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Garments

MSME announcements to be positive for knitwear sector

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Coimbatore: The announcements by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) will increase the confidence and competitiveness of knitwear exporters, said Raja M. Shanmugham, president of Tirupur Exporters' Association.

Mr. Shanmugham said in a press release that the increase in interest subvention is a request of the sector for the last two years and it will help the units have a level-playing field with the competing countries.

Sanctioning of loans up to Rs. 1 crore in less than an hour for GST-registered MSMEs will enable easy access to credit and save a lot of time for entrepreneurs.

Business for MSMEs will be hassle free with change in the inspection system. Since the inspectors have to upload reports on the portal in 48 hours was a welcome move, he said.

With merger of air and water pollution laws and acceptance of self-certification, the units will gain. "These positive measures will help Tirupur exports bounce and witness a positive growth," he said.

Companies which seek for the new workers – sudden fall in the garments production

Dinamalar November 12, 2018

Tiruppur: Tiruppur garments companies have been seeking for the new workers.

Many working places are found in the garments manufacturing activities notably knitting, dyeing, printing works operator, cutting master, tailor, checking, ironing and packing works. Many workers not only from local, but also from the other states such as Odissa, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan residing in Tiruppur are working in the garment companies.

The garment workers are provided leave for the Pongal and Deepavali festivals every year. On the eve of these holidays, many of the workers leave their companies and join in the new companies. Some workers who go back to their native places will stay therein. So, after the festival holidays, the shortage of workers will occur everywhere particularly in the garment companies.

Quite unexpectedly the return of workers after Deepavali festival is not up to the march.



Only 20 percent of workers have returned to their companies they worked. The return of works from the northern states is reached up to 40 percent.

Since, the garment companies are becoming more active to manage the garments production due to the approach the Christmas and New Year seasons.

But, the workers have not yet returned as per the expectation. So, they seek new workers for their companies.

Raja M Shanmugam, the president of Tiruppur Exporters Association said

“Usually, the workers who have received the Deepavali bonus will join in some other companies leaving the present ones. The garment production meant for the summer seasons in the European countries will become busy. Accordingly the more orders are at hand in the garment companies. so, more number of workers are required.

Thus, he said.

Do not increase the yarn price garments manufacturers insist
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Tiruppur: Tiruppur garment manufacturers are expecting that the yarn price will be stable and in no way the yarn price can be increased.

The cotton yarn is the main raw materials suitable for the internal and export garment companies. The price of cloth is fixed on the basis of yarn price, job work wages and the cost of essentials materials.

The increase of raw materials prices will undoubtedly put the manufacturers in a state of crisis. As usual, they will have to face the difficulties in receipt of orders and complete the orders at hand and details the finished products.

The cotton price is suddenly increased every year. Accordingly to the increase of cotton price, Tamilnadu textile mills are increasing the yarn price.

Since, the central government has increased the minimum prices of cotton, the prices of cotton in the beginning of the current season, the purchasing prices of cotton per candy is Rs. 46,500. So, the textile mills proprietors have planned to increase the yarn price.



Muthuratinam, the president of TEAMA said

The receipt of orders from the foreign countries as well as the internal states is being increased in Tiruppur garment companies. The increase of the dollar value and the announcement of loan scheme by the central government are favourable for the garment industry of Tiruppur. At the end of the Deepavali Festival holidays the garments production will be developed.

By placing the cotton prices, the textile mills have planned to increase the yarn prices from 15th of this. Again, the yarn prices and the job work wages are already increased. Hence, the yarn prices must not be increased. It must be kept stable.

Thus, he said.

An amount of rupees 5.42 crore loan availed - achievement of industrial welfare committee Dinamalar November 13, 2018

Tiruppur: The garment manufacturers are making efforts to get the bank loan by making use of the Tiruppur Industrial Welfare centre. They have availed a loan amount of Rs. 5.42 crore in one day.

The Prime Minister Modi has introduced the provision of bank loan scheme for the small, mini and middle companies within 59minutes. To bring into the practice of this scheme, the industrial welfare committee has founded a special service centre in Tiruppur.

The garments manufacturers of Tiruppur are very much interested to get the free service have referred.

Regarding this, Annadurai, the co-ordinator of the Industrial Welfare Committee said:

We have arranged to avail a loan amount of Rs. 5.42 crore on 9th to nine industrial entrepreneurs within a day. To entertain the loan amount referred here, more than hundred entrepreneurs made contacts within through telephones.

