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Social Awareness and Voluntary Education (SAVE) 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.

#### **Tiruppur e-Spectator**

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Social Dialogue; Information, Communication and Technology

Dialogue, Α program on Social Information, and Communication & Technology for three days from 22nd to 24th January 2019 was conducted at the premises of SAVE, Tiruppur. 7 male and 21 females participated in the program. Day 1 focused on the introduction to Photography; Briefing on phone Photography; Practical session on phone Mobile photography; and application - SNAPSEED explanation. Day 2 focused on the introduction to

DSLR and its features; Video making process; video editing on mobile based application - Video show; and DSLR photography practical session. Day 3 focused on the introduction to documentation: MS word and 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 and feedback sessions.





Workshop on setting up of Trade Union was organized on 30th & 31st January 2019. Awareness was given on the following headings; How to set up a trade union and How to link with the trade union? And the structure of the trade union and its general body was also covered.

## **NEWS HIGHLIGHTS IN JANUARY 2019**













### # "Rs. 16,500 crores needed to modernize spinning plants in Tamil Nadu"

- If the state does not allocate funds it is to go in vain...

- Dinakaran, 01.01.2019

Coimbatore. There are about 1500 - marginal, small, medium, and large spinning plants are there in the State of Tamilnadu. Of the 1.50 crore rays; over 1.20 crore rays are of 15 years old that runs beyond its volume of validity. There is rise in the utilization of electricity and time consumption is high that leads to more production cost and reduction in spin quality. Every plant has a minimum of 5 to 15 thousand rays and at least Rs. 25000 (may reduce up to Rs.15000) is required for renovation per ray, hence there is a requisition of Rs. 7 to 20 crore per plant. Central Government has allotted fund for modernization of power loom including textile machineries as part of the scheme for "Textile Technology Development Fund". There is a need to approach the state government which has not come out with textile policy for the past 20 years. Hence, the textile association urges that the government allots at least Rs. 10 crores t each spinning mills totalling to Rs. 16500 crores as greater part, or Rs. 1000 crores yearly basis.

## "Textiles, clothing end year on mixed note"

- Industry impacted by muted global, domestic demand

- The Hindu, 02.01.2019

Coimbatore. The textile and clothing industry have ended the year 2018 on a mixed note in both exports and the domestic markets, expecting a revival in 2019.....With liquidity issues and stricter norms under Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS), investments have been slow. Margins are under stress and bank finance is difficult to come. The ATUFS norms should be released and liquidity should improve for investments to revive in the sector, say industry sources.

### ♣ The price of cotton fell by Rs 2500

Reduction of Rs 10 per kg of yarn

- Dinamalar, 03.01.2019

**Tiruppur.** ...In order to equalize the loss due to cotton prize reduction, the cotton mills may increase the number of Pongal holidays; and production will also be reduced. The sale of cotton at stock will be completed; since the situation for the rise of cotton persists, there is chance for the rise of price of yarn since March, said the president of "Indian Texprenuers Federation".

### For textile materials manufacturing companies...

- Henceforth, new standards is required...appeal to exporters

Dinakaran, 03.01.2019

**Coimbatore.** The situation is that the quality of the production and standard of the companies are two important requisites enter into Global Trade market.... the London Standards has been duly recognized by Women Commission, Government and Non-governmental organizations. To receive such a certification of five stars standards for all south Indian Textile Companies, the unit wise awareness meetings will be organized, said the SIMA Secretary, Selvaraj.

## CM to inaugurate training session for workers

- Indian Express, 05.01.2019

**Erode**. Around four lakh powerloom workers in the State will benefit by a new training programme to improve their skills. Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami will inaugurate the programme on January 27, according to Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) officials. The training, in 22 types of works for 12 hours over two days, is being held under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)...As Tamilnadu is one of the biggest producer of textiles in the nation, the event should prove to be good platform for exporters to meet buyers from

major importing countries as well as emerging markets in Asia, Africa, and European Union to export yarn, fabrics, made-ups and apparels.





