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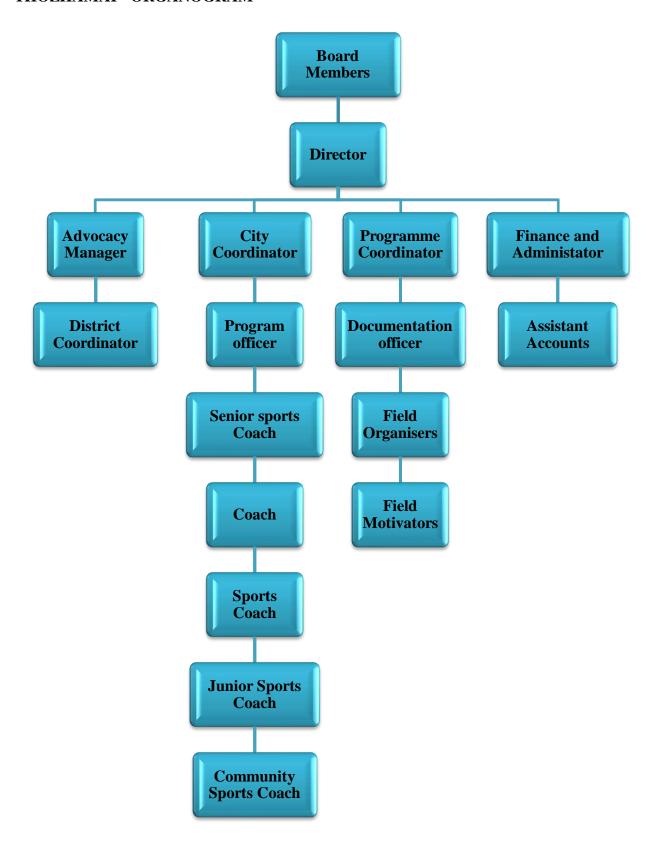


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THOZHAMAI - ORGANOGRAM



INTRODUCTION

THOZHAMAI – means Solidarity in Tamil was founded on 23rd November 2006 as a trust under the Indian Trust Act of 1882. A vision came true on this day when the legend of Theater Artist and Social Activist (late) Com. Suresh Dharma's dream came into existence. It was founded on the need for a resource centre especially in the state capital of Tamil Nadu, has emerged as "Solidarity for Rights" which in turn promotes rights as culture among children, youth, women and marginalized people. Thozhamai is now the resource centre for human rights especially the rights of the children, youth and women from the socially deprived communities.

Thozhamai strives to improve the well-being of children. Thozhamai conducts regular training for adolescent girls, focusing on child-friendly education, sports for girl's children and creating safe environments within schools, homes, and communities. Thozhamai extends child-protection training to diverse stakeholders including government bodies like District Child Protection Units, Child Welfare Committees, panchayat leaders, journalists, and also train college students as a youth advocate for children. Through capacity building, resource creation, research, field interventions, policy and advocacy, Thozhamai works towards ensuring child rights and protection, in all over Tamil Nadu.

VISION

A society in which the most vulnerable sections enjoy equality, social justice, freedom, fraternity, and democracy with dignity.

MISSION

Bringing awareness to the oppressed women, youth, children and men about their rights and duties, to promote Human Rights through awareness, cadre formation, capacity building, media and advocacy and lobbying.



THOZHAMAI IN ACTION

Thozhamai's works are the continuation and consolidation of the works done in the past. But the core of "Right Based" has been in the fore front. Thozhamai only believes in Bottom-Up approach but practices it in full strength and spirit Thus, the approach of THOZHAMAI is a pyramidal structure:



The programs of THOZHAMAI are many folds. Multistakeholder, Multisectoral are the basic approaches found in the programs of THOZHAMAI. Sustainability of the efforts with community ownership is the key value additions found in the programs. The process of program implementation is of three types which are presented as against the programs

Process	Programs
Direct Implementation by THOZHAMAI	Resource Centre.
	Research and Documentation
Jointly with Solidarity Organizations	Media Advocacy and Lobby
	Training
Extending Technical Support to Solidarity Organizations'	Work with Community
	Network and Alliance Building



Azim Premji Foundation for Development – APFD

Empower adolescent girls in Semmancherry and Perumbakkam



Azim Premji Foundation for Development

Thozhamai with the support of Azim Premji Foundation is implementing a project to empower adolescent girls in Semmancherry and Perumbakkam resettlement colonies in Chennai. It is a three year project with a target population of 900 adolescent girls. Currently, Thozhamai is completing the first year of the project where around 400 adolescent girls from the community are being benefited.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- To reduce social and systematic barriers and disparities that hinder girls' access to education.
- To enable adolescent girls to access and use services and schemes available to them.
- To provide livelihood opportunities to adolescent girls who arein abject poverty for their economic empowerment

BENEFICIARIES:

At present, **400 adolescent girls** of age 12-19 are getting benefitted from this project

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Objective 01:

To reduce social and systematic barriers and disparities that hinder girl's access to education

- Baseline survey
- Establishing Adolescent Development Centers (ADCs)
- Summer camp



- Quarterly meetings of Neighborhood Child Protection Committees (NCPCs)
- Quarterly staff Capacity building
- Training Module Development
- Monthly Peer Educator Meetings on life skill, child rights, SRHR.
- Scholarship support for education of adolescents.
- Adolescent safety audit
- Celebration of important days
- Bi-annual network meetings with stakeholders
- Campaigns on Ending Violence against Children, School Enrollment

ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Thozhamai has established 5 Adolescent Development Centres (ADCs) each in semmancherry and Perumbakkam. In those centres we engaged the adolescent girls on various issues and topics related to children's rights, sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), health and hygiene. We have established reading club, sports club, science club and cultural team in the ADCs to improve their skills and engage in practicing the skills learned.

Our goal is to ensure that 400 adolescent girls continue their education in a year by preventing them from dropping out of school and become child labour or get married before the legal age (child marriage). Volunteers of each of these 10 ADCs collect information about each and every adolescent girl who comes to the centre and work to stop violence against them. Also, the volunteers of ADCs and Thozhamai motivate the school dropout adolescent girls to re-join the schools or Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) or other streams of education.

They share the information to other children which they learned from reading club. In cultural club girls participated in all competitions and showcased their talents and skills. 40 Adolescent girl's from science club participated in science exhibition that we conducted. They learnt tropical



changes and how to do scientific stuffs from basic little things in our home. They showed these things to centre and their family members. Sports club was initiated and the club members had an opportunity to participate in state level kabadi competition after they had underdone training for 1 week for the match.









Summer Camp - Workshop for Cultural Training

Date: 8th October to 10th October, 2022

Venue: Thozhamai Field Office, Semmencherry

Participants: 25 adolescent girls

On account of World Girl Child Day, Thozhamai had organized a program for adolescent girls as a part of APFD project. The program was conducted consecutively for three days focusing on folk art cultural training along with street theatre performance training. Training was provided by the resource persons namely, Anand babu and Arivuthuyavar.



 $\underline{\mathbf{Day 1}}$ – 25 adolescent girls participated in activities on the first day. They had undergone training for Oyilattam and to sing awareness songs focusing on the importance of education while the other focused on protection of girl children.



<u>Day 2</u> – on the second day of training program, the adolescent girls were introduced to a new folk art form called Parai Aattam and, Kaliyalattam and training was provided for street theatre performance on the theme 'Child Marriage.'



<u>Day 3</u> – final day of the training program involved rehearsals for the folk art forms, songs, street theatre performance which were taught to them for the past two days of the training program.



Summer Camp

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	Perumbakkam	
29/12/2022	Thozhamai Field Office,	40
	Semmencherry	

First session workshop began with an ice breaker game where participants were made to sit in a circle and introduce them in the first round and name the person sitting opposite to them in the final round. This session reduced their anxiety and brought them a sense of togetherness. Followed by which a warm up session was held to lessen their shyness, and modest composure which are stereotyped to be the nature of females. In this warm up session, participants were instructed to move their specific body parts according to the sounds of a musical instrument 'Thavizh' by one resource person while the other person played the instrument. They were taught an awareness song 'Aasai enaku oru aasai' which expresses a girl's hopes in her lifetime. The hopes of living freely, pursuing her dreams, living equally in society and being treated with respect. Following this, they were taught human rights, dignity and unity they must uphold. The session continued with folk dance training and teachings of life values with an activity. The session came to end with discussion on the day's activities and feedback.









Outcome: The children were extremely enthusiastic about learning the various art forms taught. They eagerly participated in the lessons taught. After learning about life values, they gave feedback that they would now start to implement these values into their own life.

Summer Camp

Date: 17th May, 2023 - 19th May, 2023

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Semmencherry

Participants: 30

Resource Persons: Sathya Manickam, Director of Galileo Science Center (Madurai)

Overview: The summer camp is focussed on developing a consciousness on science among children of the community. The program happened for three consecutive days where participants learnt basic concepts in science through practical learnings.









On the first day of summer camp, an orientation was given to the participants on what is science and the following concepts in science were taught to the participants with practical applications.

- Elasticity
- Balancing
- Sounds and Vibrations
- Center of Gravity

On the second day of summer camp, participants were taught the following concepts in science with practical applications.

- Center of Gravity
- Illusion
- Friction

On the third day of summer camp, participants were taught the following concepts in science with practical applications.



- Illusion
- Aero Dynamics

The summer camp came to an end with an origami activity and feedback session.

Outcome: Participants got introduced to science concepts and a consciousness on science based learning and perspective was inculcated in them.

Neighbourhood Child Protection Committees (NCPC)



Initiative was taken to form Neighbourhood Child Protection Committee (NCPC) in Semmancherry and Perumbakkam, This initiative was taken to prevent violence against children in these areas. Based on this initiative, 5 clubs in Semmancherry and 3 clubs in Perumbakkam were started, each with 15 to 20 members. AdvocateThenpandian has conducted a sensitization program to these members explaining about child rights, POCSO act, UN Convention on the Rights of Children (UNCRC) and NCPC members' roles and responsibilities. This training happens once a month.

Outcome

These trainings give a proper perspective and knowledge on child protection. As a result of the training, CCTV cameras were placed in some places. NCPC members identified 6 school dropouts and made them to re-appear for exams, and they have re-joined in the schools.



National Girl Child Day Celebration

Date: 24th January, 2023

Time: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Semmancherry

Participants: 38 adolescent girls from Adolescent Development Centers

Thozhamai organized an awareness come celebration program for National Girl Child Day along with student interns. For the celebration, we adopted the theme, "Education | Health | Nutrition". Children from both Semmancherry and Perumbakkam sites had participated in the program and displayed their skills and learnings from the Adolescent Development Center.

The program started with an orientation and brief introduction on the theme and purpose of this celebration by Kanchana, Project Coordinator of Thozhamai. Student interns together conducted an ice breaker for the participants which assisted them in sharing their future goals to the team. One of the participants said that "I will become another Thozhamai and will work for the community", which was an astonishing moment for the working team members. Followed by this, adolescent girls from ADCs performed street theatre play which projected violence that happens to girl children mainly focusing on abuses. After the street theatre, Jayashree – one of the student interns addressed the gatherings about why girl child matters, and her thoughts on celebrating National Girl Child Day. A short film addressing child labour and child marriage issue was viewed by the participants and later they shared their views about the short films. Student interns rehearsed a skit on the theme of the day beforehand and performed it for the children. The celebration concluded after Kazhiyalattam by adolescent girls from ADCs.











Outcome: Participants had fun while learning about issues of girl children in the community. They also had great time interacting with the student interns regarding their goals and even discussed how they can take this forward.

Training on Media Literacy - Factshala

Date: 25th January, 2023

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Semmencherry

Participants: Student interns and Women from community (38)

Resource Person: A. Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai



The Factshala training program on Media literacy was planned on 25th January, 2023 from 4 PM for the Semmencherry community people and student interns. The trainer for that program was Mr. Devaneyam, Director of Thozhamai. The participants were the adult women of the Semmencherry community and student interns of Thozhamai who use android mobile phones. The program started with a question to the trainees that "how many of the participants had smartphones?" With no surprise almost everyone in the crowd raised their hands. The program's aim was to highlight the ill effects that the mobile phones have on the life of humans and how it passes misinformation. The program was beautifully taken with thought provoking incidents which happened due to misuse of smartphones. The trainer also shared a few case studies related to it to insist on the harm that a smartphone has. The case studies included incidents like image morphing and posting it on social media by a stranger for black mailing, relationship with a stranger in social media where the girl was taken to Kerala and was gang raped. The program was also taken as an interactive session where the trainees also explained their experiences that they had by using mobile phones. The trainees were circulated the handouts regarding the program to spread awareness to their family, friends and relatives to have safe usage of mobile phones. The refreshments were provided to the trainees at the end of the program and feedbacks from the trainees were also collected by which the program came to an end at 5:30 PM.





Outcome: participants had learned about misinformation and disinformation. Many of them were not aware of how to distinguish fake information from true ones. This training helped them to know how to be aware of fake news and how to stop this chain of spreading misinformation.



Anti-Bonded Labour Day

Date: 09th February, 2023

Time: 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Venue: 7th Avenue & 4th Avenue, Semmancherry

Participants: Mob (around 75 people)

Anti-Bonded Labour Day is observed on the 09th February of every year. Thozhamai organized an event to give awareness to the community people on this day. The program took place in two venues of the Semmancherry community.





The program included street play and pamphlets distribution by student interns and Staffs of Thozhamai. The awareness program started with mobilization of people using Parai and welcome songs. Once the people gathered in the venue, student interns started to stage their street play performance after doing stage honours. The street play was scripted in a way which would engage people and also educate them on bonded labour issues.

Outcome: People got awareness of the chain link between debt, and bonded labour. They were also educated on how to break this chain and what can be done to prevent themselves from this.



One Billion Hands Rising Day

Date: 14th February, 2023

Time: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Venue: 9th Block, Perumbakkam (near Panchayat Office)

Participants: 87

Special Guests: Mrs. Suja Devi, Sub Inspector of T17 Police Station, Perumbakkam; Mr. Darwin Moses, CD Wing Coordinator, TNUHDB; Seetharaman, Sumaithaangi Trust

'One Billion Hands Rising' is a globally celebrated event on 14th February of every year to talk about issues faced by women globally. An organization called 'V-Day' initiated this and they adopt a theme every year for this event. Theme for 2023, 'Rise for Freedom and to Create New Culture' was adopted this year. Thozhamai organized a campaign as a part of One Billion Rising event along with Student interns from Patrician College of Arts and Science and SDNB Vaishnav College for Women. The campaign was against violence against women which took place in front of Panchayat Office, Perumbakkam.





The event started with a welcome address by Ms. Kanchana, Project Coordinator of Thozhamai. She invited the special guests of the event and briefed why we celebrate this day and purpose of that gathering. Followed by this, children performed Kazhi Aattam and Oyil Aattam which was followed by guest speech. Mrs. Suja Devi, Sub Inspector of T17 Police Station, Perumbakkam gave a speech on violence that happens against women and status of freedom of women in India and globally. She also gave her views on issues faced by Semmencherry and Perumbakkam community women in detail and safety precautions that can be taken from the



people's side. Mr. Darwin Moses, CD Wing Coordinator of TNUHDB stated that women should gather for every women problem and not let any evil be unspoken. After the guest speech, children performed a street play. The program then ended with a vote of thanks by Udhaya Kumar, student from Patrician College.

Outcome: Participants got general awareness on the day's theme and how exercising their freedom as a culture impacts their life.

Awareness Program - Cyber Threats, Effects and Safety

Date: 04th March, 2023

Venue: Perumbakkam Primary School

Participants: community mob

Resource Persons: Ms. Suja Devi, SI, T17 Police Station; Dr. Kirthika; Mr, Darwin

Moses, CD Wing Coordinator, TNUHDB; Mr. Muraj, Director, Turning Point



Thozhamai organized an awareness program for the adolescent girls of Perumbakkam Community. The purpose of the program was to spread awareness on cyber safety. Ms. Suja Devi addressed the gathering followed by a welcome address by Ms. Kanchana. She educated the participants on present cyber threats and how to prevent them from such issues. The program continued with a speech of Mr. Darwin Moses and Mr. Muraj who briefly explained the gatherings on cyber issues that are frequent in their surroundings. Dr. Kirthika then spoke about the effects of cyber threats on an individual's health, especially the mental health issue faced by



them. The program concluded after getting feedback from the participants followed by a vote of thanks.

Outcome: The participants got awareness on cyber security and safety measures.

Women's Day Program

Date: 09th March, 2023

Venue: near Thozhamai Field Office 116 Block, Perumbakkam

Participants: 70

Chief Guests: Ms. Suja Devi, SI, T17 Police Station, Perumbakkam; Mr. Darwin Moses,

CD Wing Coordinator, TNUHDB





Thozhamai along with Student interns of Loyola College and SDNB Vaishnav College had arranged a celebration program for observing Women's Day. The program included dance performances by adolescent girls from ADCs and special addresses by the chief guests.



MAY 28TH MENSTRUAL HYIGIENE DAY PROGRAMME





In the Adolescent Development Centers, participants were given a brief introduction on menstruation. A discussion was held on why menstruation occurs and how it repeats every month on a cyclic basis. The girls were also informed of the irregularities that may occur in a menstrual cycle and told not to stress or panic in case of irregularities, and visit the doctor in case it prolonged. Following this, they were taught dos and don'ts at times of their periods. They were informed on what types of food they should consume and what foods to avoid. They were advised to eat iron-rich foods as eating such foods will ensure them a healthy menstrual cycle. The girls were instructed on menstrual hygiene and how to keep themselves clean while they are on their periods. The proper method of placing and removing sanitary napkins was taught and the proper method of disposal was discussed as well. The girls were instructed to change their napkins every 3-4 hours maximum as the chemicals present in them could cause rashes and at points cause uterine cancer. Here, they also educated them about gynecologists and how they specialize in tending to health problems faced by women. The girls were made to share various followings and practices they are made to follow while they are on their periods. After this they are made to understand that most practices emphasized in the home stem from myths about menstruation. It is explained to them that menstruation is not an unclean process and that it is a process of purification. May 28, Menstrual Hygiene Day is shared with the girls.