We guide them with the proper instruction and suggestions. So, the small, mini and middle industrial entrepreneurs can approach the industrials welfare committee functioning in the regularized states centre premises in Palladam road and get the required loan.

Thus, he said.



The garment manufacturing activities in Tiruppur was affected - because less number of workers returned after the holidays

Daily Thanthi November 17, 2018

Tiruppur: The works in the garment companies in Tiruppur are affected due to the less number of workers returned after the holidays.

Thousands of garment companies meant for the internal and the foreign markets are being operated within the areas of Tiruppur District. Also, lakhs of workers are employed in these garment companies. As usual, these workers will go back to their native places on long leave during the festival times. Notably the northern states workers will go on leave up to 2 weeks. So, on the eve of the festivals known as Deepavali and Pongal, particularly for two weeks the garments production will be affected. According the Deepavali Festival was celebrated in this year also. Before the festival days, a large number of workers go back to their native places in the outer district as well as other states. Among them, the workers belonging to Tamilnadu have returned to their workers, the workers from the northern states are yet to be returned.

Since, more number of northern states is employed in the garments companies the production is severely affected in this context. Apart from this, the workers who have received the Deepavali bonus have joined in some other garments companies. As a result of it, they are unable to complete the orders taken in time. Moreover, many workers are held up. At the same time, the orders are received from the agents after the Deepavali Festival. But, the garments manufacturing are put in trouble in completing the received orders.

Lesser number of workers only comes to the works. Moreover, the rainfall in continuously occurs. Lesser number of workers have come to work in many companies. To complete the workers, the manufacturers invite workers to return to duty earlier within a few days the garment production will become normal as the under of Manufacturers.

Rupee fall boosts apparel exports - Total textile and apparel exports grew 38% in October

The Hindu November 19, 2018

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Coimbatore: The textile and apparel sector seems to have seen a revival, going by export performance in October this year. Apparel exports grew 54% in rupee terms in October compared with the same month last year; in dollar terms it was 36% for the same period.



Total textile and apparel exports grew 38% in rupee terms and 22% in dollar terms for the same period. An industry source, who did not want to be named, said one big reason for this was that last year exports had dropped due to the impact of GST introduction. Rupee depreciation also seems to have encouraged exports now. According to Sanjay K. Jain, chairman of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, the IIP data for textiles and clothing saw a year-on-year growth during September this year from a year earlier. Manufacture of textiles grew 5.4% this September year-on-year and manufacturing of wearing apparel saw a 20.9% growth for the same period. "The growing, positive trend shows visible signs of recovery after a difficult period." he said.

Chandrima Chatterjee, adviser to the Apparel Export Promotion Council, said market sentiment was good and that demand had picked up in the U.S. and the European Union.

Since the workers are yet to return the Kaja button owners are worried **Daily Thathi November 22, 2018**

Tiruppur: Since the worker who went to their native places during the Deepavali holiday are not yet returned. The Kaja button owners are getting worried.

The garment protection is regarded as the main work in Tiruppur, the dollar city. So a large number of persons have preferred this week and involved in the garments production concerning Tiruppur, the garment manufacturing processes are not done in one company. The cloth is sent to various job work companies known as tailoring, printing, cutting, label, stitching and Kaja button stitching and Kaja button fixing for the processes.

After the various processes in the job work companies only the garments production is completed. Again, the garments are continuously sent for the sale in the market. The Kaja button is regarded as the main sources in the garment manufacture. So, the works in the Kaja button company will be busily carried on.

Under these circumstances, the Deepavali festival was celebrated on 6th of this month. So, the industrialists paid the bonus related to the deepavali to the works of the company. The workers who received the bonus in the Kaja button company had gone to their native places to celebrate the festival. But, they are yet to be returned. So, the Kaja button company owners are regretful due to the loss of work.

Regarding this, the owners of Kaja button companies said.



A large number of workers from the places such as Theni, Kambam, Trichy and Tanjore district have come to Tiruppur and work in the garment companies. All these workers got the Deepavali bonus and went to the native places. But, two weeks are passed after the Deepavali Festival. About 50 persons of workers are yet to return to works.

Among them, the workers from the Kaja storm affected district are too much. So there is a shortage are too much. So, there is a shortage for the Kaja master and button master. Somehow it can be managed to some external. But, the marking worker is not available after the fixing button. They are naturally not available. Though the orders are not at hand we are unable to complete the orders received. So far we have been already affected on account of low prices and many collection problems. We are facing severe problems known as the building rent increase, workers wage and the increase of the prices of raw materials. Even then, the prices of kaja button are not increased for the past five years.

Thus, they have said.

