – MP Satyabhama made the demand at the Parliament***  
In addition, the MP also insisted for the start of Kendra Vidyalaya school, clothing department for power loom industry & provide Rudra loan for the same and modernizing the Tirupur railway station.
- ***Dinathanthi 18.02.2019; Service centres for the welfare of the workers to be set up in many places at Tirupur***
- ***The Hindu 20.02.109; How do you form and train you ICC? A recent panel discussion explained how a few corporates have gone about these two processes***

- ***Theekathir 21.02.109; Public exam for classes 5 & 8 starts this year – this is against their right to education***

As per the instruction of the Central Government, the Department of Education in the state has announced that there will be public examination conducted for classes 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The head of operations and the general secretary of the Tamilnadu state science directorate has made an appeal to drop this immediately.

- ***Dinathanthi 22.02.2019; Online sale on increase***

- ***Dinakaran 24.02.2019; Training on safety measures at Industries***

On behalf of Occupational Safety and Health Directorate, training was conducted on safety at industries in Tirupur yesterday. The training took place at SIDCO in SIMA hall. The safety measures to be followed, handling of materials at work place, electricity safety measures and behavioural attitude at work place were some of the areas of training. The training was conducted by the directors, deputy directors, and assistant directors from both the departments.

- ***Dinamani 25.02.2019; Shortage of power table tailors - Knitwear industry in severe crisis***

In order to solve this issue, the government recognised training centres have to be established. At least 3 to 6 months training has to be given to those come from other districts, and the state government has to take initiative on this said the SIMA General Secretary, K.L. Babuji.

- ***Dinamani 26.02.2019; first industry inaugurated at business park in Kobi***

- ***Dinathanthi 27.02.2019; increase in the coming of migrant workers from other states***

- ***Dinathanthi 27.02.2019; Youth dies in an bus accident at Perumanallur – a banyan company bus was captured by the public during an on-road strike***
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