Outcome: Participants were enthusiastic to learn about their menstrual cycle and changes happen in their body. Most of them were not aware that the health issues occur due to poor menstrual hygiene. Hence, this meeting was useful for them in learning those issues and whom to approach to cure that.



Network Meeting with Stakeholders

Date: 20th October, 2022

Venue: Thozhamai Field Office, Semmencherry

Participants: 15 (Staff of Thozhamai, Field Work Student Interns, Career counselors from Magic Bus India)

This meeting was arranged to announce the collaboration of Thozhamai with Magic Bus India for a project which provides skill training and job placement opportunities for individuals between the age group, 18 to 26. The meeting was handled by Ms. Kanchana, project coordinator of Thozhamai followed by Mr. Leo, career counselor from Magic Bus India.





Outcome: The collaboration gave an opportunity for the team to work more with unemployed and underemployed youngsters in the community.

Network Meeting with Stakeholders

Date: 30th January, 2023

Time: 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

Venue: Thozhamai Semmechery office

Participants: TNUHDB CD Wing coordinator, Mr. Darwin Mose and his team; staffs from TNDWWT, MCDS, Action Aid, SIAPP, Nivedhan Women Development Trust, Mamta NGO(40)



Stakeholders meeting was organized by Thozhamai along with TNUHDB CD wing to gather all NGOs working for the welfare of community and children. Neighborhood Child Protection Committee meetings was scheduled and Semmencherry park matter was again put forth in order to follow up. TNUHDB CD wing coordinator, Darwin Moses told that they have three vacant place in blocks which can be utilized by our organization to conduct centers or any program for children. Resolution was made for NGOs to assist each other in others work.







Mamtha NGO volunteered to provide assistance for anemia assessment program of Thozhamai. A request was made from TNUHDB side to have board for the organization in front of our centers to benefit more people.

Network Meeting with Stakeholders

Date: 21st June, 2023

Venue: Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam

Participants: 54





This NGO meeting was organized by Thozhamai along with Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat

Development Board. Other NGO staff members and Residential Welfare Association (RWA)

members participated in this meeting to discuss ways to ensure a safe environment for the

Semmencherry and Perumbakkam community children and adolescent girls, protecting them

from any kind of violence and ways for the stakeholders to collaborate among themselves for the

above-mentioned agendas.

Outcome: Residential welfare association leader and secretary asked us to join their monthly

meeting after the stakeholders meeting. Residential welfare association and secretary requested

us to make awareness class for adolescent girls' parents every month. RWA and secretary gave

permission to take their block to take classes for adolescent girls.

Human Rights Day - Campaign on Ending Violence against Children

Date: 13th December, 2022

Venue: Center 5, Semmancherry

Participants: Community Mob

Thozhamai organized celebration of Human Rights Day in the Adolescent Development

Centers. They have been given insights on the origin of Human Rights Day and why we have it.

They learnt about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights theme for the year of 2022,

"Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All". The program also gave them awareness on basic rights

that they have. They also learnt about application of those rights, where they have rights, where

they do not and where they must approach in case of denial of rights. After an awareness session

for the children, Thozhamai staff and Student interns along with Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat

Development Board, performed a street theatre play for the community people to provide

awareness on Human Rights Day.





Outcome: Participants learnt about the rights they are entitled to and how education plays a vital role in accessing basic rights and dignity. They also assured to share their learnings with the community people.

Campaigns

Date: 20th April, 2023

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Semmancherry

Participants: 100

Date: 28th April, 2023

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Perumbakka

Participants: 100





A campaign was organized by Thozhamai to promote school enrolment and thereby to address dropouts and child labour issues in the community. Awareness campaign focusing on the importance of education, benefits of schooling in government institutions, schemes and welfare measures for school students was conducted to the participants followed by anaemia awareness program.

Educational Enrolment Campaign

Date: 29th, 30th May, 2023

Venue: Semmancherry & Perumbakkam

Participants: Community





Two days of (29/5/2023-30/5/2023) awareness program was conducted in semmencherry and Perumbakkam. This awareness program includes child based organization that work for children of semmencherry and Perumbakkam, Tamil Nadu urban Habitat development board (TNUHDB) have also participated in the program. This awareness camp was organized by Thozhamai. Auto rally awareness program was carried out in morning and evening throughout the day for the purpose of education campaign and then awareness was created in semmencherry and Perumbakkam on right to education and career guidance (college admission) and government welfare schemes. Mr. Darwin Moses from TNUHDB explained about the importance of education, Government welfare schemes and importance of giving education to a child was made in the form of street plays. ITI director Mr. Amarasan gave career guidance for 10th Pass/ Fail students with course details, welfare schemes that are done by TNUHDB. This program came to an end by cultural performances.



Outcome:

- By this career guidance program ITI institutions had 3 new students in their institute.
- Sumaithangi Trust has given scholarships for 27 students. Thozhamai gave scholarship for 6 students.
- 23 students are given scholarships by the TNUHDB.

Competitive Exams Training Inauguration Program

Date: 31st March, 2023

Venue: Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam

Participants: 500

Chief guests: Mr. Nandakumar IRS, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax Department - Chennai; Mr. Thangavel IAS, Joint Managing Director, TNUHDB; Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNUHDB; Mr. Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai









The inaugural program for competitive exams coaching was organized by Thozhamai along with Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board and Perumbakkam Government Arts and Science College on 31st March, 2023 in Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam. The program started with a welcome address by Ms. Hebsibha Paulin which was followed by the presidential address of the college principal and an introductory speech by Mr. Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai. Mr. Nirmal, Community Development Officer, TNUHDB addressed the gathering on schemes and scholarships available for the students. Mr. Thangavel IAS, Joint Managing Director, TNUHDB addressed the gathering about the hurdles faced by him while preparing for competitive exams and gave some advice for the students to avoid distractions. Mr. Nandakumar IRS, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax Department - Chennai gave a speech on his life experience for motivation to the students, sources to prepare for examinations and some tips to prepare efficiently for the exams.

Date: 23rd April, 2023

Venue: Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam

Participants: 106

Guest speakers: Mr. Iraianbu, Chief Secretary; Collector of Chengalpattu district, Mr.

Rahul Nadh.







Mr. Iraianbu, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu spoke to the students about preparing for competitive exams based on his life experience and motivated the students. Scholarship amount of Rs. 10,000/- was provided to 5 students of Government Arts and Science College, Perumbakkam who are completing their first year for their next academic year fees and books support.

Peer educator Training

Semmancherry and Perumbakkam areas have 400 young girls and among them, 40 were selected by the educators for the training program. First 6 months, the training was carried out by **Advocate Mr.Thenpandiyan** and the training consisted of child safety, UN Convention on the Rights of Children and POCSO act. First 3 months, he covered 5 topics, which consisted of Introduction to rights of adolescent girls, who are children, knowledge about rights, understanding the adolescent girls and the challenges faced by the adolescent girls, these topics were covered between the period of September 2022 to November 2022. The next 3 months he covered the other five topics which consisted of protection for adolescent girl children, violence against adolescent girl children, laws and schemes for adolescent girl children, Need of protection and care for adolescent girls and at last oath taken for the rights of adolescent girl children, these topics were covered between the period of December 2022 to February 2023.







This training for the next 6 months was carried out by **Advocate Mrs. Sivasakthi Abinaya**, **Dr. Sangeetha**, **Advocate Mrs. Thilagavathy**. Peer educator training was organized for creating awareness about adolescent girls mental health and provide life skill training. The session was handled by Ms. Ramya, sports coach from Thozhamai and Ms. Sivasakthi Abinaya, career officer was the resource person for the programme. 25 adolescents participated and got benefited in the programme. Ms. Sivasakthi explained about basic child rights and how to develop our self-confidence through best mental health practices. The training session also focused on the sexual and Reproductive health Rights module which covered topics such as Health, sexual and Reproductive health, male and female reproductive system and its functions, menstrual cycle and myths around menstruation, infatuation and STIs.



Outcome: participants got awareness on mental health issues and how to practice best methods to keep their mind sane. They also got awareness of the laws and acts that are there to protect and prevent children from any violence.





Health Camps

Date: 26th November, 2022 **Location:** Semmencherry

Participants: 32 adolescents

Resource Person: Dr. Sangeetha

Awareness session on Anaemia was provided by Dr. Sangeetha to young women of the community. The session included general introduction to anaemia, symptoms, effects, preventive methods, nutritional intake to avoid anaemia and benefits of following Ayurveda for treating anaemia.





Outcome: Participants had insights on anaemia and various ways to treat it. This session also made people conscious of their food intake.

Date: 19th February, 2023

Time: 11.00 am – 1.30 pm

Venue: Thozhamai field Office, Semmencherry

Participants: 85

Resource Persons: Dr. Irfana, Obstetrician & Gynecologists; Dr. Vandana, Dermatologist; Dr. Shruthi, Opthamologists; Dr. Samyuktha, Dentist; Dr. Asma, Physiotherapist; Dr. Sowmiya, Physiotherapist









The event was started with a welcome address by Ms. Kanchana, Project Coordinator of Thozhamai which was followed by a health talk for adolescents by Dr. Irfana. The adolescents were then placed in order for their health check-up by this team. 86 growing adolescent children had a health check-up and as result of the health check-up they came to know that adolescent girls children have Anaemia. As the Doctors suggested, nutrition supplements were given to 86 adolescent girls of the area.

Outcome: Participants got to know their health status and doctors prescribed some medications for them to follow up. Participants who were diagnosed to be anemic are being followed up by their center motivators.

Date: 27th May, 2023

Venue: Block 30, Perumbakkam

Participants: 63







The medical camp was held at Perumbakkam in the 30th Block building from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Eye, ENT, Skin and Bone specialists from Chettinad Hospital were the resource persons for the Medical camp. The organization had organized this event along with Equitas. In this camp 63 people benefited. Treatment for their problem was given and also free medicines were provided to them.

Date: 30th July, 2023

Time: 09.00 am - 1.30 pm

Venue: Thozhamai field office, Semmencherry

Participants: 86

Resource Persons: Dr. Subalakshmi (Gynaecologist) and General physician Dr.Monisha (Dermatologist), pedestrian Dr.Miyalraja, Dr. Chitra







Tambaram Medical centre by this team 86 adolescent girls had an health camp and health checkup, 36 adolescent children had Anaemia and remaining 50 Adolescent girls are healthier as per the health check-up.

Outcome: Participants got to know their health status and doctors prescribed some medications for them to follow up. Participants who were diagnosed to be anemic are being followed up by their centre motivators.

Staff Capacity Building Training



Five days orientation program on Azim Premji Foundation for Development project was conducted between 05.09.2022 to 09.09.2022. In this program, 12 staff members have participated. This program was carried out under the guidance of Mrs. Kanchana (Project coordinator) and she explained about the total project and specific interventions, roles and responsibilities to staff members and together prepared an action plan for the year.

Outcome: Participants got some basic understanding of the project, project activities and funding agency.



WOMEN WIN FUTUREMAKERS PROGRAM

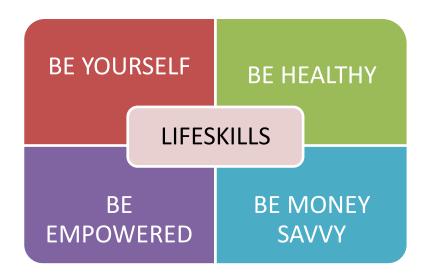


ABOUTFUTUREMAKERS:

Thozhamai in association with Women Win started The Futuremakers (then Goal) program was started in 2014. Futuremakers program 2022-2023 is directly funded by Women Win who is an International Non-profit organization, providing awareness to promote worldwide gender equity. They advance the playing field that empowers adolescent girls and young women to exercise their rights through sport and play. And also impacted the lives of over 4 million adolescent girls and young women in over 100 countries. Women Win has implemented the Futuremakers program in Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Thozhamai.

Futuremakers (then Goal) is an award-winning development program which uses sports and life-skills education to transform the lives of adolescent girls between ages 12 and 19, living in underserved communities. Futuremakers offers four types of programs such as Traditional, Essential, Event and Camp. The program is divided into four modules focused on one of four key life skills each namely Communication, Health and Hygiene, Rights and Financial Literacy. Till now more than 13,800 Adolescent girls and Young women have been benefited through this program.

FUTUREMAKERS MODULES

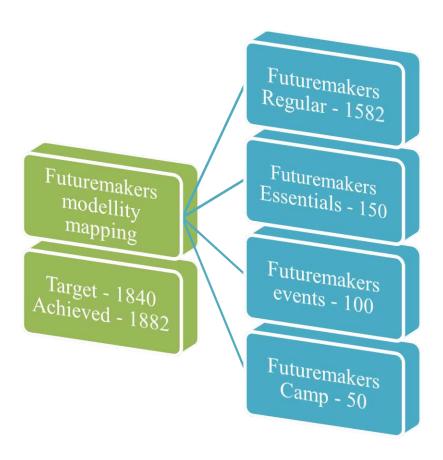




BENEFICIARY PROFILE

The Futuremakers program helps adolescent girls and young women from **underprivileged** backgrounds increase their degree of **economic empowerment** and **knowledge** between the ages of 12 and 19. Consequently, we are educating the **schools**, **colleges**, **and even the community** about this target program. "The most vulnerable individuals also have to experience equality, social justice, and freedom," is our motto. As a result, we are empowering adolescent girls and Young women through life skill education, capacity development training, participation in various tournaments, and other means.

FUTUREMAKERS PROGRAMS



Total - 1882 Participants



Implementation of the Program

The team conducted a scoping activity in schools at Chennai and the Chengalpet district to identify schools near the underserved community and approached approximately 30 schools in the Chennai and Chengalpet districts. The team met the headmistresses, Headmasters, PETs, and school management to discuss the benefits of the program for adolescent girls. Following that, received permission to implement the Futuremakers program from the State Director - of the Education Department of Tamil Nadu and received approval and permission to launch the Futuremakers' traditional program in 13 schools in the academic year 2022-2023, which are as follows.

Chennai District

- 1. Chennai Hr. Sec. School, Thiruvanmiyur
- 2. Chennai Hr. Sec. School, Velachery
- 3. Government. Hr. Sec. School, Velachery
- 4. Rani Lady Meiyammai Girls Hr. Sec. School, Adyar
- 5. CSI Ebba's Hr. Sec School, Mylapore
- 6. CSI Monahan Girls Hr. Sec School, Royapettah
- 7. NKT Hr. Sec School, Triplicane
- 8. CSI Monahan, Matriculation, Hr.Sec.School, Royapettah
- 9. CSI School for Deaf, Santhome

Chengalpattu District

- 1. Government. Hr. Sec. School, Thoraipakkam
- 2. Government. Hr. Sec. School, Kannagi Nagar
- 3. St. Joseph Hr. Sec School, Vettuvankeni
- 4. St. Pius Hr. Sec. School, Perungudi



The Futuremakers Essential Program was also implemented at Dhanraj Baid Jain College in Thoraipakkam, Chennai. The Futuremakers Event program was implemented at Queen Mary College in Mylapore, as well as in the Semmencherry community. The Futuremakers Camp was implemented at Queen Mary's College in Mylapore, Chennai.

FUTUREMAKERS TRADITIONAL: (8–10 months)

The Futuremakers Traditional program was started in all 13 schools in June 2022. We taught life skills 50% of the time and netball 50% of the time. Every week, there were two sessions, and after each session, nutritional healthy snacks were provided for the participants. For monitoring and evaluating of the program, all participants, staff information, Monitoring and evaluation forms, and student attendance for each session are updated in the Sales Force portal. Before attending the session, staff and the Community Sports Coach will pre-plan the life skills and netball session. Warm-up games, Coaches Among Continent games, and modified games will be planned for the session. In All sites' equipment and first aid kits were kept. All schools' graduation ceremonies came to an end and Certificates were distributed to all participants. We had 1582 participants who benefited from this program.





FUTUREMAKERS EVENT AT QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE: (1-4 days)

The Futuremakers team launched the Futuremakers Event Program for NSS students at Queen Mary's College, Mylapore, Chennai on October 6th and 8th, 2022. The Futuremakers event is a three-day program in which we teach young women life skills (80%) and netball (20%), in the joyful learning method and a healthy snack was provided. More than 50 students took part in the program.



FUTUREMAKERS EVENT AT SEMMENCHERY COMMUNITY: (1-4 days)

The Futuremakers team launched the Futuremakers Event Program for Adolescent Girls on December 29th - 31st, 2022, in the Semmenchery. The Futuremakers event is a three-day program that teaches teenage girls life skills (80%) and netball (20%) through a joyful learning approach. Participants were also given a healthy snack. The event drew more than 50 adolescent girls.











FUTUREMAKERS ESSENTIAL: (16 days)

On January 27, 2023, the Futuremakers team launched the Futuremakers Essential program at Dhanraj Baid Jain College in Thoraipakkam, Chennai. Young women were taught life skills (80%) and netball (20%), utilizing the happy learning approach. Participants were also given a healthy snack after the session. More than 150 young women attended the program. Certificates were distributed at the time of graduation.











FUTURE MAKERS CAMP: (5-7days)

The Future Makers team launched the Future Makers Camp at Queen Marys College in Chennai on March 20th to March 25th, 2023. Young women were taught life skills (20%) as well as netball (80%). Following the session, participants were also given a healthy snack. The program drew more than 50 young women. Matches were organized and prizes were distributed at the end of the day. At the final event of the day, prizes were distributed in the honor of Mr. A. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai.







SPECIAL INITIATIVE

In the academic year 2022-2023, we tried a new initiative of delivering life skills through netball for the differently abled (Deaf & Dumb) girl children at the CSI Higher Secondary School for the Deaf – Santhome, Chennai. It is a new adventure for the team to learn sign language and provide the children with the necessary modules in order for them to express their concerns. It will also be a new experience for us to see the impact of the program on differently abled girl children. On graduation day, after the completion of the program, certificates will be issued to all the participants.