Productivity is affected due to the use of cell phone by the workers in the garment companies – industrialists feel regret

Daily Thanthi November 22, 2018

Tiruppur: Since the workers in garment companies are using the cell-phone beyond the limit, the productivity is severely affected. So, the garments manufacturers are much worried.

More than thousand garment companies are being operated in Tiruppur and its surroundings with its associated job work companies. Also, more than 8 lakhs of workers are employed in these companies. Hence, the garments valuable for many crores of rupees are exported every day. Similarly the internal business is also being carried on. The garment companies produced their products perfectly with busy. But, the garment manufacturer says that the productivity of the present is not well as in the past years. The main reason for this is because the workers are untrained as per the opinion of the garment manufacturers. Now, it is understood that the decrease of production is due to the use of cell phone during the working hours by the workers. Now, the smart phones are also used by the workers.

The workers use the cell phone during the working hours in the garments companies. it is because of the reason the productivity in the garment company is decreased . so, the manufacturers are worried. To avoid this practice, the manufacturers are making efforts.

Regarding this, the industrialists said:



There is a shortage of workers in the companies forever. The garment manufacturers are also facing the difficulties on account of the shortage of workers. So, they appoint the workers at the moment of the approach by the workers. The new workers naturally commit mistakes and it will affect the productivity. It was considered as a simple one in the former days.

All these workers learn the workers in the course of time and continue their works. So, the garment production was seen favourable. But, it is because of the interest in the use of cell phone, the workers in Tiruppur are involved in the use of cell phone in the working hours.

Since, the practice of using the cell phone is in vogue nowadays their attention towards their duty is diverted. So, the mistakes are becoming common during the production. Resultantly, the money and the time are wasted during the garment production. Perhaps, they are condemned, the leave, the work, and go to somewhere else.

To such level, the cell phone is important to them they are instructed not to bring the cell phone to use in the working hours. In spite of it, they bring the cell phone by trick and use them within the company during the working hours.

To prevent the practice of using the cell phone by the workers, they use Jammer in such a way to be idle while jammer is used, the cell phone of others too are affected due to the lack of towers. The number of workers in the companies so the workers are asked to handover their cell phone to the persons our securities at the entrance. At the time of going back home after the work, they recollect the phone. Since thousands of workers are seen in this place but when they return for home, it was troublesome to check one and all in that. We are also involved to find the solution by some other means labourers must be careful in the maintenance of carefulness then only they can decrease mistakes naturally occur.

GIM: textile sector unlikely to attract major investments

The Hindu November 26, 2018

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/gim-textile-sector-unlikely-to-attract-major-investments/article25595195.ece>

Coimbatore: Ten units to come up at the processing park proposed in Cuddalore

The textile sector in Tamil Nadu, which has production facilities across the textile value chain, is unlikely to attract major investment commitments at the Global Investors' Meet to be held in Chennai next year.



Construction of individual units at the Cuddalore processing park might commence if the Government makes arrangements for water supply. Ten units will come up at the park at an investment of Rs.1,000 crore. These units might sign MoU at the GIM, say industry sources. If the park is commissioned, it might encourage stitching units to set shop nearby, triggering more investments in future.

Lukewarm response

With regard to spinning mills signing agreements at GIM, just a couple of individual units have come forward so far, the sources say.

Raja Shanmugam, president of Tirupur Exporters' Association, said that every year the Tirupur knitwear units invested approximately Rs.1,000 crore towards minor expansion works. This year too that investment would come in. But, the GIM might not attract major investment in the garment sector because of the downward trend faced by the sector over the last couple of years. The Government should have made preparations to push for sectoral expansions. For instance, for textile processing units to expand, there should be adequate infrastructure, he said.

According to M. Senthil Kumar, Chairman and Managing Director of Palladam Hi-Tech Weaving Park, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme that provided subsidy to textile investments has slowed down. Subsidy available for powerloom units under the scheme has reduced. "So, a major new investment at GIM from the powerloom sector is difficult."

Incentives needed

Further, the State Government is yet to announce a textile policy. The Government should provide incentives for automation to encourage investments, he said. The job working powerloom units say the segment faces several challenges and, hence, is not expected to make major investments now.

House owners face huge struggle without leaving their houses for rent

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Tiruppur: Tiruppur known as Dollar City, consists of more than 1000 knitwear's and its related job work companies. There are more than 8 lakh workers working in these factories. Food, hostel and vehicle facilities are being made to them by the management. Workers are studying in those areas and doing their job. In addition, many workers stay in rented houses and go for work. At this time, many workers went to their native to celebrate deepavali festival and have not returned yet. At this point of time, house owners face huge struggle and in a dilemma whether to leave the house for rent to others or to keep as such till the workers return.