#### MAJOR HEADLINES OF THE MONTH...

- ➤ Demands for shortage of doctors at Udumalai ESI Hospital; *Theekathir* 01.01.2019
- ➤ Kondi language children study in Tamil Rehabilitation to the rescued child labourers; *Hindu-Tamil* 03.01.2019
- ➤ Aadhaar Centre at EPF Office Chance to make amends; Dinamalar 06.01.2019
- ➤ Texprocil seeks interest subvention from government for cotton yarn "It is the only product not given profit under foreign trade policy". *The Hindu*, 06.09.2019
- → 'Cut in duty drawback rate hits textile exports' V T Karunanidhi says other countries give exemption to indigenous products; The New Indian Express; 07.01.2019
- ➤ Hospital needed along with the Medical college SISMA Demands; Dinakaran 08.01.2019
- ➤ To prevent crimes in Tiruppur Full details of outstation workers should be reported; Commissioner of Police advises the Banyan Company Owners;

  Dinathanthi 08.01.2019

- ➤ Busy orders, textile units did not extend their support; The New Indian Express, 09.01.2019
- ➤ Textile processing units expects reduction in GST; The Hindu, 10.01.2019
- ➤ For employing child labourers Wife of Banyan Company sentenced to 1 ½ years Jail Tiruppur Court Verdict; Dinathanthi 10.01.2019
- ➤ Nine minor boys among 11 labourers rescued They were working in a Panipuri unit in Chennai; The Hindu 13.01.2019
- ➤ Will the stagnation in textile exports change? IDF's clue on this...Dinamalar 15.01.2019
- ➤ 21 lakh outstation workers in Tamil Nadu How to handle it without problem;
  Dinamalar 15.01.2019
- ➤ "HSN Codes for technical textile will help exports". The New Indian Express 19.01.2019
- Housing Scheme for women working in textile industry Trade association emphasises

Dinathanthi 20.01.2019

- ➤ High demand to recycle the cotton waste cloths materials: Dinamalar 20.01.2019
- ➤ Establish complaint committee for women harassment at workplace Working women conference insists; *Theekathir* 21.01.2019
- ➤ Union Minister urges T.N. to tap potential in technical textiles Centre has notified HSN codes for about 200 technical textile products; The Hindu 28.01.2019
- ➤ Online training videos for textile workers; *The Hindu 30.01.2019*



### **ISSUES ON FOCUS...HEADLINES IN JANUARY 2019**



- ❖ Dinakaran 03.01.2019; 19 years old boy hailing from Thanjavur district and working in a banyan company commits suicide by hanging himself in his hostel located at Tiruppur.
- Dinathanthi 04.01.2019; 42 years old Tractor driver hailing from Kathampalayam commits suicide by consuming poison due to severe stomach pain and unceasing fever for many days.
- And on the same day, 45 years old woman living in Poondi Ring Road commits suicide by hanging herself.
- ❖ Dinakaran 05.01.2019; 19 years old girl, a labour in a banyan company and got married (love marriage) recently, committed suicide at Triuppur.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 05.01.2019; 17 years old boy who studies 12<sup>th</sup> standard commits suicide near Palladam.
- ❖ Another young person on the same day aging to 21 commits suicide in Palladam as well.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 06.01.2019; 32 years old woman living in Sirupooluvapatti, Tirupur commits suicide due to indebtedness.
- ❖ Dinakaran 07.11.2019; a woman of 24 years old living in P.N. Palayam commits suicide setting fire on herself at night.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 08.01.2019; 61 years old man commits suicide at Angeripalayam by consuming poison.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 09.11.2019; a couple after marriage for the past one and half year who are 32 years old man and 23 years old woman, hang themselves in the same saree and died near Palladam. The man seemed to have worked in a banyan company at Tirupur.

- ❖ Dinathanthi 10.01.2019; 31 years old man working in banyan company at Tirupur hangs himself and dies.
- Dinathanthi 11.01.2019; 19 years old girl, daughter of woman who works in a banyan company, commits suicide at Tirupur.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 12.01.2018; a man works at a banyan company and living in Rayarpalayam, Palladam who is 40 years old hangs himself due to family problem.
- ❖ Dinakaran 13.01.2019; 18 years old college going girl commits suicide by consuming poison at Tirupur.
- Dinathanthi 17.01.2019; 20 years old girl hailing from Madhya Pradesh, working in a knitting company hanged herself and died at Avinashi.
- ❖ Dinamani 20.01.2019; a government teacher who is 38 years old kills his wife (30 years), two of their sons (7+1.5 years and mother (65 years) and hangs himself and died at Soolur.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 20.01.2019; on the same day, a 21 years old boy, 26 years old an engineer, and 60 years old commit suicide at Tirupur.
- ❖ Dinakaran 21.01.2019; 55 years old, banyan company worker, commits suicide, hanging himself.
- Dinathanthi 21.01.2019; 52 years old, banyan company worker, commits suicide, hanging himself.
- ❖ Inthu-Thamil 22.01.2019; 20 years old college girl commits suicide, hanging herself.
- **❖ Dinathanthi 22.01.2019**; 22 years old boy commits suicide, hanging himself at Tirupur.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 23.10.2019; 4o years old man commits suicide, hanging himself. And on the same day, 67 years old man consumes poison and died in Tirupur.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 24.01.2019; 33 years old tailor commits suicide by consuming poison at Tirupur. And on the same day, 31 years old woman hailing from Paramakudi, hangs herself and died.
- ❖ Dinathanthi 26.01.2019; 28 years old man commits suicide by consuming poison at Tirupur.