NETBALL

Interschool Netball Tournament:

In commemoration of World Children's Day (20.11.2022) and National Children's Day (14.11.2022) Thozhamai, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Madras Industrial City (RCMIC) conducted its first Interschool Girls Netball tournament on 30th November 2022 at YMCA College of Physical Education, Nandanam Chennai. Chief Guests Rtn. PDG Krishnan.V. Chari, Senior Rotarian, Rtn. Vinod Saraogi, Director of Go Fashion India Ltd, Rtn. Emily Sujirtha Titus, President RCMIC and Rtn. Srinivasan, Secretary RCMIC, Special Guests Mr. P.Selvarasu President of Tamil Nadu Netball Development Board, Mr. A.Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai and Ms. L. Vaishali Secretary of Tamil Nadu Netball Development Board. The program has been introduced as an initiative for the empowerment of women and to provide an environment where the girl child can be empowered. It promotes the motto of Thozhamai in breaking the bias through sports and encouraging their interests. Schools in partnership with Futuremakers of project Women win participated in the tournament. 12 schools along with the Community team – Semmencherry and CCRD team, Thirukazhukundram.







The program concluded with the valedictory session presided over by Chief Guest Dr. N. Ezhilan Member of Legislative Assembly, Tamil Nadu, and special guest Dr. Anantharamakrishnan, Head of the Department of Criminology, Tamil Nadu Open University along with Rtn. Emily SujirthaTitus President, Rotaract Club of Madras Industrial City (RCMIC), Rtn. Srinivasan Secretary RCMIC and Rtn. Dr. Sivachanran President, Rotary Club of Millenium, and Professor of Vivekananda College, Chennai. The prizes were distributed in recognition of the efforts of each and every participant, which was visibly encouraging for the members of Thozhamai to work even harder for the cause.











IMPORTANT DAY CELEBRATION

11th October 2022, **International Girl Child Day** was celebrated by the Futuremakers team in NKT National Higher Secondary School, Triplicane, Rani Lady Meyyammai Higher Secondary School, Adyar, and Chennai Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanmiyur during the life skills session. The girl children were asked to write about their dreams in the balloons in small batches. Everyone enjoyed the activity and took the oath that "We are proud to be a girl".









CHILDREN'S DAY

On 14th November 2022 ThozhamaiFuturemakers team celebrated "Children's day" at Chennai Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai. Students of 8th standard were given Awareness on Child Rights and Child Protection. Fun games were conducted for the Children.







WORLD DAY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

Futuremakers team organized an awareness campaign on World Day for the **Prevention of Child Abuse** on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) at NKT Girls Hr. Sec. School and St. Ebbas Girls Hr. Sec. School they were also educated about menstrual hygiene, Sexual Reproductive Rights, Child Abuse, Body images, violence, and its types, and prevention of violence. Total of **450** students benefited from the program.







NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

Futuremakers has observed, National Girl Child Day on January 24, 2023 at Chennai, Hr. Sec School Thiruvanmiyur and NKT National Girls Hr. Sec. School, Triplicane. The primary objective is to increase awareness of the inequities that girls experience in a range of contexts, including dress, employment, and education. Along with this, a few karate moves for self-defence was taught to the children.





WORLD CANCER DAY:

In observance of **World Cancer Day** on February 4, 2023, the Futuremakers team gave cancer awareness to students at Rani Lady Meyyammai Higher Secondary School, Adyar, during a life skills session. Students wear the ribbon to show their support for the cancer patient and to raise awareness and express solidarity.







AWARENESS ABOUT THE ILL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USAGE

Futuremakers Team in association with Mary Anne Charitable Trust conducted awareness on using Tobacco and substance use of tobacco among the students of Chennai Higher secondary school, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai on 16th August 2022. As per the requisition of the school, Headmistress takes a session for boys about substance abuse. With the help of the MACT organization gave inputs to the children through a video presentation. The children took an oath against tobacco and any forms should not be consumed. 120 students were benefitted.





AWARENESS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Futuremakers, in collaboration with Childline and CHESS Organization, held an awareness program on Child Sexual Abuse for adolescent girls at Chennai Higher Secondary School in Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai, on August 16, 2022. The session started with icebreaker games and which covered the topic of safe and unsafe touch, the importance of child line 1098 was discussed by Mrs. Rajeswari and Ms. Seema from CHESS Organisation. Around 70 adolescent were benefitted.







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COVID AWARENESS

The Futuremakers team, in collaboration with Nalanthana, conducted a COVID-19 health and hygiene recap in 4 schools where we are implementing the Futuremakers program.





CLUBS CREATIONS

CHILDREN AGAINST TOBACCO (CAT) CLUB:

On 6th September, 2022, Mary ann Charatible Trust (**MACT**) in collaboration with the Futuremakers team, organized the **Children Against Tobacco** (CAT) Club at Chennai Higher Secondary School, Thiruvanmiyur. 35 leaders were trained and formed a CAT club. The trained children were given certificates. The trained children will do a campaign against tobacco and its products, and they will be the ambassadors of the CAT club and will continue their activities throughout the end of the academic year.







COMMUNITY NETBALL CLUB

The Semmenchery community club was formed, and regular netball training has been given to the community's children. Community club children took part in the Inter school netball tournament contacted in YMCA, Nanthanam, Chennai which was a new experience for them.









NETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

So far in netball Futuremakers program has empowered more than 34 girls in national, state, and

district-level netball selection. And they have been selected and represented in districts such as

Ariyalur, Tiruchirapalli, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Nagai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Erode, and

at the national level in Pondicherry, Karnataka, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, and Delhi. The

following are the statistics of adolescent girls, selected at the various levels for Netball:

1. District-level selection: 12

2. State-level selection: 10

3. National level selection: 8

In this academic year (2022-2023) students from the CSI Monahan Matriculation School in

Royapettah, Chennai were selected for the state netball team. Under the following categories:

Under-16: 2 students

Under 19: 1 student

And one of the old alumni and students from CSI Monahan School who are not goal participants

was taken to Haryana for a netball match, representing Tamil Nadu.

Senior National Tournament

On January 8^{th,} 2023, Senior Coach Mr.Prem Kumar, along with four Futuremakers participants

and two community sports coaches, went for Tamilnadu netball at Salem district. In that

selection, three of our girls were selected.

After that, three selected members attended the camp in Erode district and went for the 40th

Senior National Tournament which took place in Nagpur along with the senior sports coach.

The 40th Senior National Netball Championship for Men and Women Session 2022–2023 was held from March 1, 2023, to March 4, 2023, at RTM Nagpur University in Maharashtra. Old alumni, Ms. Ashwariya, Ms. Jayasri, and present CSC, Ms. Sneha from the Futuremakers team,represented the Tamil Nadu Netball team in the match. They won the 1st league and received a certificate of participation.



40th Senior National Netball Championship for Men and Women, Nagpur



Received certificate from Tamil Nadu Netball Development Secretary.



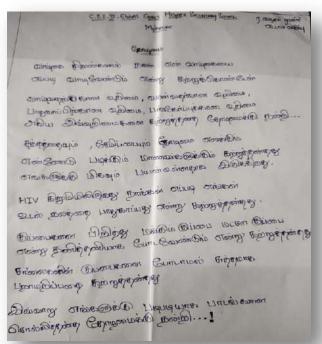
Netball Selection Trails for Senior National Championship for Men and Women, Salem



28th Sub Junior National Netball Championship for (boys & girls) 2022-2023



FEEDBACK FROM THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM



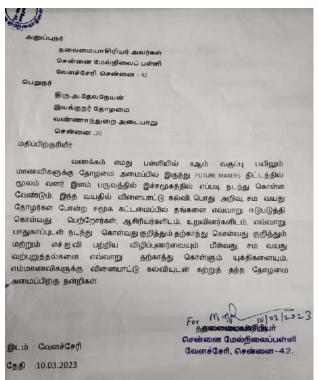
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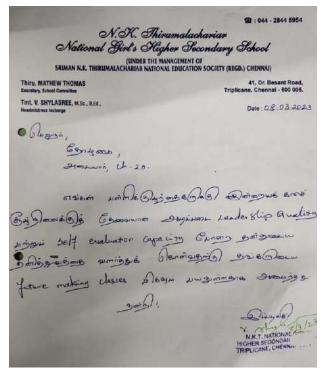
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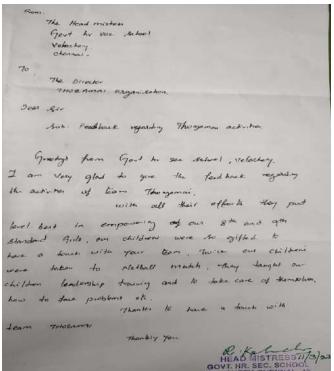
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INTERNATIONAL VISIT WOMENWIN TEAM:

Thozhamai Futuremakers' team was visited by Ms Yvonne, Global Implementation Director of Women Win, and Ms. Kalyani, Director of Maitrayana, on 5th December 2022. The Team accompanied with them to the Santhome campus of the CSI Higher Secondary School for the Deaf in the morning. The school's principal, Mr. James, welcomed them and spoke with them about a program being implemented by Thozhamai to assist hearing impaired children. The significance of sign language was established. Followed by discussion with Mr. Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai and Futuremaker team overview of the project was updated, challenges and suggestion was also discussed, and in Future formation of a school club, referee team, community club. Afterward, they were driven to Chennai Higher Secondary School at Thiruvanmiyur for the afternoon session. Ms. Sivagami school's Headmistress and Ms. Rani PET welcomed them and interacted with them about the program. They then observed the session after Community Sports Coach was introduced. Ms. Jayashree, an alumni, discussed her experience training local girls in Thirukazhikundram.





STAFF TRAININGS AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME:

The new staff team of Future Makers (then Goal) had their training in Maitrayana, Bangalore for 3 days. They had an insight of the life skill modules of the future makers programme to deliver among the adolescent girl children and the team has also attended online training on sales force and learned to input the data.





➤ On 23/7/22 Capacity building programme for staff and CSC on the topic "Ensuring the Child Friendly Environment and Challenge Face by staff & CSC in field" Mr. A. Devaneyan, Director - Thozhamai was the facilitator he spoke about how to create the child friendly environment where we take session, ensure the participance of all children, treat the children with dignity and respect and how to mitigate the challenges that we face in the field. The session was very useful for both the staff and CSC.







- Every Saturday staffs are learning sign language in CSI Higher Secondary School for Deaf at Mylapore. With the help of an interpreter, we started the life skill and netball session in the CSI Higher Secondary School, Mylapore. We also have started learning sign language which is very helpful for us to take sessions even without an interpreter for the children in that school. The best thing we observed is children who understand the concept is explaining it to the other children. And they enjoy the method which we used to take sessions, they to teaching us the sign for the words which we do not know.
- Thozhamai Future makers' three staff members received training in the third and fourth modules of "Be Empowered and Be Money Savvy" at Maitrayana, Bangalaore. Ms. Vrushali trained both life skills and netball throughout the four-day training (7 November–10 November 2022). The trainees were also given facilitation techniques during the training. In order to better understand how the play-based technique works while taking life skills classes at schools, colleges, community centres, etc., the trainees in the life skills session conducted a mock session.





➤ On 15th November 2022, a state level multi-stakeholder consultation on "Tobacco Threat to Environment" was conducted by Mary Anne Charitable Trust (MACT) and Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Tobacco Control (TNPFTC). Christina and Ms. Amsaveni took part in the meeting. Session discussion was made how Tobacco is affecting the environment and children. We also discussed about the CAT club formations in few other schools.



From Future Maker team Mr. Prem Kumar and Ms. Amsaveni attended the Goal Lead Trainer Programme last session. And received a goal lead trainer certificate.

GOAL LEARNING GRANT:

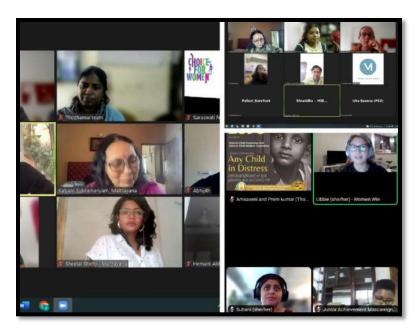
Two documentaries are currently in production. We reached out to the Chennai-based Don Bosco Institution of Communication and Arts, which is chronicling the difficulties that hearing-and speech-impaired girls have when participating in sports and how they are resolving these issues. During the competition that took place in YMCA Nandanam, Chennai. They were encouraged when asked to play with the other children. They finished the competition in fourth place among the 13 schools. Now we are in the final stages of completing the documentary film. Online meeting was contacted with Ms. Chisomo and Ms. Virgina on 14th February 2023 regarding the learning grant process.

ONLINE TRAININGS AND MEETINGS:

- On 6th and 7th July 2022, we have attended the Futuremakers Forum for two days in online.
- ❖ On 8th August 2022, online meeting on Safeguarding children was conducted by Maitrayana in this meeting we had a discussion about the self-audit tools.
- ❖ On 13th September 2022, online training for Goal Lead Trainer was started and it is on process.
- ❖ On 21st September 2022, Future makers Partners Day online meeting was conducted.
- ❖ On 27th September 2022, Data Entry Refresher meeting was organized by Women Win.
- ❖ Maitrayana hosted an online meeting on safeguarding children in sports on November 4, 2022. The discussion at the meeting centered on the best practices for protecting children at school. Then, three aspects of child protection must be improved. Each organization shared its four best practices and three things to improve. Mrs. Christina and Ms. Amsaveni from Thozhamai shared the best practices for protecting children in sports. It is necessary to ensure that the policy



- is implemented on the ground. You need to follow up with them and ensure their success. Update the policies.
- ❖ On November 25, Mrs. Christina and Ms. Amsaveni took part in an online meeting with Ms. Kriss Uyoga, with the main theme of "Women Win Global Resources." In the meeting, we discussed about the work experience with differently abled children.
- On February 10, 2023 Mrs. Christina and Ms. Amsaveni took part in an online workshop on "Development of Child Protection and policy" contacted by Maitrayana.





VOLUNTEERING:

➤ On 27th August2022, Future Makers team volunteered in the Marathon conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women the theme of the run was Ending violence against women and children, and around 800 college and school student participated in the Marathon. The future Makers team contributed to the success of the Marathon.





On 28th September 2022, Future Makers team volunteered in the UNICEF program Consultation on Promotion Youth Advocates for children towards ending violence against children and child marriage at Tamil Nadu Open University.



➤ On 20th September 2022 Future Makers team volunteered in special camp which is organized by the Department for Welfare of Differently Abled for differently abled people at CSI Higher Secondary School for Deaf, Mylapore from 9am to 2pm. Our staff volunteered and assisted support for the Beneficiaries and their Guardian regarding Schemes like CM Comprehensive Health Insurance, Guardianship



Certificate, Travel concession, maintenance and allowance Aids and Appliances, Renewal of Disability card. District Differently Abled Welfare officer distributed wheelchairs and disabled certificate for the person who were in need instantly. Totally 155 members were benefited.





➤ On 15th December 2022, and 16th December 2022, Future Makers team volunteered in the UNICEF program Consultation on Promotion Youth Advocates for children towards ending violence against children and child marriage at Tamil Nadu teachers University, Karapakam, Chennai and Stella Mary's College Chennai.





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Strengthen Child Protection Systems & Structures to Deliver Preventive & Responsive Child Protection Service



Introduction

Violence against children is widespread and pervasive and remains a harsh reality for millions of children in India. Violence against children threatens not only children's survival and health but also their emotional well-being and future prospects. Violence, exploitation and abuse occur in the homes, families, schools, care and justice systems, workplaces and communities across all contexts, including as a result of conflict and natural disasters.

Evidence shows that violence, exploitation and abuse are often practiced by someone known to the child, including parents, other family members, caretakers, teachers, employers, law enforcement authorities, state and non-state actors and other children.

Many children are exposed to various forms of violence, exploitation and abuse, including sexual abuse and exploitation, armed violence, trafficking, child labour, gender-based violence, bullying (see UNICEF, Too often in silence, 2010), gang violence, female genital mutilation/cutting, child marriage, physically and emotionally violent child discipline, and other harmful practices. As internet access expands, violence against children is taking on new dimensions such as cyberbullying and online sexual exploitation, with damaging and life-changing consequences

There is significant evidence that violence, exploitation and abuse can affect the child's physical and mental health in the short and longer term, impairing their ability to learn and socialize, and impacting their transition to adulthood with adverse consequences later in life.

Recent NFHS-5 data shows that though there are improvements on various parameters related to children and women empowerment in the state, the magnitude of the issue is significant considering that Tamil Nadu is one of the progressive states in India.

- Every hour 5 cases of child sexual abuse are reported. (Source: NCRB 2018).
- 50% of cases of sexual abuse are perpetrated by close family members or friends. (Source: NCRB, 2018)
- 99% of school children are subjected to physical and mental abuse by teachers (Source: NCPCR, 2012)



There is a growing recognition globally on engagement with the adolescents, young people and youth as powerful agents to work for the attainment of children's rights. But, unfortunately majority of young people to find their voice in the decisions that affect their lives and the life of their communities. Lack of access to platforms, technologies and conducive environment increases their vulnerability.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted by the UN in September 2015 after years of discussion and global consultations. They will also inevitably impact children's rights advocacy. The goals inextricably linked to human rights generally, and the rights of children specifically. Children are affected by all of the SDGs, whether poverty (Goal 1), hunger (Goal 2), health (Goal 3), education (Goal 4), gender equality (Goal 5), climate change (Goal 13) or violence against children (Goal 16.2).

Thozhamai's vision of realising child rights in Tamil Nadu, has been supported ably by UNICEF. Thozhamai, being a resource organization on child rights, has been monitoring child rights violations, engaging with youth as advocates for children and engaging with media, both electronic & print, in amplifying the voices of children. Thozhamai has also been actively engaging with various departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu particularly Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment and Department of School Education. With the new government in Tamil Nadu, there is ample space and opportunity to influence towards a Child Friendly and Safe Tamil Nadu through various new policies and other initiatives. In this context, Thozhamai aims to build on the efforts taken through:

- (i) Realizing Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children through state level policy initiatives, child friendly districts and so on.
- (ii) Engagement with media through district level media sensitization program and media tracking and Village Level Chid Protection Committees
- (iii) Youth Advocates for Children (YA4C) for Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC);



1. Realizing Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children

The Tamil Nadu Child Policy was in the developmental state since 2017. Thozhamai worked with the government and was involved in the drafting of the Policy. The Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment of the Government of Tamil Nadu has released Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children on the 20th of November 2021. To that end, the State of Tamil Nadu has declared that children are the State's treasure. To ensure that all the rights of children are protected the policy has four focus areas namely, Health, Development, Protection and Participation. It is of utmost importance to the State that in all these four areas the rights of all children are protected and upheld and "No child is left behind".