Considering this, many house owners said that, for the past many years we are giving our houses for rent. In this many labours mostly north Indians and migrant workers from other states are staying and working in the knitwears. At this point of time, many workers had locked their houses and went to native for Deepavali festival. Most of them have not returned and so the houses remain closed. Many of the other workers are coming and ask for rent. To solve the crisis, when we make a call for the workers, they are not picking the call. Labours will come or not, it is a question mark and hence there is a dilemma, whether to leave others for rent or keep it as such

In knitwear business - trade target would be achieved in 2022 - there is a hope for industrialists

Daily Thanthi, November 26, 2018

Tiruppur: In Tiruppur, the utmost business is garment manufacturing sector. Because of this, wherever we see, there are knitwear industries. There will always be many manufacturing done busily. Everyday exports for many crores are being done. The past year, trade had been done for forty two thousand crore. In order to encourage the industrialists trade target had been set to 1 lakh crore for 2020 and its associated work had been started. Because of the action of the central government for loss of cash value and the implementation of GST, knitwear industries had declined and so there is a critical issues to meet the target.

In this situation, in the coming 2020 year, trade target would be achieved said the industrialists.

In view with this, the president of Tiruppur Exporters Association M. Raja M Shanmugam says,

“Every day, Tiruppur is exporting its garments to various countries. Because of this, export had also been increased. Like this, domestic trade is also going good. For the past year, trade had been done for forty two thousand crore and trade had been set to one lakh crore for 2020 and garment manufacturing is being started. So when GST implementation and loss of cash value is made into action, there is a decline in trade. After that, considering the present situation, trade is going good. Since there is a decline in trade, there was a until in achieving the target in 2020 and as of now, trade target would be achieved without fail and development of knitwear would also be seen.



Spinning

Textile market picks up after a year of full The New Indian Express November 01, 2018

Coimbatore: While the textile exports sector is facing many issues, the domestic market is witnessing good growth this festival season.

As per the latest reports, there are 52 million spindles in the spinning sector 25.5 lakh power loom and 22.5 lakhs handlooms. Yearly, 350 to 360 lakhs bales of cotton are produced of which 300 lakh bales are used inside the country, while 50-60lakhs bales are exported.

Total textile exports account for a value of 38 billion dollars. Textile industry shares 4.3percent in GDP and provides direct and indirect employment to 110 million people. The country's share is 5.2 percent in global garments export.

Since government identified textile industry as thrust area for economic growth, the sector has been brought under five percent tax slab for the entire textile value chain.

The deepavali festival has boosted growth in the domestic textile market. Both online and direct retail sale are on the rise. Establishments of new shopping malls, extension of airports have contributed to its growth. While Mumbai and Delhi continue to be the fashion hubs, Gujarat is famous for designer sarees. Tiruppur and Ludhiana cater to 80 percent of knitted garments in the country.

N.Selvaraj, secretary general of the Southern India Mills Association (SIMA) said, "Sailing was not smooth for the MSMEs after a change in RBI norms. There was a huge drop in sales last year due to demonetization and GST. This year, overall sale seems to be good. Increase in per capita income and online trade has created more demand for textile goods. On the other hand, industry 4.0 has helped introduce innovative designs and created fashion trends."

As per the IBEF (Indian Brand Equity Foundation) report, the domestic textile market will continue to witness a steady growth. The report according to him, says the Indian textiles industry, currently estimated at around 150 billion US dollars, is expected to reach 250 billion US dollars by 2019. The textiles industry has contributed seven percent of the industry output (in value terms) of India in 2017-18 and 2 percent to GDP and has given jobs to more than 45 million people in 2017-18. The sector contributed 15 percent to the export earnings in 2017-18. The textiles sector has witnessed a spurt in investment during the last five years. The industry (including dyed and printed) attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth 2.97 billion US dollars from April 2000 to June 2018.

"The Indian government has allowed 100 percent FDI in textiles sector under automatic route. Hence the future for the Indian textile industry looks good both in the domestic and export market," he said.



Global trade war good for Indian Textiles

The Indian Express November 8, 2018

New Delhi: India will gain from the ongoing trade war between the US and China, according to the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (Texprocil). Exports of cotton textile grew 26 percent at \$6,235 million in the first six months of the fiscal and the on-going trade war could open up new export opportunities, Texprocil added.