Dinathanthi 29.01.2019; 51 years old man living at Avinashi and 29 years old man form Madurai living in Uthukuli, both working at two different banyan companies due to various reasons commit suicide by hanging themselves.

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- **Dinamani** 06.01.2019; The Prevention of Trafficking Bill should be passed soon the affected write to the Prime Minister...
- Dinamani 08.01.2019; Engaging school students into sex workers business case –
   life imprisonment to 10 people including 3 women
- **Dinamalar 11.01.2019**; Boy kidnapped to extort money life sentence to the worker
- Dinakaran 18.01.2019; Auto driver arrested for kidnapping a school girl
- Inthu-Thamil 21.01.2019; Women go missing in Coimbatore city...accumulation of complaints in the police stations – a separate team to investigate.
- Inthu-Thamil 23.01.2019; Two arrested for having kidnapped school girl and sexually abuse case
- Dinathanthi 30.01.2019; Tailor sentenced for 7 years jail for kidnapping a girl student and sexual abuse – Tirupur District Court for Women verdicts

## **Education**

- Dinakaran 03.01.2019; Students have decreased in 8900 schools. The data collected by welfare department shows not more than 25 students present in these schools and the highest number seen in Salem district.
- Dinathanthi 04.01.2019; Awareness given on the bad effects of plastics in all schools at Tirupur.
- Dinamani 04.01.2019; On trial basis, biometric machines are brought into force
   consultation to implement in all schools
- Dinathanthi 04.01.2019; Cancellation of mandatory mastery system until class
   8 Parliament approves the bill
- Dinathanthi 04.01.2019; Classes on technical education started at Jaivabai
   School in Tirupur.
- Dinathanthi 09.01.2019; Decided to set up bio-metric machine for registering attendance for teachers at 177 schools in Tirupur.
- Dinakaran 14.01.2019; Directed to hold parent teacher meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January,
   15<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> November at all schools, by Minister for School Education.
- Dinakaran 20.01.2019; Despite of allocation of several lakhs there are government schools with no basic facilities. The quality education is at stake and children are prone to health issues due to no supply of water.
- Dinakaran 23.01.2019; 127 Anganwadi Centres to start LKG and UKG classes at Tirupur – Chief Educational Officer informs.
- Dinakaran 24.01.2019; Order released by Department Education, not to use plastic flags during Republic day.
- Dinamalar 26.01.2019; Primary School at Devampalayam, Avinashi with no toilet facilities – students affected severely. At least 80 students study here.

- Inthu-Thamil 26.01.2019; Since teachers do not turn up to school children have protection – Due to JACTO-JEO protest teachers did not come to schools at Tirupur. So, the parents along with volunteers protested standby.
- Dinamalar 29.01.2019; Teachers rebuked at Tirupur, sensational situation at Avinashi. Parents and children rebuke teachers in several places of the town.

## **Environment**

- **♣** Dinathanthi 01.01.2019; Polybags are permitted in the manufacturing of cloths
  - Pollution control Board Informs. Based on the letter sent by SIMA, this request has been processed.
- **♣** *Dinamalar 05.01.2019*; Replacing plastics products with Shialli leaves from Odisha. Innovation introduced by a youth from Tirupur.
- ➡ Dinamalar 05.01.2019; Plastic free Tirupur The corporation officials along with the volunteers, NOGs/ CBOs, students, residents, and others have started this initiative.
- **♣** *Dinamalar 07.01.2019*; Awareness on Plastic Abolition in Tirupur People extend cooperation to the initiative of Dinamalar.
- ➡ Dinakaran 15.01.2019; Alternative for plastics over 400 companies expressed their interest for implementing the same.
- **↓** *Dinamalar 22.01.2019*; Goodbye to plastics Enriching paper bags. The youth are the target to initiate this task.
- ➡ Dinamalar 31.01.2019; Bayan waste were set on fire in the well toxic pollution affected the people.