To ensure that the policy is effectively converted to a Plan of Action, Thozhamai suggested a Steering Committee to be installed to oversee the development of the POA. And to ensure that the POA is multi-faceted with suggestions and improvements from various stakeholders, Regional Consultations were suggested.

The month of February was focused on preparatory work for the Regional Consultation to take place. In that regard, the Thozhamai team met with various government officials and heads to present the TN Child Policy as well as gain their support in the coordination of the Regional Consultations for evolving the Plan of Action.

Influencing Various Departments at the State Level

Secretariat Meeting – February 8th, 2022

A Secretariat meeting was held under the headship of Additional Chief Secretary of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department in which 33 State Level Officials took part in the discussion. The objective of the meeting was to establish a common understanding of the Tamil Nadu Child Policy, 2021. It was also to encourage cooperation and participation as the plan of action is evolved at the Regional Consultation.



Meeting at Directorate of Social Defense – February 14th, 23rd, 24th, 2022

Four consecutive meetings were arranged at the Directorate of Social Defense with the Director and Joint Director with an objective to decide how to take forward the Regional Consultation. Decisions on how participants are to be selected, which government departments to participate, where the consultations should take place, how the dynamics of the day should be set as well were made. Added to it, discussions on how to ensure that a cross cutting approach is taken that ensures that no group, community, or sector is left out was also taken.

Meeting with Honorable Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Minister-

February 24th, 2022

The meeting with the Honorable Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Minister was in preparation for the consultations and evolving POA, to garner support and coordination as well as to take the inputs and suggestions put forward by the minister.

Meeting with Child Rights Watch

A meeting was organized with Child Rights Watch that has 75 Civil Society Groups to bring awareness about the policy as well as about the Regional Consultation planned. The was also to garner support and coordination for the Civil Society Groups to be represented at the Consultation.

Regional Consultation on "Evolving Plan of Action" towards realizing the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children – 2021

To ascertain that the suggestions and inputs of various Stake holders are taken into consideration while drafting the Plan of Action for the implementation of the policy, five Regional Level Consultations were organized to ensure that inputs were taken from all five zones of Tamil Nadu namely, North, West, East, Central and South. With the objective to receive suggestions for the Plan of Action, various Government Departments, Educational Institutions and Civil Organizations were invited for the consultation.



The meeting was presided over by Ms. S. Valarmathi, IAS, Director, Department of Social Defense and Mr. S. Thanasekarapandian, Joint Director, Department of Social Defense. Ms. J.Radhika, Judge, POCSO Special Court, Madurai and Mr. S. Maruganantham, Judge, POCSO Special Court, Salem took part of the consultations at Madurai and Salem respectively. The resource people who facilitated the consultation were, Dr. M. Annadurai, NBD Manager, Children Believe, Mr. Andrew Sesuraj.M, Public policy Consultant, TN State Planning Commission, Ms. Stegana Jency L.T, Director CCRD and Ms. Krishnaveni, Senior Program Coordinator, CCRD. Mr.Deveneyan, Director, Thozhamai set the dynamics of the day in all the consultations and Mr. Narasimhan, Policy Consultant, UNICEF gave an overview of the Tamil Nadu State Child Policy (TNSCP) – 2021 to the participants.

Proceedings of the Consultation

Once the dynamics of the day was set, an overview of the Tamil Nadu State Child Policy – 2021 was introduced to the participants with the four focus areas and the importance of the input of each participant was voiced out, the participants were divided into Focus Groups so discussions could be held amongst them on how the policy could be turned into effective POA. The Focus Groups were divided based on their departments and areas of expertise. Those working in areas or departments related to Life, Survival, Health and Nutrition were placed in Group 1 and Group 2. Those working in areas related to Development were placed in Group 3 and Group 4. Those working in areas related to Protection were placed in Group 5 and Group 6. All the groups focused on Participation except at Madurai and Chennai where a separate group was allocated for discussions on Participation.

After the discussion, each team presented their suggestions to the entire gathering and the other teams were given a chance to respond and voice out their opinions for each of the Focus areas as well. The discussions as well as the presentations that followed and the response was dynamic with people from various departments and experiences offering their views on what plan can be adopted to ensure that the policy is translated to actionable points. All the points put forth by the participants were recorded. The participants were also repeatedly encouraged to send their points by mail if they wanted to.



Central Zone – Trichy – 15th March 2022

The Regional Consultation for the Central Zone was held at Trichy on the 15th of March 2022. Eight Districts including Trichy and other neighboring districts namely, Perambalur, Namakkal, Karur, Ariyalur, Dindigul, Villupuram and Pattukotai, participated in the Consultation. 85 participants took part in the consultation out of which, 65 participants were from various government departments and the rest were from civil society organizations and academic institutions.









East Zone – Tanjore – 16th March 2022

The Regional Consultation for the East Zone was held at Tanjore on the 16th of March 2022. Eight Districts including Tanjore and other neighboring districts namely, Cuddalore, Mayiladudurai, Thiruvarur, Pudukottai, Nagapattinam and Villupuram participated in the Consultation. 85 participants took part in the consultation out of which around 62 participants were from the government departments and the rest were from civil society organizations and academic institutions.











South Zone – Madurai – 24th March 2022

The Regional Consultation for the South Zone was held at Madurai on the 24th of March 2022. Eight Districts including Madurai and other neighboring districts namely, Tuticorin, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Theni and Thenkasi participated in the Consultation. 98 participants took part in the consultation out of which around 75 participants were from the government departments and the rest were from civil society organizations and academic institutions.











West Zone – Salem – 25th March 2022

The Regional Consultation for the West Zone was held at Salem on the 25th of March 2022. Eight Districts including Salem and other neighboring districts namely, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Erode, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tiruppur and Kallakurichi participated in the Consultation. 81 participants took part in the consultation out of which around 65 participants were from the government departments and the rest were from civil society organizations and academic institutions.











North Zone – Chennai- 12th April 2022

The Regional Consultation for the North Zone was held at Chennai on the 12th of April 2022. Eight Districts including Chennai and other neighboring districts namely, Vellore, Ranipet, Kanchipuram, Thiruvannamalai, Thirupattur, Thiruvallur and Chengalpattu participated in the Consultation. 104 participants took part in the consultation out of which around 65 participants were from the government departments and the rest were from civil society organizations and academic institutions. Over 47 participants were women and the rest 57 were men.











Evolving of the TNSPC Plan of Action

Collation of the Stakeholders Comments and Suggestions – 17th, 18th, 28th, 29th, 30th March 2022

All the suggestions presented after the Focus Group Discussions during the consultation was compiled and divided categorically under each Focus area such as Survival, Development, Protection and Participation. Trichy and Tanjore was done on 17TH March and 18th March, 2022. Collation of the suggested POA from Madurai and Salem was done between 28thTH March to 30th March 2022.

Aligning Suggestions and Inputs received from Regional Consultation with relevant Policy Measure - 4^{th} , 5^{th} , 6^{th} , 18^{th} April 2022

The aligning of the suggestions and inputs received from various stakeholders at the Regional Consultation held in Trichy, Tanjore, Madurai and Salem with relevant Policy Measure for the focus areas, Survival (25 Policy Measures) and Development (24 Policy Measure) was done from 4th to 6th April 2022. Similarly, the same process was done for the focus area, Participation (10 Policy Measure) on the 18th of April 2022.

Developing of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each Policy Measure – 21^{st} , 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} April 2022

Developing of Specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each of the Policy Measures was done on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April 2022 in discussion with all the facilitators who participated in the consultation. This was done to enable the departments concerned to fix targets in their annual plan for each of the policy measure that falls under their purview.



Meeting with the Assistant Chief Secretary – 17th May 2022

On the 17th May 2022, a meeting was held at the Secretariat, where the core team that has been facilitating the consultations, presented the process and outcomes of the regional consultations as well as the expected outcome of the State Consultations. With the help of the Assistant Chief Secretary, the Program Schedule for the State Consultation that was scheduled to take place on the 24th May 2022 was finalised.

State Level Consultation with Concerned Departments for finalizing the State Plan of Action for realizing Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children (TNSPC) 2021- 24th May 2022, Chennai

The State level Consultation for finalizing the State Plan of Action for realizing Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children (TNSPC) 2021 took place at Chennai on the 24th May 2022. 33 Government Departments participated in the consultation. Over 50 government officials took part in the consultation with roughly 20 women and 30 men. The objective of the consultation was to ensure that all the suggestions collected in the Regional Consultations were presented before the departments so their inputs and suggestions could also be gathered. Added to that, it was also to aid the departments in understanding the expectations from them in setting of the indicators, the specific targets for the years to come, current status as well as available schemes.

The Honourable Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan graced the event with her presence and delivered the special address. The Additional Cheif Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Social Welfare And Women Empowerment, Thiru. Shambu Kallolikar, IAS delivered the keynote address and Tmt. S Valarmathi, IAS, Director, Department of Social Defence welcomed the gathering and set the way forward at the end the event as well. Special Addresses were delivered by Tmt. Amutha Valli IAS Director,ICDS, Tmt. Rathna IAS Director,Social Welfare. Thiru. A. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, spoke on the Evolution of TNSPC 2021 and its Plan of Action.

Facilitators, Thiru Andrew Sesuraj. M, Public Policy Consultant, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, Thiru. M. Vasu, Joint Director, Samagra Shiksha, Department of School Education, Thiru. S. Thanasekara Pandian, Joint Director, Department of Social Defence, Tmt.



Stegana Jency L.T, State Co- Convener, Tamil Nadu Child Right's Watch led the gathering through the discussion.

Below documented are some pictures taken during the State Consultation -24^{th} May 2022



















Discussion on the Drafting and Completion of the Plan of Action (POA) for the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children (TNSPC) -2^{nd} June 2022

On the 2nd of June, a meeting was held at the UNICEF Office to discuss the final draft of the POA and the documentation details required for the completion of it. Mr. Lakshmi Narasimhan, UNICEF Policy Consultant, Mr. G. Kumaresan, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF, Mr. Andrew Sesuraj, Public Policy Consultant, Tamil Nadu Planning Commission, Mr. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, Ms. Stegana Jency, L. T, Director, Center for Child's Rights, Ms. Jaishree, Managing Trustee Agaram, Ms. Shilpa, Agaram, Mr. Prabhakar, Program Coordinataor, Thozhamai, Ms. Amy Sharon, Program Manager Thozhamai were all present in the discussion. The contents of the POA booklet were discussed as well as the meeting of the Sector Heads of Health, Development, Protection and Participation with the appointed Nodal person from each department. Added to this, circulation of the POA for Peer review was also discussed.

2. 1 DISTRICT LEVEL CONVERGENCE MEETING

The objective of the Convergence Meeting was to provide a platform for discussion related to child protection in a setup where various District heads were present. So in convergence, all departments can take steps to ensure the protection of every child in their district.

District Level Convergence Meeting at Krishnagiri District – 28th June, 2022

On the 28th June 2022, the District Child Protection Unit of Krishnagiri conducted a District Level Child Protection Committee Meeting to discuss issues related to Child Protection. The District Collector of Krishnagiri, Dr. V Jeyachandrabanu Reddy presided over the event. Mr.

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Raja Simhavarman, Judicial Magistrate, Mr. Karthick Assath, Judicial Magistrate, Mr.G. Kumaresan, Social Policy Specialist (Child Protection), Unicef, Chennai and Kerala, Mr. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, Ms. Sivagandhi District Child Protection Officer, Krishnagiri, Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi, District Social Welfare Officer, Krishanagiri, Mr. Thenpandian, Advocate, Chennai, Ms. Saranya Sathish, Child Protection Officer, State Resource Center, Chennai were present at the meeting.

In addition to this, around 35 District Heads were also present at this Convergence Meeting. Mr. Devaneyan and Mr. G. Kumaresan presented the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children and the Plan of Action that is in the final drafting stage. Discussion was held on ways to ensure that in convergence all the departments work to ensure a Child Friendly Krishnagiri District is created by reducing Child marriages, Child Labour and Violence against Children. The District Collector of the Krishnagiri gave word that all efforts will be made to ensure this convergence will be achieved to ensure that all the children in Krishnagiri are protected and their rights are upheld. A news report of the meeting came in Dhinakaran Newspaper. Below documented are some pictures taken at the meeting.





Thozhamai's engagement with media has begun about 5 years ago through various programs such as in-house programs for journalists, district level orientation programs for journalists/stringers and residential programs for senior editors/sub-editors for the past few years. Thozhamai has conducted about 18 district level orientation programs reaching out to more than 700 journalists/stringers, about 150 journalists through in-house programs in Chennai and about 76 editors/sub-editors through 2 residential programs. These programs were really impactful



making tangible changes in the magnitude and way of reporting of children related issues in the media.

Thozhamai would like to continue its media engagement programs this year by conducting one residential workshop for senior editors/sub-editors, district level media orientation programs in 6 district and media tracking program.

2.2 Districts Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC)

Child Friendly Districts for District level officers, panchayat leaders

Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at several districts on which the number of Child Marriage and . The objective of the meeting was to ensure that Dindigul becomes a Child Friendly District through the strengthening of VLCPCs in the district. The strengthening of VLCPCs takes place when the Panchayat leaders of the villages, who head the VLCPCs get trained on Child Rights.

Mr. S. Visakan, IAS District Collector, Dindigul and released an IEC Handbook on Child Friendly Dindigul District created by Thozhamai which was distributed to all the participants of the training. Mr. N Sivakumar, District Child Protection Officer, Dindigul presided over the Training and Mr. Deveneyan, Director, Thozhamai, as well as the other Resource persons precent such as Mr, Suba. Thenpandian, Advocate, Chennai, Ms. Poorani, Child Protection Officer, State Resource Center, Chennai, Dr. Bala Murugan, Social Activist, Chennai and Mr. Albert, Social Activist, Dindigul lead the gathering through the training.

All the participants went back with a deeper understanding on topics such as Understanding Children from a Rights Perspective, Various Forms of Child Abuse and Laws and Monitoring Mechanism set by the Government to protect children from such abuse, Child Marriage and how Child Rights is Violated as well as practical, effective steps that can be taken by various panchayats to ensure that their panchayat is Child Friendly. The session ended with an interactive session with the participants.



Dindigul District- 26th April 2022

A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Dindigul District on the 26thApril 2022. Panchayat leaders from 10 blocks namely, Dindigul, Athoor, Reddiarchatram, Shanarpatti, Natham, Nilakottai, Batlagundu, Vedasandur, Vadamadurai and Guziliamparai took part in the training. Over 95 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Put of the 95 participants, around 40 were women and the rest 55 were men. Reports about the training program was published in Dinakaran and Thinathanthi.









Krishnagiri District - 25th May 2022

A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Krishnagiri District on the 25th May 2022. Panchayat leaders from 7 blocks namely, Krishnagiri, Kaveripattinam, Mathur, Bargur, Uthangarai, Veppanapalli and Motham took part in



the training. Over 75 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Out of the 70 participants, around 54 were men and the rest 21 were women. Reports about the training program was published in the Indian Express.



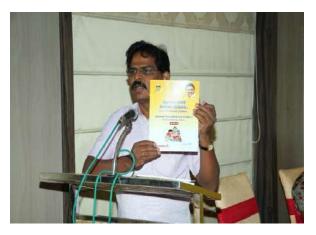
Palani, Dindigul District - 20th May 2022

A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Palani, Dindigul District on the 20th May 2022. Panchayat leaders from 4 blocks namely, Palani, Oddanchatram, Toppampatty and Kodaikanal took part in the training. Over 70 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Out of the 70 participants, around 50 were men and the rest 20 were women. Below documented are some pictures taken at the event.











Krishnagri District - 25th May 2022

A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Krishnagiri District on the 25th May 2022. Panchayat leaders from 7 blocks namely, Krishnagiri, Kaveripattinam, Mathur, Bargur, Uthangarai, Veppanapalli and Motham took part in the training. Over 75 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Out of the 70 participants, around 54 were men and the rest 21 were women. Reports about the training program was published in the Indian Express.











Kelamangalam, Krishnagri District - 26th May 2022

A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Krishnagiri District on the 26th May 2022. Panchayat leaders from 5 blocks namely, Hosur, Kelamangalam, Shoolagiri, Thalli and Motham took part in the training. Over 70 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Out of the 70 participants, around 43 were men and the rest 17 were women. Reports about the training program was published in the Indian Express. Below documented are some pictures of the event.









Thoothukudi District - 19th May 2022



A Training Program on Strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee was conducted at Thoothukudi District on the 19th May 2022. Panchayat leaders from 7 block took part Thoothukudi, Srivaikundam, Tiruchendur, Sattankulam, Udangudi, Alwarthirunagar and Karungulam. part in the training. Over 120 panchayat leaders participated in the training with a lot of enthusiasm. Out of the 120 participants, around 73 were men and the rest 47 were women. Reports about the training program was published in Daily Thanthi, Dinamalar, Dinakaran, Dinamani and The Hindu. Below documented are some pictures taken at the event.









2. District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence against Children (EVAC) and Ending Child Marriage (ECM)

District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted at Krishnagiri District and Dindigul Districts. The objective of the gathering was to strengthen the capacities of media professionals at all levels on ending violence against children



(EVAC) including violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect, and denial and particularly child marriage, child sexual abuse, online abuse and reporting of the same.

The meeting was presided over by Ms. M. Sivagandhi, District Child Protection Officer, Krishnagiri, Mr. N. Sivakumar, District Social Welfare Officer, Dindigul and Ms. G.Pusphakala, District Child Welfare Officer, Dindigul at Krishnagiri and Dindigul respectively. Mr. Devaneyan, Director Thozhamai set the tone of the meeting. Resource People such as Mr. R. Ramasubranian (a) Mani, Senior Journalist, Mr. Thenpandian, Advocate, Chennai, Ms. Poorani, Child Protection Officer, State Resource Center, Chennai, Mr. Albert, Social Activist, Dindigul and Mr. Bala Murugan, Social Activist, Chennai trained the participants.