During April – September 2017-18, the country had exported cotton textiles (raw cotton, yarn, fabrics and made-ups) worth \$4,917 million, the association said in a statement.

According to Ujwal Lahoti, chairman, Texprocil, India should be ready to explore new opportunities that will open up because of the brewing tension between the US and China.

Being the second largest textile exporter in the world, India holds a special place in global textile trade.

Cotton prices harden on higher minimum support prices-CCI presence in market also keeping prices above MSP

The Hindu November 12, 2018

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/cotton-prices-harden-on-higher-minimum-support-prices/article25469909.ece>

Coimbatore: The cotton season has commenced this year with an unusual trend — prices are up despite new arrivals.

The price of the widely-used Shankar 6 variety is Rs. 130.42 a kg against Rs.105.34 a kg last November. Since October 1, when the season started, more than 20 lakh bales are said to have arrived in the market. Trade and industry associations have given varying estimates for cotton production this year (October 2018 to November 2019), with expectations ranging from 343 lakh bales to 380 lakh bales. The daily arrivals of cotton have crossed one lakh bales now and are expected to go up.

The prices usually drop when the new season starts. However, this year, prices are remaining firm for several reasons, say the trade and industry representatives.

The main cause is the hike in minimum support price (MSP), says P. Nataraj, chairman, Southern India Mills' Association. The MSP is higher by 26% to 28 % this season, depending on the cotton variety.



Situation may change

The market prices are above the MSP by just 1% to 1.5%, says P. Alli Rani, CMD, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). When the daily arrivals pick up, the situation might change, she says. Though the corporation has made minimum purchases now, it is present in more than 348 centres, ready for MSP operations if the prices fall. The presence of CCI in the market is also keeping prices above MSP, she says.

According to J. Thulasidharan, president of Indian Cotton Federation, sentiments are playing a bigger role in determining prices at present more than demand and supply.

The Cotton Advisory Board normally meets in October to estimate cotton production.

This year, it had not met so far. "We have written to the Textile Ministry to convene it soon and clear all the rumours and anomalies about the expected production and to give a clear picture of the crop position," he said.

The movement of international prices will also have an impact on the domestic cotton prices. If China levies duty on import of cotton from the US, which is a major cotton producer, it will have an impact on the international and Indian cotton prices.

Atul S. Ganatra, president, Cotton Association of India, said domestic prices are high as the international cotton prices are up. Further, this year, there is a fear of a smaller domestic cotton crop. Prices might not reduce much for quality cotton as the season progresses.

Industry sources say the mills are buying cotton for their short-term needs, expecting arrivals to pick up and prices to stabilise.

Slow offtake

The yarn offtake is slow and is likely to revive from next week. Cotton yarn exports were good from April to August (553 million kg between April and August this year compared with 364 million kg during the same period last year).

Mr. Nataraj says the textile industry, which is the largest consumer of cotton in the country, is doing well and cotton consumption this year might be same as last year.

"We have to wait and see how the cotton prices will move." At present international prices are higher than domestic prices.

Volume of purchase of Indian cotton by the mills will depend on the price movement, he says.



Insistence to find the solution for the weakening textile mills

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Coimbatore: The Indian Textile Mills Association has insisted to find the solution to the issues of the weakening Textile mills.

Chinnaian, the president of the Indian Textile Mills Association and the former president of South Indian Textile Mills Association has submitted a petition before the Tamilnadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy and the Revenue Minister S.P.Velumani.

The spinning mills, power loom factories garments companies and small, mini factories are becoming degenerated for the past three years.

Notably, many textile mills were closed down in the last year. The main reason for this is the cotton scarcity was resulted in the closure of 50 percent of textile mills in Tamilnadu. Again, lakhs of power looms are being kept idle. To continue the same, the associated industry such as the sizing mills and the dyeing factories are also to be closed down. So, the garment manufacturers and in a state crisis that they cannot repay the loan received from the bank. So, the central and the state governments must take steps to arrange to repay the loan amount with low interest and the provision of the long due date.

If the cotton scarcity problem would be solved the garment industry would also become prosperous. The agricultural research centre must come forward to produce the seeds of lengthy cotton with the high quality to bear draught season. To serve this purpose, both the central and the state governments encourage the concerned person.

If the qualitative cotton seeds would be inverted and supplied to the agriculturists, the problem could be solved. So, the necessary steps must be taken on the ground of the working actions. Thus, they have stated in the petition.