The participants gained awareness and were sensitized on topics such as Contemporary issues surrounding Child Marriage, Child marriage in India, particularly where Krishnagiri and Dindigul stood statistically as far as child marriage was concerned, the laws pertaining to Media and Child Rights and the role they as journalists play in bringing these issues to light as well as preventing any more added victimization of children in the way the report. The meeting ended with an interactive session with the participants.

Krishnagiri District- 20th April 2022

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 20th of April 2022 at Krishnagiri. More than 60 journalists from the Krishnagiri District participated in the Meeting. About 58 male participants and 2 female participants took part in the meeting. The Thozhamai team was also added into the Journalist WhatsApp group at District level. Articles on the meeting was published in Malai Murasu as well as The Hindu.











$Dindigul\ District-27^{th}\ April\ 2022$

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 27th of April,2022 at Dindigul. More than 65 journalists from the Dindigul District participated in the Meeting out of which there were 4 women journalists were present. The Thozhamai team was also added into the Journalist WhatsApp group at District level. A newspaper report on the meeting was published in Times of Tamil Nadu.











District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence against Children (EVAM), Thiruvanamalai – 24^{th} June 2022

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 24th of June 2022 at Thiruvanamalai. More than 50 journalists from the Thiruvanamalai District participated in the Meeting and it ended with an interactive session with the audience. The Thozhamai team was also added into the Journalist WhatsApp group at District level. A newspaper report on the meeting was published in Thina Kural. Below documented are some pictures taken at Thiruvanamalai.







District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence against Children (EVAM), Virudhunagar – 14^{th} July 2022

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 14th of July 2022 at Virudhunagar. More than 65 journalists from the Virudhunagar District participated in the Meeting out which 61 men and 4 women participated. It ended with an interactive session with the audience. A newspaper report on the meeting was published in Vanakam Thamizhagam. Below documented are some pictures of the event.











District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence against Children (EVAM), $Perambalur - 10^{th} \ August \ 2022$

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 10th of July 2022 at Perambalur. More than 65 journalists from the Virudhunagar District participated in the Meeting out which 58 men and 7 women participated. It ended with an interactive session with the audience. A newspaper report on the meeting was published in News Tamil Channel, Dinakaran, Dinamalar and Dinathandhiand the session was telecasted on Sun News Channel.



District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence against Children (EVAM), Salem- 22nd September 2022

A District Level Sensitization of Journalists on Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC) was conducted on the 22nd of September 2022 at Salem. More than 65 journalists from the Virudhunagar District participated in the Meeting out which 61 men and 4 women participated. A newspaper report was published on Dinakaran, Dinamalar and Dinathandhi and the session was telecasted on Sun News Channel. Below documented are some pictures of the event.





Training on portraying of Children in Media – 27th June, 2022

A training was provided for 16 India Glitz, YouTube Desk Editors on how to portray children in Media by Mr. A. Devaneyan Arasu, Director, Thozhamai. This was done with an objective to sensitise media personnel on how best to report on anything pertaining to children as we are witnessing an increased number of reporting of children that do not adhere or promote the constitutional rights of children.

3. THIRPPUMUNAI

Given the rise in the number of Children in Conflict with Law (CICL) over the past three years in Tamil Nadu, and the increasing crime rate as well, this shows that more and more CICL have FIRs registered on them over the years. In Thoothukudi district, this figure is especially high, accounting for over 6% of the total number of CICLs in Tamil Nadu. Following Chennai and Madurai, Thoothukudi district accounts for the third-highest number of crimes committed by CICL. The persistently high figures that Thoothukudi district accounts for needs to be addressed through a multi-stakeholder approach in order to significantly reduce the indicdence of crimes and make Thoothukudi a child-friendly and child-crime-free district in Tamil Nadu. With this in mind, it is proposed to announce the two-year Project Thiruppu Munai for Thoothukudi district was created by Thozhamai and Directorate of Social Defence to create an interdepartmental Convergence to address the issue on All forms of Violence against Children and on Children who engage in violence.



District Level Convergence Meeting at Thoothukudi District – 21st July, 2022

On 21st July 2022, The Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNICEF organised a District Level Convergence Meeting to launch "Thiruppu Munai" (Turning Point) towards creating a "Child Friendly Thoothukudi District." This program was coordinated by Thozhamai. During this Launch Program a District Task Force was formed under the headship of District Collector and ended with a decision to organise a District Task Force Meeting once every three months. There were 82 participants present at the meeting. Out of which there were 60 men and 26 women.

To begin the intervention, Thiruppu Munai was again launched by the Minister in St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Thoothukudi through Street Play by "Mugavari Kalai Kuzhu" to sensitise children on child protection. About 1200 children from three Schools – St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, St. Ignatius Higher Secondary School, St. Thomas CBSE School participated in the event. There were roughly 600 girls and 600 boys.

The Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tmt. Geetha Jeevan presided over the meeting along with other dignitaries such as the District Collector of Thoothukudi, Dr.K. Senthil Raj, I.A.S, Thiru. Jagan Peryasamy, Honourable Mayor, Thoothukudi Corporation, Dr. L. Balaji Saravanan, Superintendent of Police, Thoothukudi District, Tmt. Sarusri, I.A.S, Commissioner, Thoothukudi Corporation, Tmt.S. Valarmathi, I.A.S, Director, Department of Social Defense, Thiru. G. Kumaresan, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF, TN & Kerala, Tmt. Stegana Jency L.T, Director, Center for Child Rights and Developemnt(CCRD), Chennai, Thiru. Siddarth Sriram, Team Leader, Research and Documentation, Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment, Thiru. M. Saravanakumar, Regional Probation Officer(South), Department of Social Defence, Thiru. A. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, Thiru. R. Ramesh, District Child Protection Officer, Thoothukudi and Thiru. Balathandayutha Pani, Chief Education Officer, Thoothukudi, Thiru. Oscar, Principal, St. Thomas Higher Secondary School Thoothudi.



The launch of "Thiruppu Munai" is a step to protect the rights of the children in Thoothukudi and to ensure a Child friendly Thoothukudi District. Newspaper reports about the event appeared in Daily Thanthi, Dinamalar, Dinakaran, Dinamani and The Hindu tamil.















District Level Task Force (DTF) Meeting at Thoothukudi District – 18th August, 2022

On 18th August 2022 the First District Task Force Meeting was held at Thoothukudi District, as decided by the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai; a District Level Convergence Meeting was launched named "ThiruppuMunai" (Turning Point) towards creating a "Child Friendly Thoothukudi District". During this Program a District Task Force was formed under the headship of District Collector and ended with a decision to organize a District Task Force Meeting once every three months.





Thiruppumunai - District Level Task Force (DTF) - Orientation Meeting at Thoothukudi District - 21st October, 2022

On 21th August 2022 the District Task Force – Orientation Meeting was held at Thoothukudi District, as decided by the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai under the headship of the Joint Collector of Thoothukudi.

Mr. Thanasekarapandian, Joint Director of Social Defence, Mr. Gaurav Kapoor Sub Collector, Thoothukudi, Mr. M Saravana Kumar, Regional Probation Officer South Directorate of Social Defense, Mr. A. Devaneyan Director, Thozhamai, Mr. Ramesh District Child Protection Officer, Ms. Stegana Jency Director of Centre for Child Rights lead the training programme. The programme began with the highlights of the efforts taken by Thiruppumunai after its instigation and ensuring that every member of the Task Force in understanding the role and the importance collective effort in creating a child friendly Thoothukudi.





Village Child Protection Committee Orientation on Thiruppumunai – 16.11.2022

An Orientation Program on Thiruppumunai was held for the Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) at Kovilpatti District on the 16th of November 2022. The objective of the meeting was to explain about Thiruppumunai and its convergence to the Village Level Child Protection Committee members.

On 16th November 2022 the District Task Force – Orientation Meeting was held for the Village Level Panchayat Committee members at Thoothukudi District, as decided by the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai under the headship of the Joint Collector of Thoothukudi.







4. Youth Advocates for Children (YA4C) and Ending Violence against Children (EVAC) and Ending Child Marriage.

Thozhamai has been working with Youth Advocates for Children in six universities/colleges namely, Stella Mary's College, Lady Doak College, Bharathiar University, Bishop Heber College, Amrita University and Loyola College in Tamil Nadu with the support of UNICEF for the past 3 years. It has already created hundreds of youth advocates for children. In Stella Mary's College, UNICEF in Campus program is being successfully implemented over the years has planned

Thozhamai conducted 6 consultation programmes on "Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage" at Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Periyar University, Salem, Lady Doak College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai, Stella Maris College, Chennai and Government Law College Dharmapuri.

The consultation covered the contemporary issues pertaining to child marriage and all forms of violence against children and the roles the students can take as advocates to address the issues children undergo in their neghbourhood and whoever they come in contact with. Thozhamai believes that "Child Rights" should become a culture in Tamil Nadu and to achieve it the vibrant youth population has a major role, as they have crossed the age of children they would be able to protect children with guidance and reach out to children in a better manner.

Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai - 29th September 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration, Tamil Nadu Open University on the 29th September 2022. Students from School of Criminology of Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai and students from other colleges took part the programme. Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi Honourable Member of Parliament graced the event 215 students participated.





Periyar University, Salem - 27th October 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with Periyar University, Salem on the 27th October 2022. Students from School of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and students from other colleges took part the programme. Dr. S. Senthilkumar Honourable Member of Parliament, Dharmapuri Constituency graced the event 221 students participated.



Lady Doak College, Madurai- 17th November 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with Lady Doak College, Madurai on the 17th November 2022. Students from the Department of Social work and students from other colleges took part the programme. Mrs. P. Geetha Jeevan, Honourale



Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tamil Nadu, Parliament, graced the event 265 students participated.



Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai- 15th December 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai on the 16th December 2022. Students from the various department and students from other colleges took part the programme. Dr. J. Jayaranjan, Vice Chairman, State Planning Commission, graced the occasion 255 students participated.



Stella Maris College, Chennai- 16th December 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with Stella Maris College, Chennai on the 16th December 2022. Students from the Department of Social work and



students from other colleges took part the programme. Mr. Aloor Shah Nawaz, Member of Legislative Assembly, Tamil Nadu, graced the event 275 students participated.



Government Law College, Dharmapuri- 16th December 2022

A Consultation Program on Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children towards Ending Violence Against Children and Child Marriage was conducted in collaboration with Stella Maris College, Chennai on the 16th December 2022. Students from the Department of Social work and students from other colleges took part the programme. Mr. Aloor Shah Nawaz, Member of Legislative Assembly, Tamil Nadu, graced the event 275 students participated.







Mobile Film Making Workshop

Amplifying Children's Voices – UNICEF On Campus (UOC) – Stella Maris College and at Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College, Vyasarpadi

Amplifying Children's Voices – UNICEF On Campus (UOC) –Workshop was held at Stella Maris College in collaboration with Thozhamai, A full day workshop on mobile film making was lead by Mr. Amuthan R. P. a renowned documentary film maker. The workshop was divided into 3 sessions, on which every session were be handled each month at both the colleges, the children were encouraged to make 1 minutes short video on children. The techniques were taught to them on how to handle the mobile phone professionally using the available applications





GENERATION OF POSITIVE STORIES

The objective of generation of positive stories is to strengthen the capacities of media professionals at all levels on ending violence against children (EVAC) including violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and denial and particularly child marriage, child sexual abuse, online abuse and reporting of the same. And also to support and create visibility of the interventions on Ending Child Marriage Programmes in the 15 high intensity districts.



Liquor abuse: 10-yr-old yet to get help

SIVAGURU S @ Krishnagiri

A WEEK after a 10-year-old girl in Bettamugilalam was allegedly forced to consume liquor, she is yet to receive medical attention from the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and Child Welfare Committee.

On June 9, a video showing the child allegedly forced by four persons into consuming liquor and smoking beedl went viral and shocked activists.

District Child Protection Officer M Sivagandhi was informed of the incident on Thursday night.

The next day K Subash, a protection officer (non-institutional care), and P Janaki, a social worker visited Bettamugilalam panchayat to rescue the girl, but she had left for Doddamanju where her parents arranged the marriage of her 16-year-old sister. The Childline staff stopped the wedding on Friday, but since they were unaware of the video, they did not rescue the 10-year-old.

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson Kalaivani told TNIE, "Only DCPO can take a call and CWC can't lodge a complaint regarding this."

Meanwhile, DCPO Sivagandhi said two staff and two Denkanikottai cops tried to rescue a girl child on Friday, but she was not in her residence. They are waiting for the parents to produce the child at CWC, Sivagandhi added.

Denkanikottai DSP Kiruthikaa said, "Police tried to rescue the child last Thursday and Friday, but could not. We are waiting for the complaint from DCPO. After which, we will take action and secure the youths who allegedly forced the child to consume liquor and smoke tobacco."

Former Krishnagiri CWC Chairperson L Vincent Sundararaj said, Juvenile Justice Act Section 30 lists the functions of the committee as — "Taking suo motu cognizance of cases and reaching out to children in need of care and protection, who are not produced before the Committee, provided such decision is taken by at least three members." CWC needn't wait for DCPO complaint and can support the child, he said.



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Kiruthikaa, Denkanikottai DSP



4 child marriage attempts foiled in K'giri

SIVAGURU S @ Krishnagiri

FOUR child marriages were prevented near Kodakarai tribal village in Doddamanju panchayat in Anchetti taluk on Monday. Earlier, on Friday, three marriages had been stopped in the district.

Anchetti police constable N Naveedh and a Childline staff M Madhappan saved four girl children after fifteen hours of effort to stop child marriages. Based on a tip-off,

Naveedh and Madhappan started from Anchetti around 10 pm on Sunday and reached the village near Kodakarai inside the forest at midnight near Basaveshwara temple. In the wee hours of Monday, they identified four girls aged

16 (three girls) and 17 (one girl) -all of them completed class 8 -who were forced into child marriage and stopped the ceremony.

Sources said, "All three girls are from Doddamanju panchayat in Thalli block and one girl is

from Bettamugilalam panchayat in Kelamangalam block. All their weddings were planned near Kodakarai village.

An Extension Officer Padmavathi of the Social Welfare Department, Thalli block said she came to know that only one child marriage was prevented.

When asked, District Social Welfare Officer Vijayalakshmi said she was unaware of the incidents. A Devanevan, child rights activist and director of Thozhamai, an NGO that works with the State government to prevent child marriages said, "There should be convergence between the education department, district child protection unit, social welfare department, police, local bodies and other departments. If these dropped-out children are monitored by the officials, such incidents could have been prevented. More awareness programmes should be raised against child marriage mainly in such hotspot areas

Collector Dr V Jaya Chandra Bhanu Reddy said the district administration will take action on the issue. Ten child marriages have been prevented in the district since last Thursday.

இந்து அதமிழ்

வியாழன். மார்ச் 24, 2022 👩



விருதுநகர் இளம்பெண்ணின் முகநூல் பழக்கத்தால் விபரீதம்

8 மாத பாலியல் துன்புறுத்தலுக்கு முற்றுப்புள்ளி வைத்த '181'

≡ விருதுநகர் விருதுநகரில் 8 மாதங்களாக தொடர்ந்து பாலியல் துன்பு**று**த்த லுக்கு உள்ளான இளம்பெண், '181' என்ற எண் மூலம் அதற்கு முற்**று**ப்புள்ளி வைத்துள்ளார்.

விருதுநகரில் 22 **வ**யக இளம்பெண்ணை தொடர்ந்து 8 மாதங்களாகபாலியல் துன்பு**று**த்தல் செய்ததாக ஹரிஹரன்(27), அவரது நண்பர்கள் ஜீனத் அகமது (27), பிரவீன் (26), பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பெண்ணுக்கு அறிமுகமான மாட சாமி(37) ஆகியோரும் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் 4 பேரும் கைது செய் யப்பட்டுள்ளனர்.

இந்த வழக்கில் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட இளம்பெண் '181' என்ற உதவி எண்ணை அழைத்து தனக்கு சிலர் தொடர்ந்து பாலியல் துன் பு**று**த்தல் செய்து வருவதாகப்



🔺 வரிவரன்







நலத்துறை விசாரணைக்குப் பிறகு இந்த வழக்கு காவல்துறைக்குக் கொண்டு செல்லப்பட்டது.

விருதுநகர் பாண்டியன் நகர் போலீஸார் வழக்குப் பதிந்து விசாரணை மேற்கொண்டனர். இதில் பல திடுக்கிடும் தகவல்கள் தெரிய வந்துள்ளன.

போலீஸார் கூறியதாவது:

பாதிக்கப்பட்ட இளம்பெண்ணும் ஹரிஹரனும் முகநூல் மூலம் அறி முகமாகி உள்ளனர். நாளடைவில்

🔺 பிரவீன் **▲** மாடசாமி புகார் தெரிவித்துள்ளார். சமூக இருவரும் நெருங்கிப் பழகினர். தந்தை இல்லாததாலும் தாய் கூலி வேலைக்குச் சென்றதாலும் வீட்டில் தனிபாக இருந்த நேரங்களில் இளம்பெண்ணும் ஹரிஹரனும் வீடிபோ காலில் பேசி வந்துள்ளனர்,

ஒரு நாள் இருவரும் வீடியோ காலில் பேசிக்கொண்டிருந்தபோது முதல்கட்டவிசாரணை நடத்திய இளம்பெண்ணுக்கு ஏற்கேனவே தெரிந்தமாடசாமி, வீட்டுக்குள் வந்து அவருக்கு பாலியல் தொல்லை கொடுத்துள்ளார். இதை விடியோ காலில் இருந்த ஹரிஹரன் தனது சில நாட்களுக்குப் பிறகு இந்த செல்போள் பதிவைக் கரப்டி ஹரிஹரன் இளம்பெண்ணை பாலியல் துன்பு**று**த்தல் செய்துள்

அப்போது அதையும் ஹரிஹரன் தனது செல்போனில் படம் பிடித்து வைத்ததாகத் தெரிகிறது. பின்னர், வீடியோ ஹரிஹரன் நண்பர்களுக்கும் அவர்கள் மூலம் தெருவில் தங்களுடன் வீடிபோ கேம் விளைபாடி வந்த சி**று**வர் களுக்கும் கிடைத்துள்ளது, அதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு ஹரிஹரனைப் போல மற்றவர்களும் இளம் பெண்ணை மிரட்டி பாலியல் துன்பு றுத்தல் செய்துள்ளனர்.