Maternity Benefits

Maternity leave: govt. for incentive scheme - Bid to reach out to private sector

The Hindu November 17, 2018

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/maternity-leave-govt-for-incentive-scheme/article25520440.ece>

New Delhi: In a bid to encourage employers, especially in the private sector, to implement the extended 26-week maternity leave law, the Labour Ministry plans to refund them for seven weeks' worth of



wages for women workers with a wage ceiling up to Rs. 15,000 per month. The Ministry is in the process of getting budgetary approvals for the Rs.400 crore incentive scheme, according to an official statement.

Poor implementation

In March 2017, the Centre amended the Maternity Benefit Act to increase paid maternity leave from 12 to 26 weeks for all women employees in establishments employing ten or more people. However, the Ministry statement noted that while implementation of the provision was good in the public sector, it was poor for those with private sector or contract jobs.

“There is also a wide perception that private entities are not encouraging women employees because if they are employed, they may have to provide maternity benefit to them, particularly 26 weeks of paid holiday,” said the statement, adding that the extended maternity leave has become a deterrent for female employees who are asked to quit or retrenched on flimsy grounds before they go on maternity leave.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment is therefore working on an incentive scheme whereby the government would bear the cost of maternity leave wages for seven weeks, subject to certain conditions. The financial implication to the Centre is estimated to be Rs. 400 crore, and the Ministry is in the process of obtaining budgetary approvals.

The scheme would “ensure the women equal access to employment and other approved benefits along with adequate safety and secure environment...,” said the statement.

Trade Union

Trade union raised a demand to pay the salary with the new increment

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Tiruppur: The co-ordinated committee banian workers unions have insisted to pay an amount of Rs. 21 thousand as a salary to a worker for the 8 hours work.

The co-ordinated committee of banian unions meeting was held in the office of AITUC union in Tiruppur PN Road. Palanisamy, the district general secretary of AITUC presided over the event. The trade union representatives Rangaraj and Balan (CITU), Chidhambarasamy (LPF) and Rangasamy (HMS) had participated in the meeting held.

It was decided to make the strike successful on January 8th and 9th in Tiruppur condemning the central government. Also, a seminar will be conducted in the district level in KRS Kalyanamandabam on 29th



Preparation for the agitation committee will be made in accordance with the areas in the office of north district DMK office on December 10th.

Also, the following resolutions were passed in the meeting held thereon.

The minimum amount of pension Rs. 6000 must be given to a worker again an amount of Rs. 21,000 must be paid as the salary for 8 hours work. Thus, it was decided to raise demand by placing 12 aspects.

Dyeing

Effluent water with foam mixed with Noyyal River water in Kasipalayam next to Tiruppur Daily Thanthi November 18, 2018

Nallur: The effluent water with full of foams flown via the Noyyal check-dam at Kasipalayam next to Tiruppur. The social volunteers raised a demand that the concerned person must take necessary steps in this regard.

A heavy rain occurred with wind in various parts of Tiruppur the day before last day due to the Kaja cyclone. On account of this, the water in the Noyyal River has flown down quite unused. Because of this, the check dam near Kasipalayam next to Tiruppur was filled and over flown.

The drainage water and the effluent water were mixed with the Noyyal river water. So, a large quantity of foam floated on the water. The owners of dyeing factories and the printing companies who were expecting the rain fall had discharged the effluent water by means of Lorries and the drainage.

Further, the recycled water sewage from the dyeing factories is discharged into the Noyyal River during the night time. At the same time, the plastic barrels are also thrown into the Noyyal River. They are also mixed with the Noyyal River water by melting. Hence, the river water is flown down with the foams and lathers. So, the concerned pollution control board officials must identify foul play and take necessary action against them. In the view of preventing the foul play. Thus, both the social volunteer and the general public raised the demands

Effluent water must be recycled in the dyeing, bleaching and printing companies - farmer insist to do so

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Tiruppur: The ground water in various areas such as Tiruppur, Pongupalayam and Avinasipalayam



have been polluted due to the effluent water discharged from the dyeing factories and printing companies. As a result of it, the coconut trees are worn out and the castles are fed up with the water being purchased. Thus, the farmers in these areas are facing problems and much worried.

More than 650 dyeing factories, 500 printing companies, 18 public effluent water treatment centres belonging to the private owners are operated in these areas. The dyeing factories and the bleaching factories being operated in Tiruppur area are drilling and bore wells and pumping the ground water from the depth of 1200 feet.

About 10 crore litres of water is requested for the dyeing factories and bleaching factories every day. To serve this purpose, the water is brought from various places by means of Lorries. As a result of, the effluent water discharge from these factories is mixed with the Noyyal river water as to enable to reach Orathupalayam dam. Thousands of cattle which consumed the effluent water were dead.

The dyeing factories, bleaching companies and printing companies are being operated with the assurance of following the rules and regulation of the pollution control board by founding the effluent water treatment centre. But from the year 2016, some dyeing, Bleaching and printing factories are discharging the effluent water into the nearby channels.

As a result of it, the cultivatable land around the dyeing, bleaching and printing industries are turned unfit for the cultivation. The farmers are prepared to sell the lands but no one is ready to purchase such levels. So, the pollution control board must come forward to monitor the activities of dying, bleaching and printing industries and identify the foul players and take necessary legal actions against them. Also, the farmers like close down all the companies which discharge the effluent water into the bore wells.

As per the version of farmers belong to Anaippalayam, Pongupalayam and Mudhalipalayam. The effluent water is flowing down in the river / canals for the past few months. A large number of cultivatable lands around the places where in the dyeing, bleaching and printing factories are found turned as the waste lands. No one comes forward to purchase the land because of the bad smell produced by the chemicals, the salt content are too much in the water of the area , the cattle do not consume it, the coconut trees have almost fallen down are dried up. Vegetable productions in these areas are seriously affected.

About 3 lakhs workers belonging to the northern states are working in the dyeing, bleaching and printing companies. The workers of Tamil Nadu do not come forward for these kind of severe works. In this point of view, there is no benefits for the local workers, the land turned to be waste. In this context, the farmers are asking whether the dyeing, bleaching and printing companies are necessary?



It is not necessary to export the garments by spoiling the fertile lands of Tamil Nadu. It is regretful to note that a certain politicians are threatening the pollution control board officers. Perhaps the prevailing conditions are continued, the farmers will go to the court to find solution.

Thus, the farmers have said.

Workplace Accident

Compensation paid to a worker who lost a finger Dinamalar November 21, 2018

Tiruppur: Ishnavi is a young women aged 20 years belongs to Bhuvanagiri in Cuddalur District. She has been working in a ginning factory in Kallupalayam in Palladam.

While she was working in the ginning factory on November 3rd, one of her fingers was caught in the machine in which she had lost her indicate finger by cut-off. Though she was admitted in a private hospital for the treatment, they could not rejoin the finger with the other fingers.

Easwaramurthi, Murugesan and Palanisami, the executives of CITU textile workers union held a negotiation talks with the administration of Textile Mills. On the eve of it, the textile mills administrated had agreed to pay an amount of Rs. 1.8 lakh as compensation. So, the cheque for the amount was handed over to her.

Bus belonged to the garments company upturned near Palladam – eight workers injured - transport affected

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Tiruppur: An accident occurred near Palladam in which 8 workers received injuries due to the upturn of the bus belonging to a garment company. As a result of it the transport in that area was affected.

An apparel company in the name of Christy Apparel Company is manufacturing the garments in Chedapalayam in Palladam in Tiruppur District. More than 500 workers belonging to the surroundings of the area are working in the company referred. A bus transport was arranged on behalf of the said company for the workers to fetch.



A bus belonging to the garment company was parked on the Palladam and Udumalai road in the Poolavadi area during the night time. And it was started at 6.30AM to collect the workers from the concerned areas.

Kathiresan aged 26 years had driven the bus. The bus had collected from the Marudhur and passed via of Dharapuram road connectivity Kallipalayam, Thutheripalayam and Kalakinaru by collection of many more workers of the company. About 50 workers were travelling in the bus.

There was a mild rainfall from the morning in Palladam and its surroundings. Thus, the bus returned to the company at 8.30AM near Kungumapalayam. At that time a person crossed the road by motor cycle. To avoid the clash, the driver Kathiresan pressed the break of the bus with quickness.

But, the bus which lost his control upturned at the centre of the road. It was because of the accident the glasses in the bus were broken and its front part was smashed. The workers in the bus yelled with shouting the father and mother.

The workers met with the accident were belonging to various places on the Dharapuram Road. They were Sathyapriya (19years) of Kallipalayam, Saranya (18 years) Rathidevi (37 years) Parimala (28 years) Mary (45 years) from Elavanthi area, Maheswari (23 years) from Veruedampalayam, others who injured were Palanisami (46 years) from Nandavanampalayam and Mahesh (20 years) from Maruthur. Thus, totally 8 persons were injured on the eve of accident.

The woman workers 6 were admitted in the private hospital in Palladam. The other two persons were admitted in the Govt. Hospital in Tiruppur. On account of the accident the transport on the road was severely affected.