இந்த வழக்கில் கைது செய் யப்பட்டுள்ள 4 சிறுவர்களில் இரு வர் சகோதரர்கள். ஒருவருக்கு ஒருவர் தெரியாமல் மாறி மாறி விரைவில் தண்டனை இளம்பெண்ணை பாலியல் துள்பு நிலை ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது.

றுத்தல் செய்துள்ளனர்.

மாதங்களாக இவர்களது பாலியல் துன்பு**று**த்தல் தொடரவே, இதைத் தாங்க முடியாத இளம் பெண் இதுகுறித்து தனக்குப் பழக்கமான மாடசாமியிடம் கூறி யுள்ளார். அவரும் பாலியல் துன் புறுத்தல் செய்ததால் மனமுடைந்த இளம்பெண் '181' என்னை அழைத்துப் புகார் தெரிவித்தார்.

இந்த எண்ணைப் படுத்தி புகார் செப்ததன் மூலம் 8 மாத பாலிபல் துன்பு**று**த் தலுக்கு முற்**றுப்**புள்ளி வைக் கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், குற்றச் செயலில் ஈடுபட்டோரும் கைது செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளனர்.

இதற்கிடையே, இந்த வழக்கு சிபிசிஐடிக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டதன் மூலம் விரைந்து விசாரணை நடத்தி குற்றச் செயலில் ஈடுபட்டோருக்கு விரைவில் தண்டனை கிடைக்கும்





மத்திய அரசின் பெண்கள், குழந் தைகள் நல அமைச்சகம் மூலமும், சமூக நலக் துறையின் கீழும் சிறுமிகள் மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கான ஒருங்கிணைந்த சேவை மையம் து புக்கு இரச் மருத்துவக் கல் லூரி மருத்துவமனை வளாகத்தில் இயங்கு இறது வன்முறையால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட

பெண்களுக்கு சட்ட, மருத்துவ, உளவியல் ரீதியாகத் தேவைப்படும் ஆலோசனைகளைப் பெற பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பெண்கள் 1998 அல்லது 181 என்றெ கட்டணமில்லா தொலைபேசியில் தொடர்பு கொள்

இம்மையத்தின் மூலம் சிறுமிகள், பெண்களுக்குப் பாதுகாப்புக்கான அவசர சேவை மற்றும் ஆலோச கனத்த, மனநல் சிசெசை, இலவச தங்குமிடம், மருத்துவ உதவி, காவல் துறையில் ப காவல் துறையில் புகார் அளிக்க உதவி, சட்ட உதவி ஆகியவை

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🔺 விருதநகர் அரசு மருத்துவமனை வளாகத்தில் உள்ள ஒருங்கிணைந்த சேவை

அளிக்கப்படுகின்றன

அளக்கப்படுகள்றன.
மாவட்ட சட்டப் பணிகள் ஆணைக் குழு மூலம் இதற்காக ஒரு பெண் வழக்கறிஞரும் நியமிக்கப்பட் டுள்ளர். குழந்கை நிருமணம் தொடர்பான புகார்களை 181 என்ற இலவச தொலைபேசி எண்ணில் தெரியிக்கலாம்.

திவிக்கலாம். தொடங்கப்பட்டது. ஆனால் இது குறித்து சமூக நலத் துறை குழந்தைத் திருமணம், பாலியல்

அலுவலர்கள் கூறியகாவது:

விருதுநகர் மாவட்டத்தில் 2019-ம் ஆண்டு முதல் பெண்கள், சிறுமிகளுக்கான ஒருங்கிணைந்த சேவை மையம் இயங்கி வருகிறது. இது குடும்ப வன்முறைகளால் பாடுக்கப்படும் பெண்களுக்காக

அளிக்கப்படும்.

துன்புறுத்தல் பிரச்சினைகளுக்கு ஆளாகும் சிறுமி சுளுக்கும் இம்மையம் மூலம் சேவை

அளிக்கப்படுகிறது. மீட்கப்படும் இறுமிகள், பெண்கள் இம்மையத்தில் 3 நாட்கள் தங்க வைக்கப்பட்டு அவர்களுக்குத் வைக்கப்பட்டு அவர்களுக்குத் தேவையான மனநல் ஆலோசனை, மருத்துவ உதவி உள்ளிட்ட அனைத் தும் வழங்கப்பட்டு பெற்றோர் அல் லது குடும்பத்தினருடன் அனுப்பி வைக்கப்படுவார்கள். பாடுக்கப்பட்ட பெண்ணுக்கு

பாடுக்கப்பட்ட பெண்ணுக்கு தொடர் பாதுகாப்பு தேவைப்பட்டால் அரசு பெண்கள் காட்டகத்தில்? ஆண்டு வரை தங்க வைக்கப்பட்டு பாதுகாப்பு வனர் தங்க வைக்கப்பட்டும். மூவட்டத்தில் இதுவரை 1,500-க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் இம்மையத்தின் மூலம் மீட்கப்பட்டு பாதுகாப்பு அளிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதாகத் தெரிலித்தனர்.

TN reports 10 child marriage மக்கள் முகம் cases per day in Jan-August

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @ Chennal

ON an average, at least 10 child marriage cases were reported across Tamil Nadu every day from January to August this year. Of the 2.516 child marriage cases reported in 38 districts in eight months, 1,782 of them were stopped successfully while 734 marriages (29%) could not be prevented. Namakkal, Salem, Dindigul, Theni, Krishnagiri, Tiruchy, Erode and Cuddalore districts recorded the most number of child marriage cases, shows Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department data. Police have registered 548 FIRs in connection with these cases.

According to the data, with 182 cases, Namakkal district topped the list, and 139 or 76.3% of these cases in the district ended in marriage. While Salem reported 174 cases, Dindigul recorded 158 cases, 138 in Theni, 130 in Krishnagiri, 122 in Tiruchy, 144 in Erode and 109 child marriage cases were reported in Cuddalore. Of the 734 cases that ended in marriage across TN, Namakkal accounts for 19% of cases, Erode (58), Tiruchy (56) and Salem (45) are the other districts with high number of child marriage cases that could not be stopped.

More than 95% of child marriage cases reported in Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Pudukottai, were successfully stopped, shows the data. Listing out the reasons for their inability to stop these marriages, officials said some marriages are reported only after they are over and some families change wedding venue at the last minute. P5

நடுநிலை நாளிதழ்

காரியாபட்டி (07-10-2022)



காரியாபட்டியில் நடைபெற்ற இல்லம் தேடி கல்வி பயிலும் குழந்தைகளுக்கான உபகரணங்கள் வழங்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி..எஸ்.ஐ., அசோக்குமார் வழங்கினார்..

விருதுநகர் மாவட்டம் காரியாபட்டி ஜெகஜீவன்ராம் தெருவில் இல்லம் தேடி கல்வி மையத்தில் பயிலும் அம்பேத்கர் மாலை நேர கல்வி மையத்தின் குழந்தைகளுக்கு சமுத்திரம் அறக்கட்டளை சார்பில் தேவையான கல்வி கடிபகரண பொருட்கள் வழங்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெற்றது.இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு சமுத்திரம் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனர் மங்களேல்வரி தலைமை வகித்தார். காரியாட்ட்டி காவல் சார்பு ஆய்வாளர்கள் அசோக்குமார்.

காரியாபட்டி காவல் சார்பு ஆய்வாளர்கள் அசோக்குமார், ஆனந்தறோதி,பேரூராட்சி - வது வார்டு கவுன்சிலர் முன்லவரி மற்றும் தர்மமுனில்வரன் ஆகியோர் முன்னிலை வகித்தனர்.மேறும் இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் ஜனசக்தி பவுண்டேஷன் நிறுவனர் சிவக்குமார்,சமுத்திரம் அறக்கட்டளைக்கான சட்ட ஆலோசகர் செந்தில்குமார்,தலைமை காவலர் சிவபாலன்,ஜனசக்தி பவுண்டேசன் ஆலோசகர் ராஜுமக்கள் தொடர்பு அலுவலர் அருண்குமார்,மாலை நேர கல்வி மைய ஆசிரியர் கீர்த்தி உட்பட ஏராளமானோர் கலந்து கொண்டு நிகழ்ச்சியினை சிறப்பித்தனர் இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் சுமார் 50க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பள்ளி மாணவு,மாணவியர்களுக்கு தேவையான நோட்டிக்பேனா,பென்சில்,ரப்பர், போன்ற உபகரண பொருட்களை எஸ்.ஐ.அசோக்குமார் வழங்கினார்.நிகழ்ச்சியின் நிறைவாக சமுத்திரம் அறக்கட்டளையின் அதன் திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளரான முத்துராஜா அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி கூறினார்.

க.விஜயபாண்டி (திருச்சுழி தாலுகா நிருபர்).



Month on, 5 held for forcing child to drink alcoho

Parents of 10-yr-old tribal girl say they didn't file police complaint as the accused were relatives

SIVAGURU S ((1) Krishnagiri

FIVE out of seven persons, ac-FIVE out of seven persons, accused of allegedly forcing a tenyear-old tribal girl to smoke beedi and drink liquor in a viral video in June, were arrested after more than a month, under Section 77 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (penalty for giving intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs or psychotropic substance to a child) on Thursday evening. Police arrested Agalappa, Sivaraj, Kumar, Ramesh and Sangaiyya in connection with the case and is searching for Siva Rudrappa and Rudrappa.

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A video of a ten-year-old trib-al girl from Bettamugilalam A video of a ten-year-old tribal girl from Bettamugilalam
panchayat in Denkanikottai
taluk went viral on social media, where she was forced to
smoke beedi and drink alcohol
by a few people. One of the persons recorded the video and uploaded it on social media.
Following the incident, TNIE
alerted DCPO Sivagandhi, who
sent her to team rescue the
child on June 10, but the
girl was not in the village,
and had allegedly gone to
attendher 16-yearold sister's
marriage.
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p o r t e d l y
thwarted.
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June 16, TNIE
carried an arti-

Similarly, on June 16, "NIE carried an article, 'Liquor abuse: 10-yr-old yet to get help' and on the same day District Child Protection Unit staffs went to Bettamugilalam panlalam panchayat to rescue the child and she was taken to Child Welfare Committe (CWC) and within few hours, she was sent back with her parents. But neither the CWC nor the DCPO lodge any complaint against the youths. Last month, CWC member Tamilselvi said that, they had told probation officer Mahendran to enquire about the issue and to submit a report based on which action would be taken. But when TNIE enquired about the case from Mahendran, he said that he had not got a letter from CWC else he would have worked on the case and submitted a report. On Wednesday, when this issue was informed to secretary of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment department, Shambhu Kallolikar, he assured that proper enquiry will be conducted on this issue. Deputy Director of Social Defence G Kasthuri, Krishnagiri District Child Protection officer (non-institutional care) Subash visited the village on Thursday and rescued the child and DCPO lodged a complaint against the youth TNIE.

police station.
Sivagandhi
told TNIE,
"The child's "The child's parents were not willing to lodge a complaint against the youths who were also relatives of the victim, that's why we had to file the complaint."

Awareness event for adolescents gets under way

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Krishnagiri

A total of 50 students in the age group of 14-18 years were selected from across 15 districts in the State for Adolescent Champions programme, under the Adolescent Empowerment and Ending Child Marriage (AEECM), conducted by the department of Social Defence and the UNICEF through the State Resource Centre for Adult and Continuing Education (SRC). The programme started on Monday in Mahabalipuram and will end on Friday

The students were selected under various categories, including victims of child labour and children from Child Care Institution. The students were selected from districts in-

cluding Coimbatore, Krishnagiri Dharmapuri, and Madurai.

Child Protection Officer in SRC C Poorani told TNIE, "The objective of the programme is to educate adolescents about several topics, including child rights, financial literacy, gender approach, health and hygiene, abuse and child marriage. Over 100 applications were received from the districts, out of which 50 were selected. These champions will

advocate child rights in their schools or villages once a week with the support of the education department and child protection department by weekly peer education session, this will be followed by District

Child Protection Officer.' Poorani pointed out that another training programme will be given for the champions after three months of the training programme as refresher training. Students from each district will be accompanied by a social worker or a counselor of the district child protection

Child rights activist Devaneyan told TNIE, "Peer sharing is the excellent method for advocating child rights and many child marriage information will be from students, according to my experience. Thereby, this programme will give an impact on society."



https://youtu.be/WZX9EwO6_SY



'Gender education should be provided in schools'

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SOMETIMES families in border districts go to other States to solemnize these marriages, officials said.

The social welfare department has been conducting awareness drives along with police in areas with high number of child marriage cases. Child helpline number 1098 has also been widely popularised, social welfare department officials said.

"The department is in the process of preparing a standard operating procedure (SOP) to handle child marriages with detailed roles for various stakeholders. It will be released soon," a social welfare department official said.

NUMBERS SPE	AK
2021	
Child marriages reported	3799
Child marriages conducted	983
FIRs filed	616
Child marriage stopped	2816
2022 (till August)	
Child marriages reported	2,516
Child marriages conducted	734
FIRs filed	548
Child marriage stopped	1,782

According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), 12.8% of women in the age group of 18-24 are married in Tamil Nadu. The national average is 23.3%. The survey also states 4.5% teenage pregnancies (15-19 age group) are recorded in TN, compared to 17.7% across the country. In 15 districts -- Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Erode, Karur, Salem. Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Tiruchy, Dindigul, Perambalur, Theni, Madurai, Viruthunagar, Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri-which performed poorly in child-related metrics in previous NFHS survey, centrally-sponsored Mission Vatsalya Scheme is being implemented.

While the State's performance has been better than the national average, activists said better coordination between departments could help Tamil Nadu achieve zero child marriagestatus. "Apart from implementing prevention of child marriage act, various departments such as school educa-tion and rural development departments should work with social welfare department. The government should also track if girl children have access to proper education. The scheme to provide Rs 1,000 for girls pursuing higher education is a welcome move. To prevent elopement among adolescent children, gender education should also be provided in schools," said A Devaneyan, director of Thozhamai, an organisation working for child rights.



Media sensitised to reporting on violence against children

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SYMBOLOGIE

A district-level sensitisation programme for media on ending violence against children was held here under the aegis of child rights NGO thousand, jointly with UNICER, on Wednesday. Reporting on children was held presponsibility of balancing the quest for truth and protecting the rights of the children joyang adults.

The programme included sessions on the issue of child marriages in India by Saranya Sathhish, Child Protecting the right of the control of the cont



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கிருஷ்ணகிரியில்

குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறை தடுப்பு விழிப்புணர்வு கருத்தரங்கு!



பழமை வாய்ந்த கோதண்டராமர்

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கிருஷ்ணகிரி மாவட்டத்தில் குழந்தை திருமணங்கள் அதிகரிப்பு

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குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறையைத் தடுக்க வலியு

கிருஷ்ணகிரி ஏப் 20: சமூக வலை எதிரான வன்முறையைத் தடுத் தல் தொடர்பான விழிப்புணர்வு பயிற்சி முகாம் கிருஷ்ணகிரியில் புதன்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

நலன் மற்றும் மகளிர் உரிமைத் அலுவலர் சரண்யா சதிஷ் வழக்கு எதிரான வன்முறைகளைத் தடுத் தல் என்ற தலைப்பில் ஊடகவிய படும் பாதிப்புகள், தமிழகத்தில் லாளர்களுக்கு விழிப்புணர்வு பயிற்சி நடைபெற்றது.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு கிருஷ்ணகிரி குழந்தைகளுக்கு மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு अङ्ग्राधारान எம்.சிவகாந்தி, தோழமை தொண்டு நிறுவன இயக் குழந்தைகளின் குர் ஏ.தேவரேபன், ஒருங்கினைப் பாளர் பிரபாகர், சென்னை மாநில தன் அவசியம் தொடர்பான கருத் கிருஷ்ணகிரி மாவட்ட சமூக வளமைய குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாட்பு துகள் எடுத்துரைக்கப்பட்டன.

குழந்தைத் திருமணத்தால் ஏற் குழந்தைத் திருமணங்கள் நடை பெறும் மாவட்டங்களில் கிருஷ் கிருஷ்ணகிரியில் நடைபெற்ற ணகிரி மாலட்டம் 3ஆவது இடத்

தில் உள்ளதையும், குழந்தைத் திரு மணம் இல்லாத மாநிலமாக தமிழ சத்தை உருவாக்குவது குறித்தும், உரிமைகள், அவற்றை பாதுசாக்க வேண்டிய

म्पूर्व वाराधक्रातांक्रमीयं सुक्रु தறை, தோழமை தன்னார்வத் வரஞர் கபதென்பாண்டியன், தைகளின் மான்பு பாடுக்காமல் தொண்டு றிறுவனம் மற்றும் புவி மூத்த பத்திரிகையாளர் மணி உள் இருக்க மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டிய செப் இணைந்து குழந்தைகளுக்கு எரிட்டோர் பக்கேற்றனர். நடவடிக்கைகள் குறித்தும், சுற்றல் நடவடிக்கைகள் குறித்தும், சுற்றல் திறன், பள்ளி இடை நிற்பதைத் தடுப்பது தொடர்பாள பணிக ளில் ஊடகங்கள் எவ்வாறு செய வாற்ற வேண்டும் என எடுத்து ரைக்கப்பட்டன.



'பதின்ம பருவத்தில் பெற்றோரின் நட்பான சூழல் குழந்தைகளை நல்வழிப்படுத்தும்'

அத்தில் பெற்றோக்கள் நட்பான குழுலை ஏற்றடுத்திக் கொள்ள டால், அத்திரைகளை ஒன்றப்பட்ட அதக நக்க முடியுக்க வாண் அல்லப்பட்ட அதக நக் முடியுக்க வாண் அல்லப்பட்ட அதக நக் அலுகளர் புற்ற வரைக்கும் வரு தார். ஆழில்நக்களுக்கு எற்றான வன் முற்றைகள் மற்றம் ஆந்தை நிறும் வருக்கான முறுவக் குடியான அழுகை குறுக்கான மழுவையாக அதிக்கையில் துறிக்குகள் இல்லம் கட்டத்தில் அறிக்கையாக பத்திரிக்கவன் துறிக்குகள் இல்லம் இதிக்கையில் துறிக்குமை நக்கையில் துறிக்கும் நக்கிக்கிக்கு வருக்கும் முத்திருமை நக்கிக்கும் அதிக்கையில் முத்திருமை நக்க பெற்ற இதி குறிக்கு மாவட்ட ஆற்றைகள் மூற்றைகள்கள் இல்லம் ஆறிக்குக்கும் மாற் துறிக்கும் அதிக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மாவட்ட ஆறிகதைகள் மிறிக்கும் மாவட்ட ஆறிகதைகள் மாறுக்கும் மாவட்ட ஆறிகதைகள் மாறுக்கும் மாவட்ட ஆறிகதைகள் மாறுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மாறுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும் மான்றுக்கும்

குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிராக நடைபெறும் நிகழ்வுகளை செய்தியாக எப்படி வெளியிட வேண்டும் என்பது குறித்த பயிலரங்கம்

இண்டுக்கல் ஏப்ரல் 28 -தண்டுக்கல் பர்பட்ட சமூக தலன் மற்றும் மகளிர் உரிமைத்துறை, தோழமை அமைப்பு மற்றும் புலிசேப் இணைந்து us@fiameurariemiera entimphati ang Alamby சாலையில் உள்ள தனியா Gantili, who says, Quinoss



இதில் நிண்டுக்கல் மாவட்ட அதுவவர் ஜி. புஷ்பகவா, குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிராக பெயர், புகைப் குழக்கதன் பாதலப்பு பாநில மைபகுழக்கைக் நடைபெறும் நிகழ்வுள் வெளிவிடுவது தவறான்பது அதுவளி என் நிவக்குமார் பாத்காப்பு அலுவன் பூரனி அவற்றை செய்றியாக பக்கிட்டம்?வறு விறுவநகள் வரவேற்றார். தொழகை வநக்கிரும் நென்பான்முடன் வெளிவிடம். போது குறித்து விளக்கி பேசினர் அமைப்பின் இயக்குவர் பந்திரிக்கையாளர் ஆர், கவனிக்கப்படவேண்டிய நோழமை அமைப்பின் ஏ.நேவதேயல் தினருக்கல் நாள் கூப்பேர் மணியன் விஷயங்கள் சட்டப்பட்டி ஒருகியைப்பாளர் போகி மாவட்ட சருக நல ஆகியார் கவத்து கொண்டு, பாதிக்கப்பட்ட குழந்தகளின் நன்டு கூறினார்.

திண்டுக்கல்லில் குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு பயிலரங்கு

தீண்டுக்கல்

குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலகு சார்பில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்கள் தொடர்பான செய்தி வெளியிடுதல் குறித்த பயிலரங்கம் திண்டுக்கல்லில் நடைபெற்றது. சுமுக நலன் மாவட்ட மற்றும் மகளிர் உரிமைத்துறை, யுனிசெப் இணைந்து நடத்திய பயிலரங்கத்தில் மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் கவனிக்கப்படவேண்டியவை. என்.சிவக்குமார் வரவேற்றார். தோழமை அமைப்பின் இயக்குநர் பெயர், பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் பூரணி, வழக்கறிஞர் தென்பாண்டியன், பேசினர். பத்திரிகையாளர் ராமசுப்பிரமணியன் ஆகியோர் கிணைப்பாளர் பிரபாகர் நன்றி பங்கேற்றனர்.

கரோனா ஊரடங்கு காலத்தில் பள்ளி குழந்தைகள் இணையம் மூலம் கல்வி பயின்றநிலையில், म्हामक தற்போது தளங்களின் பயன்பாடு பல மடங்கு அதிகரித்து விட்டது.

இந்நிலையில், குழந்தை களுக்கு எதிராக சமூகத்தில் தோழமை அமைப்பு மற்றும் நடை பெறும் குற்றங்களை ஊடகங்களில் செய்தியாக வெளியிடும் போது

பாதிக்கப்பட்ட குழந்தைகளின் புகைப்படங்களை ஏ.தேவநேயன், மாவட்ட சமூக ஊடகங்களில் வெளியிடுவது நல அலுவலர் ஜி.புஷ்பகலா, சட்டப்படி தவறு என்பது உள்ளிட்ட மாநில மைய குழந்தைகள் பல்வேறு சட்ட விதிமுறைகள் குறித்து கருத்தரங்கில் விளக்கிப்

தோழமை அமைப்பின் ஒருங் கூறினார்.











திருவண்ணாமலையில் சமூக நலத்துறை தருவணைப் செர்த்து வித்து விற்ற நடித்து நடித்து விற்ப்பு குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு கருத்தரங்கு நடந்ததுநிகழ்ச்சியில் மாவட்ட சமூக நல அலுவலர் மீனம்பிகை பேசியதாவது திருவண்ணாமலை மாவட்டத்தில் திருமணம் அதிகரித்துவந்த நிலையில் அவற்றை தரும்பை அடிகர்றத் அருந்தலையல் அவற்றை தடுக்க நடவடிக்கைகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது இதன் முலம் குழந்தை திருமனம் இப்போது குறைந்து வருகிறது குழந்தை திருமனத்தால் பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்கு ஏற்படும் பாதிப்புகள்

குழந்தைகளின் பெற்றோர்களுக்கு குறித்து குழந்தைகளின் பெற்றோர்களுக்கு விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டும் அதேபோல் மக்கள் தங்கள் கோரிக்கையை ஏற்று நடப்பது குறித்து தகவல் தெரிந்தால் உடளடியாக அருகில் உள்ள காவல் நிலையத்திலோ அல்லது சமூக நலத்துறை அதிகாரிகளுக்கு தகலல் தெரிவிக்கலாம் என பேசினார் நகையை மற்றுவகையாம் என பெசனார இவ்விழாவில் ஒருங்கிணைந்த சேவை மைய நிர்வாக அலுவலர் எலிசபெத் ராணி உ.எவியல் ஆனோசகர் சாந்தினி உ.ட்பட பலர் கலந்து கோண்டனர்

மாலை முரசு



திருவண்ணாமலையில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறைகளை தடுத்தல் குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு கருத்தரங்கில் எலிசபெத் ராணி பேசியபோது எடுத்த படம். அருகில் மீனாம்பிகை, தேவதேயன் மற்றும் பலர் உள்ளனர்.



தனியார் உணவக அரங்கில் நடைபெற்ற பயிற்சியில் விருதுநகர் மாவட்டத்தை சேர்ந்த ஊடகம் மற்றும் பத்திரிகையாளர்கள் ஏராளமானவர்கள் பங்கேற்பு.

> எஸ். பாண்டிராஜ் மாவட்ட நிருபர்





Guide book to make child- friendly district, released by NGO Thozhamai and other officials in Krishnagiri on Thursday | express

Training programme for village chiefs held

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THE Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment and Thozhamai, an NGO, in as-sociation with UNICEF conducted a two-day training programme for village panchayat presidents on strengthening Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) at Kris-hangiriand Kelamangalam on Wednesday and Thursday, re-spectively, Over 130 presidents from 333 panchayats took part in the event.

icy for Children-2021 to make a child-friendly state. The gov-ernment has planned to make four districts-Krishnagiri, Sa-lem, Dindigul and Thoothukudi-child-friendly districts, said A Devaneyan, director of Thozhamai NGO.

During the program, he ex-plained the roles and responsi-bilities of VLCPC which consists panchayat president as president, a village administrative officer as member secre-tary and 12 members from the departments of school educa-tion, Integrated Child Development Services, health depart-









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விடுபடாதவகையில் விதிமுறை வரை காலதீட்டிப்பு வழங்கியும், திருமணத்தை தடுப்பு விழிப்புணர்வு கூட பெரம்பலூர், ஆக.11-மையம்) பூரணி முன்னிவை வகித்தார். தோழமை தொண்டு பொம்பலூர் மாவட்ட நலன் மற்றும் மகளிர் உரிமை நிறுவன இயக்குதர் தேவதே யன், ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் துறை, யுனிசெப் மற்றாம் District Level Sensitisation of Jo பிரபாகர் ஆகியோர் குழந்தை களுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறை. தோழமை தன்னார்வல தொண்டு நிறுவணங்கள் Ending Violence Against குழந்தை திருமணத்தை முடிவுக்கு கொண்டு வருவது குறித்து விரிவாக எடுத்துரைத் சார்பில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு Inding Child Marr எதிரான வன்முறை, குழந்தை திருமணத்தை முடிவுக்கு கொண்டு வருவது குறித்த பக்கிரிகையாளர் ராமகப்பாம விழிப்புணர்வு ஆலோசனை ணியன் (எ) மணிஇவக்கீல் கூட்டம் நேற்று நடந்தது. சுபதென்பாண்டியன் ஆகியோர் பேசினர். கூட்டத்தில் ஏபிஆர் கூட்டத்திற்கு மாவட்ட குழக் பெரம்பலூரில் நடந்த குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறை, குழந்தை திருமணத்தை தடுத்தல் குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டத்தில் தோழமை தொண்டு நிறுவன இயக்குனர் தேவநேயன் பேசினார். அருகில் ஓக்கள் மகாகிருஷ்ணன், பெருமான்,ரோவர் கல்லூரியில் தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் துரைமுருகன் தலைமை பயிலும் ஊடகவியல் மாணவர் கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். வகித்தார். குழந்தைகள் பாது குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர்கள் துரைமுருகன், பூரணி ஆகியோர் காப்பு அலுவலர் மாநில வள



குழந்தை திருமணத்தை தடுப்பது குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டம்



குழந்தை பாதுகாப்பு குழுக்களை வலுப்படுத்த பயிற்சி முகாம்



கோவில்பட்டி, ஆக. 18: கோவில்பட்டியில் திராம அளவிலான குழந்தை பாது காப்பு குழுக்களை வலுப்ப டுத்துவலுக்கான பயிற்சி முகாம் நடந்தது மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் ரமேஷ் வரவேற் றார். குழந்தைகளை புரிந்து கொள்வோம்-உரிமை கண்ணோட்டத்தில் என்ற

தலைப்பில் தோழமை இயக் குநர் தேவநேயன் பேசி னார். குழந்தைகள் மீதான வன்முறையின் வடிவங்கள், குழந்தை பாதுகாப்புக்கான சட்டங்கள் மற்றும் அமைப் புகள் என்ற தலைப்பில் வழக்கறிஞர் தென்பாண் டியன், குழந்தை திருமண மும். குழந்தை உரிமை மீறலும் என்ற தலைப்பில்

மாவட்ட சமூக நல அலுவ லர் ரதிதேவி, மாநில பள்ளி சாராக் கருவுல குழந்தை பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் பூரணி ஆகியோர் பேசி னர். கிராம அளவிலான குழந்தை பாதுகாப்பு குழு. அதன் முக்கியத்துவம் குறித்து மாவட்ட குழந் தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவ லர் ரமேஷ், குழந்தைநேய மாவட்டத்தை உருவாக்க ஊராட்சி அமைப்புகளின் பங்கு என்ற தலைப்பில் குழந்தை உரிமை செயற் பாட்டாளர் கணேசன் அதி யோர் பேசினார். இதல். குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் ஜேம்ஸ் அதி சயராற் மற்றும் ஊராட்டு மன்ற தலைவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.



பெரியார் பல்கலை.யில் பயிலரங்கம்: சேலம் பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழக இதழியல் மற்றும் மக்கள் தொடர்பியல் துறை சார்பில், குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறைகள், குழந்தை திருமணத்தை முடிவுக்கு கொண்டுவரும் இளம் வழக்காடிகளை ஊக்குவிக்கும் உரையாடல் என்ற தலைப்பிலான பயிலரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது. துணை வேந் தர் ஜெகநாதன் தலைமை வகித்து பேசினார். சென்னை தோழமை அமைப்பின் இயக்குநர் தேவநேயன். சேலம் மாவட்ட சமூகநல அலுவலர் ரஞ்சிதாதேவி, ஸ்டெல்லா மேரிஸ் கல்லூரியின் சமூக பணிகள் துறை தலைவர் லூர்துமேரி, குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அதிகாரி லாவண்யா கிரேஸ், வக்கீல்கள் கிருஸ்து ராஜ், தென்பாண்டியன், குழந்தைகள் நலஉரிமை மற்றும் முன்னேற்ற மையத்தின் இயக்குநர் ஸ்டெக்னா ஜென்சி, தமிழ்நாடு திட்டக்குழு

வின் ஆண்ட்ரு சேசுராஜ் ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்று பல்வேறு



பெண் கல்வியை ஊக்குவிப்பதன் மூலம் சிறார் திருமணத்தை தடுக்கலாம்'

ஓம்லூர், அக். 28: பெண் சுல்வியை களக்குளிப்பதன் மூலம் சிறார் திரு mandeng affiksamb mar miba லைக்கழகத் துணைவேத்தர் இரா. தெகநாதம் வலியுறுத்தினார்.

தலைப்புகளில் பேசினர்.

பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழக இத glasii whypi what Gari lel யல் துறை சார்பில், குழந்தைக ஆக்கு எதிரான வள்முறை, சிறார் திருமனா<u>க்</u>கை appayers. Garday wy Quancylanus வாக்குவிக்கும் உரையாடல் என்ற ฐสองไม่ใช่ อูญหล่า เหมือยู่โดยโ வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது. இப்பயிலாங்கில் தகுப்புரி நாடா குமன்ற உறப்பினர்டிகள்ளி. எஸ்.செத்தில்குமர் பங்கேற்று சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.

Gertherth entramodaspa Da ழியல் மற்றும் மக்கள் தொடர்பி யல் தறை தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் சமூக நலத் துறை, யுனிசெப், சென்



இதுடுயல் துறை மாணவர்களின் பமிற்கிக் கையேட்டினை தனைவேந்தர் இரா ஜெகநாதன் வெளியிட முதல் பிரதியை பெறுகிறன் தரும்புரி நாடாளுகள்ற உறுப்பினர் டிகள்கி எஸ்.செந்தில்குமன்

madayasi தலைமையுளையாற்றியதாவது:

தடுக்க முடியும், கொண்டதொழினா யர் அங்களின் பெற்றோரிடம்

வையின் தோழமை தன்னார்வ எர்கள் இல்லாத அறிவுசார் தனத் அமைப்புடன் இணைந்து இப்பட தில் அவர்கள் இமங்குவதற்கான யிரலங்கை ஏற்பாடு செய்தது. வளமான குழகை உருவாக்கமுடி இப்பயிலரங்கில் பெரியார் பல்க யும். தற்கால இளையோர்கள் general autorior de la propertie de la propert போசிர்மர் இரா.ஜெகராதன் வகையில் முன்னேற்றத்துக்காக LEL BOLE LINEITE BAS GOLDER BLD. பெள்ள சுல்வியை ஊக்குவிப்பட இதுபோன்ற பலிலரங்கில் பங் தும் மூலம் சிறார் திருமனத்தை கேற்றுள்ள மாணவர், மானவி

விழிப்புணர்வை வேண்டும் என்றார்.

ரையாற்றியதாவது:

காக்க தமிழ்நாடு அரசு முன்னெ Day work wasang godfie. செடுத்*து* வரும் பல்வேறு நடவ அதிகாரிகளும் ஒருங்கிணைத்து Grenich. Committe gelichten

Dist spatio நர் அனேநெயன் அறிமுக உரை வழங்கினார்.

உருவாக்க யாற்றினார். இப்பகிலாங்கில் சேவம் மாவட்ட சமூக நல அலு பலினரங்கில் தருப்புரி நாடா வலர் என்.ரஞ்சிதா தேவி ரைமன்ற உறுப்பினர் மு.என்ஸி. ஸ்டெல்லா மேசிஸ் சல்லுரியின் எஸ்செந்தில்குமார் தொடக்கவு சமூகப் பாரிகள் துறையின் தலை and with a south of Guard, except குழந்தைகள் தலையைப் பாது தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அடுகாரி ц. антаківчит війткіх, акрісцему வுர்கள் கிருஸ்துராஜ், கப்பிதன் டங்களை எடுத்துரைத்தார். தான் பான்ஷயம், குழந்தைகள் தல குழந்தைகள் நலள் சார்த்து முன் உரிமை பற்றும் முன்னேற்ற மையத்தில் இயக்குநர் ள்டுடக்கார டிக்கைகளையும் பட்டியலிட் தென்கி தமிழ்நாடு திட்டக்குமு டார். சிறார் திருமணத்தைத் வின் ஆண்ட்ரு சேகராஜ் ஆகி தடுக்க பெற்றோர்களும், அரசு போர் வன அறிஞர்களாகப் பங் கேற்று பல்வேறு கலைப்புகளில் யாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்றிகளை эртэ адрумдай Сви эргэтэ адружай. Сдігаў м. Ой செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது என்றார். பாட்டு அதிகாரி எஸ்.கதிரவன் சென்னை பயினங்கில் கண்குகொண்ட தோழமை அமைப்பின் இயக்கு மானவர்களுக்குளன்றிதழ்களை



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OTHER ACTIVITIES



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

On September 10, 2022, Thozhamai has conducted a capacity building programme for the staff and CSCs on the topic **child rights** and **Adolescent girls' education** at CSI Higher Secondary School for Deaf, Mylapore. Mr. Shyam Sundar, Director, Institute of Social Education, was the facilitator, and he discussed the concept of what rights are, what child rights are, the distinction between personality and temperament, the problems that children face and how to overcome the situation and freedom to make decision was taught. The session was lively and engaging.