On receipt of the accident, the police personnel of Tiruppur rushed to the spot. They brought the transport in order by giving orders to drive in the by-pass roads. Later, the crane was brought to the place and the bus was removed after a period of long struggle. Thereafter, the transport turned to be normal.

Childrens day Program

**International children's day celebration in Tiruppur
Makkal Kural November 21, 2018**

Tiruppur: "Today's children are tomorrow's hope for the world" Based on this topic, International children's day was celebrated in Tiuppur.



Non Profitable service organization “SAVE” along with National Child Labour Project had celebrated the International Children day at Rotary club south in Tiruppur. The Managing Director of SAVE A. Aloysius headed the celebration and said that SAVE, had established its 25 years of service, in making special Alternative Learning Centre’s for the dropouts and child labour. In view with the textile hub, Tiruppur, SAVE had established child labour free zone in 16th & 17th ward and gave assurance that every child are inside the school.

In addition, within May 2019, 10 wards and 2 panchayats are going to be declared as child labour free zones. He had requested the corporation managements to establish a park for children. The chief guest, Bhoopathi , City Health Officer presided over the programme he asked the parents and teachers to explain about good touch and bad touch to the students and hence protect them from sexual harassment.

Dangers faced by children

Project Manager of National Child Labour Project Vijayakumar said “For the past 10 years, I have been looking after numerous talents in children and how to use them in a right manner and also sort out their issues and solve it. I used to see atleast 10 children in Coimbatore railway station. They are coming out of the school informing their parents and teachers. Those children might be kidnapped, and they are facing huge danger. So all these children should be safeguarded in the society and in their houses. They should use the opportunity and hence succeed in the life. They also should enhance the talents”.

500 Members participated

In this programme, the Child Development Project Officer Shanthi and Jeyalatha, writer, Coimbatore Sadhasivam participated and wished all the children.

SAVE Alternative Learning Centre, Green Park Smart School and many Government school boys and girls cultural programmes were showcased. 560 members comprising children, teachers and parents from various schools participated. In addition, winners of Essay writing and Speech competition from 55 schools were given prizes. John henry from SAVE welcomed everyone before and at the end, Sampath gave away the vote of thanks.

Fever can be controlled by washing hands with soap - International Children’s Day Speech Hindu Tamil Thisai (Tamil) November 22, 2018

Tiruppur: Fever that spreads now a days can be controlled by washing hands using soaps. On behalf of Non Profitable Social Organization (SAVE) and National Child Labour Project (NCLP), International Children’s day had been celebrated on November 20.



The Managing Director of SAVE, A. Aloysius lead the programme. Director of National Child Labour Project D. V. Vijayakumar participated in the programme. City health Officer Bhoopathi, Child Development Project Officer Malarvizhi participated in the programme.

Bhoopathi spoke about, " Today's children are tomorrow's hope for the world".

He said that, the food habits of the children should be keenly monitored by the parents. They should not intake soft drinks. They should only intake vegetables, ground nut and fruits in a huge quality.

The usage of polythene should be adequately reduced. All should use cloth cover. When cold and hot foods are taken using polythene bags, when might lead to cancer. As sugar and it blood pressure prevails more, now a days cancer might also increase when we use polythene and plastics.

As Dengue and swine flu affects the people, children should use soaps to wash off the hands and hence fever could be controlled. After playing and coming back to home, children should have the habit of using soaps for hand washing. Good touch and bad touch should be educated by parents, when the parent s give hope only, children would be safeguarded from sexual harassment.

Child development project officer Shanthi, Jayalatha and writer Sadhasivam from Coimbatore participated students who participated in cultural programme were given prizes.

On Behalf of SAVE - Children's Day Celebration Daily Thanthi November 22, 2018

Tiruppur : On Behalf of SAVE, Tiruppur and National Child Labour project, International Children's day was celebrated in South Rotary club, Tiruppur. A. Aloysius, the Managing Director of SAVE headed the function. He said that in the textile hub of south India, SAVE had established child labour free zones in 16th and 17th ward. Within May month, 2019 Child labour free zones would be established in 10 wards and 2 panchayats. City Health officer, Bhoopathi participated in the programme as a guest of honour. And asked the parents to teach their children about good and bad touch and hence protect them from the sexual harassment.

National Child Labour Project Director Vijayakumar, asked the children to be safe and protective in schools and as well as society. Students who had participated actively in the essay writing and speech competition were given prizes. Child Development project officers, Shanthi and Jeyalatha, John Henry from SAVE participated in this programme. Students from various government schools participated in the programme.