On 15th October 2022, A Capacity building training was arranged for Thozhamai, Staff, Sector workers, and Community Sports Coach at Semmenchery Unit. The Morning session was handled by Dr. Balamurugan Program Advisor of Freedom Fund; he trained the staff on the POSH Act and the Roles and Responsibilities of the Internal Committee (IC). In the session, the staff learned about the History and formation of the POSH Act, workplace harassment, Types of perpetrators, and victims, Causes of sexual harassment, Consequences of Sexual Harassment, and on how to raise complaints and appeals. The Afternoon session was handled by Mr. Andrew Sesuraj, Public Policy Consultant of Tamilnadu State Planning Commission; he educated us about understanding the child. He spoke more about providing the scope and space for children to make decisions. To empower the children to decide on their own and to learn to choose what's best for them. Also, he encouraged the participants to provide a safe space where the child can speak and express themselves.







OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

On January 13, 2022, Thozhamai Chennai commemorated the Equity Pongal celebration in Semmencherry. The event involved the preparation of Pongal and engaging in entertaining games for the Young Urban Women (YUW) from various groups within our community.

Additionally, in collaboration with Vaan Muhil in Tirunelveli, Thozhamai Chennai celebrated the Equity Pongal celebration with the children engaged in the Constitutional Rights Education (CRE) program at our Semmencherry activity center on the same date, January 13, 2022.





26 January 2022 National Girl child Day Republic day program and District level inauguration of constitutional rights education, India was also held for centre children in Thozhamai, semmencheri field office.







On February 27th, 2022, Thozhamai Chennai in collaboration with the Urban Primary Health Centre, organized a polio vaccination camp in Semmenchery. The inauguration of the vaccination camp was conducted by Mr. Aravinth Ramesh, M.L.A. During the camp, 20 volunteers and staff members from Thozhamai Chennai provided support and assistance.





On 5th March, 2022 Thozhamai Chennai conducted a training programme on RTI and Petition preparation for Young College Students in Semmenchery. Ms. Kanchana conducted the workshop in Semmenchery office.





On March 8, 2022, Thozhamai Chennai organized an International Women's Day Programme in Semmenchery. Mr. Murugan, Ward Member of Chennai Corporation, graced the event as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Mr. Darwin, the Community Development Officer, and Mr. Vaali, the Assistant Engineer from Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. Thiru. A. Devaneyan Arasu, Director of Thozhamai, addressed the audience about the significance of education for women and their future. The event also included the honoring of women achievers from Semmenchery, followed by a cultural program presented by children from the community.



Xorient provided funding for the refurbishment of the Government Higher Secondary School in Perumbakkam Slum Clearance Colony as well as playground fence for our activity centre in Semmencherry. Because there were no shade-producing structures on the school grounds, a change was made during the renovations. The administration of the school asked that a shed be



built because of the extreme heat and scarcity of trees. The construction of the shed is now in progress with Xorient's help.

On March 23, 2022, Thozhamai held an orientation session for social work fieldwork students from multiple colleges at the Thozhamai office in Semmencheri. Mr. Devaneyan Arasu spoke to the students about the community's challenges and diverse methods through which the students can actively contribute to safeguarding the community's Constitutional and Human rights.



On April 6, 2022, Thozhamai and IJM jointly organized a field visit at Meesanallur for fieldwork students placed in Thozhamai from various colleges. During the visit, students were exposed to the challenges confronted by individuals ensuared in the bonded labor system, including the injustices they endure. They also learned about the journey of rehabilitation and witnessed how those rescued from such situations thrive within society. Additionally, students were afforded the opportunity to conduct case studies within the community. Mr. Prabakar Solaiyappan, Mr. Kanniyappan, and Mr. Kumar, experts from Thozhamai and IJM, provided orientation, guidance, and facilitated the day for the students.





On April 20, 2022, representatives from the urban girls in the Semmencherry region met with Ms. A.S. Kumari, Chairperson of Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women presenting a petition.



On May 20, 2022, 60 adolescent boys and girls in Chemmencherry received life skill training sessions from the Ready Joot Programme, which was carried out in collaboration with a UNICEF project and Nalanda Way.





On May 28, 2022, an awareness program on Menstrual Hygiene Day was conducted for young women in the Semmenchery area. Dr. Sangeetha from the Urban Health Centre in Semmenchery participated in the event, highlighting the significance of this day and emphasizing the importance of proper menstrual hygiene practices. Ms. Sangeetha, President of the Young Women's Federation, addressed the challenges faced by young women in the Semmencheri area and offered solutions to mitigate these issues. Additionally, 50 young women were provided with three months' worth of food and menstrual napkins as part of the program.





On World Menstrual Hygiene Day, the Center for Women's Development and Research (CWDR) orchestrated a human chain program at Besant Nagar to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene. Staff and CSCs (Community Service Coordinators) from Thozhamai Future Makers (formerly known as the Goal Program) actively participated in this initiative. Aligned with this year's theme, "Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030," the participants were provided with slogans and posters to amplify the message of menstrual hygiene.







On June 9, 2022, an awareness program was conducted in the Semmencheri area to commemorate World Pregnant Women's Day. The event aimed to educate and inform expectant mothers about the various aspects of maternal welfare. A total of 70 individuals actively participated in this initiative, gaining valuable insights into the well-being of pregnant women



On June 10, 2022, an awareness program was conducted at the Semmenchery Thozhamai Children's Center for students in grades 6 to 10. The program involved drawing activities and a pledge to prioritize school attendance, aligning with the observance of Abolition of Child Labor Day. A total of 25 participants engaged in this significant awareness initiative.





On June 11, 2022, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Thozhamai launched an extensive campaign for tuberculosis (TB) awareness and testing in the Semmencheri area. The inaugural event witnessed the commencement of this joint initiative, involving the training of 40 dedicated volunteers. Mr. Jegan Nathan, the Medical Officer of Zone 12 in the Chennai Metropolitan Corporation, and Ms. Padma Priya, Director of the ICMR Tuberculosis Research Centre, graced the occasion, underscoring the significance of the initiative. Their presence and



support marked the beginning of a series of field activities aimed at raising awareness and facilitating testing for TB, emphasizing the collaborative effort between ICMR and Thozhamai for the betterment of the Semmencheri community.



On June 12, 2023, Thozhamai organised an Anti-Child Labour Campaign in Semmencheri with the goal of conducting an awareness programme to eliminate child labour and make Semmencheri into a child-labor-free zone. The campaign had the active participation of 36 volunteers committed to raising awareness about the child labour.







On July 14, 2022, an awareness program was organized by Thozhamai and the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board in the Perumbakkam area to commemorate Drug Abolition Day. The event involved the active participation of 60 young children, engaging in activities such as playing drums, chanting kosam, and displaying banners to raise awareness about drug eradication.





On August 14, 2022, a meeting was held at Semmencherry, The discussion focused on the development of the state education policy by the Tamil Nadu government's education committee. Attendees included Mr. Jai Sri from the Akaram organization, Mr. Muthamiji of Samukha, children, women, youth, and community organizations. They highlighted the educational challenges faced by students in the relocated residential area and stressed the need for the new education policy to address these issues faced by marginalized communities.





On October 10, 2022, an awareness program for World Girl Child Day took place in the evening in the Perumbakkam area. The event aimed to educate the local community on issues concerning the safety of girl children and the prevention of child marriage. The session included activities such as Parai drumming, oyil attum (traditional dance), and street dramas. The Varilam Girls, an art troupe from the Perumbakkam and Semmencherry region, orchestrated the program. Special guests included Mr. Darwin Moses, the coordinator from the Urban Habitat Development Board, and his staff.



On October 12, 2022, a one-day training session took place at the Thozhamai office in Semmencherry. The training was focused on educating both employees and social work students about the process of writing RTI (Right to Information) applications and petitions. Mr. Prabhakaran, District Coordinator, Thozhamai led and conducted the training session.





On the 14th of the month, representatives from the Association of Urban Young Women in Semmencherry and Perumbakkam held a meeting with our Member of Parliament, Mrs. Tamilachi Thangapandian, M.P. The discussion centered around the establishment of essential community facilities, including street lights, CCT cameras, and an LCC committee, along with the creation of a dedicated park for women in the area. Additionally, a petition was submitted by Thozhamai, advocating for the development of an integrated park specifically catering to the needs of children and young girls in the Semmencherry area. Mr. Devaneyan, the Director of Thozhamai, was also present and took part in this significant event.



On October 19, 2022 The Stella Maris Sustainable Development Students Hub in collaboration with Thozhamai commenced a clothing drive in college a month ago with the aim of "Preserving the dignity of less-fortunate by offering them a chance to choose their desired outfits".

Under the guidance of the faculty advisors namely, Ms Rebecca and Ms Jumie, the six student coordinators organised *'Just for a Day Boutique'* in Thozhamai center, Semmenchery. Comprising formals, casuals and desiner clothes for both sexes and all ages, the residents of semmenchery had a lovely shopping experience of purchasing everything within ₹20. More than 150 happy customers took part in the initiative. The SMSD students hub Team members.



Ms. Yugapriya, Ms Sriya, Ms. Amritha, Ms. Dikshitha, Ms. Gayathri and Ms. Azra. along with Ms Kanchana (Program Coordinator of Thozhamai Semmenchery Centre) and all the motivators were gratified by the smiles on their faces and is planning to make the clothing drive a permanent initiative with the idea of setting up a boutique like this periodically. The funds collected would be utilised for lasting benefits of the children in the semmenchery community. Thank you Rev. Sr.(Dr) Lourthu Mary, Head of the Department of Social Work for your handholding support.



Thozhamai conducted a comprehensive refresher's training for its staff, with 30 members in attendance. The event took place on December 22 and 23 at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Camp in Yelagiri, Thirupathur District.



The training program encompassed a retrospective review of Thozhamai's establishment and its journey. It also included an assessment of the achievements, challenges faced in 2022, and team discussions. Additionally, the session allowed for the recollection of fond memories shared among the Thozhamai team. The two-day training was an immersive experience, featuring engaging ice-breaking activities, campfire gatherings, trekking, cultural events, and teambuilding exercises. These activities were instrumental in fostering a stronger bond among the participants, contributing to the unity within the Thozhamai team.

Acknowledgments were extended to the Thozhamai team, Director Mr. Devaneyan, and the board members for their support in organizing the training. Gratitude was also expressed to Mr. Anand and Mr. Venkat, who traveled from Trichy and Thirupathur to conduct the sessions. The hospitality of the YMCA Yelagiri camp staff was duly recognized, along with the appreciation of both direct and indirect stakeholders' support.





CASE STUDIES



SUCCESS STORIES

Success Story 1

Ms.Sneha is an ex-goal participant and also a Basket Ball player pursuing her 2nd year B. Com (CS), at Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women now she has been recruited as the Community Sport Coach in the Futuremakers program. She is performing well as a Community Sports Coach she is very sportive in taking the sports for the girl children. She participates in the senior national 40th Senior National Netball Championship for Men and Women Session 2022–2023 at Nagpur.

She is enjoying being a CSC, playing with school students, and teaching them games that she learned as a student is making her feel prouder and more confident. After joining as a CSC, she feels like her communication skills are developed. She can able to handle the handful of students and teach netball to them. It helps her to face large crowds and speak in front of them and also helps her to give presentations in her college without any hesitation.

She has become the CSC by being a participant, and after becoming the CSC, she has gained more confidence and also improved her decision-making Skills. She has improved in her academics and gained more knowledge in life skills which helps a lot in her personal life. **She now serves as a motivating community sports coach for adolescent girls.**





Success Story 2

Ms. Jayasri, 18, is an alumni of Chennai Hr. Sec. School in Thiruvanmiyur and is currently pursuing a BSc. in Physical Education at Queen Mary's College in Mylapore, Chennai. She is an ex-goal participant and became a peer leader. She competed in two state matches, winning third place in Salem and third place in Madurai. Four times, she was chosen for national selection. She finished third at the South Zone Nationals in Pondicherry last year. She participated in the 40th Senior National Netball Championship for Men and Women 2022-2023 in Nagpur. She has been playing netball for over 7 years. She coaches netball to the children of the community after college. The team she coached competed in an interschool tournament and won the trophy in the Interschool netball tournament held at the YMCA in Nandanam. In school, she competed in long distance events such as the 400m, 800m, and 1500m. She has represented Tamil Nadu in school throw ball and placed second at the Chennai District level in kabadi. She won 3 rd place in Football Inter Zone University, She has trained as a coach and considers herself to be a good leader in training other girls. She enjoys teaching the girls in her community and does so because she enjoys it; she serves as an inspiration to young women by being a role model. She is good leader who solves problems makes decisions. She has now begun to empower girls in her community through Community leadership project and giving training for 20 peer leaders of the community and making the child marriage free community and striving hard to work on with enthusiastic team.





CHANGE STORY 01

Case Background: Chitra was born in an economically backward family in Semmancherry. Chitra's parents were native of Mylapore area but were forcefully evicted from there and relocated to Semmancherry 15 years before. Both of her parents are working and her elder sister is studying in Government Higher Secondary School in Mylapore. She is a differently abled child who is now pursuing her primary school education. When she visited the doctor for her treatment, they told that it can't be treated and she has to live her life with this condition. Her dreams to continue studies and become a teacher was in the dark.

Problem identification: Chitra did not have a differently abled person's identity card and found it hard to get it. Because of that she could not avail any schemes for differently abled persons. Since her parents and sister travel a long distance for their chores, she felt lonely sometimes. She also felt depressed sometimes when her parents get into a quarrel. While seeing her classmates play in the grounds, she felt so inferior and embarrassed. The only thing that was bothering her was not being able to walk properly.

Intervention: Chitra came to Thozhamai's activity centre when she was in her 1st grade and since then she had been engaged in most of the activities and programs undertaken by the organization. Thozhamai guided and supported her to get her differently abled person's identity card which helped her to avail the government welfare schemes and benefits. She showed keen interest in dancing and joined the cultural group of Thozhamai after her 4th grade. The organization has provided her with mental support through counseling which helped her to break her inferiority complex.

Outcome: With the organization's support she now finds an opportunity in hardships. She wishes to continue dancing and be in the cultural team. She wants to be the best version of herself. She said she is never giving up on her dreams and goals and quitting is never an option for her.

Follow Up: Chitra is being monitored regularly by the organization and supported in ways she needs help.



CHANGE STORY 02

Case Background: Aarthi comes from a middle-class family background. Her mother works in a printing shop and father stays at home due to his poor health. She is the only daughter in her home. They are presently residing in Semmancherry community. Aarthi was a bright student in her school but got attracted to a guy while she was pursuing her primary education and eloped with him. Her parents found her and brought her back home. When she came back to school after this incident, her friends were not supportive. They bullied and teased her. Because of these issues she had faced in her school, she dropped out while she was in her 10th grade.

Problem Identification: Aarthi wants to pursue her education and get into a good career. She said she also needs emotional and mental support to overcome what has happened to her.

Intervention: Thozhamai accepted Aarthi and she is now regularly attending the Adolescent Development Center in Semmancherry. She has been enrolled for nursing training and typewriting class by the organization to provide her with a skill. Ms. Kanchana from Thozhamai gave counselling to her and the motivators are often monitoring her activities to guide her. Work has been initiated by the organization to enroll her in school for her academic perseverance.

Outcome: Aarthi is now showing a better behavior and attitude changes. Her parents are now relieved to see her focused again in her studies and career. She is also doing great in her nursing training and typewriting learning center as well. By attending SRHR classes regularly and through a session on infatuation, she has now understood what she had felt was not love and merely an attraction.

Follow Up: Work is being done for her school enrollment and she is regularly monitored and guided by her motivator.



CHALLENGE STORY 01

Thaiyammal is working in petty shop during morning and doing housekeeping work in the evenings. She doesn't have husband and she is having 2 daughters and 1 son. She locked her children in her home while she went for work because she didn't have any relatives to take care of her children. Suddenly, one day, a man came to her house owner's house to see that owner's daughter for some rituals called prospective groom and his family. During this ceremony, she get to know that that man is kinda of relative to Thaiyammal. That man asked Thaiyammal why is she locking her childrens. And he told her not to lock this is not safe for kids and also he told her that he would take care care her children's. After that later one day she told her kids to not to talk with that man because she came to know that that man misbehaving his girlfriend and he is not a good man. During this conversation her kid's also told the same complaint to Thaiyammal that he is not a good person. Thaiyammal sense something and repeatedly asking her children's. First, they got scared to tell later they confess everything to her that man was repeatedly misbehaving and asking them to do sexual things. She immediately went to police station and complained about this issue. But they didn't respond. They told her that they will warn him. Thaiyammal didn't want warning. She wanted him to be arrested. One day, ADC leader told this case to Thozhamai.

Then immediately we filed a case. Later we came to know that that police got bribe to hide this case. They didn't continue this case for 3 days. That boy's uncle was a don in that area. He used his influence and get to know that Thozhamai was helping for thaiyammal. So he came to our office and threatened everyone. He continuously threatened Thozhamai staff to drop this case. We didn't give up and we proceeded with the case under crime against women and children. It's been one year and there is no progress in this case. So we took this case to high court. Advocate Thenpandian handled this case and victim child got 1,15,000/- as relief amount. This is case is still going on.



CHALLENGE STORY 02

Story from the grassroots.

In my ADC, there are lots of irular community adolescent girls. There is a communication problem between them. It was quite difficult for me to understand their slang. They didn't come to center regularly. Their parents are a sanitary workers so they drink alcohol every day because of the bad odour that comes in their body. So it is quite difficult for me to organize their children in ADC. I faced some challenges to bring Adolescent girls to the general program. Infront of the center, there is an iron shop so there is a lots of small iron pieces and plastic wastes and glass pieces are present because of this we were afraid that this may hurt our children. So, I talked with that owner. There was an issue in playing outside because vehicles are parked in front of the center even though we have lot of space in front of center. So, adolescent girls can't play outside.



FUTURE PLANS



FUTURE PLANS:

1. Introducing and extending Future Makers program to adolescent boys.
2. Continue interventions to realise Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children 2022 by supporting the preparation of Plan of Action (PoA).
3. Intensive efforts to strengthen Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) for ensuring it's effective functioning in selected districts of Tamil Nadu.
4. Interventions to promote girl children's equal right to playground.
5. Establish a resource centre for adolescents based on rights.
6. Promoting higher education of all girls and young women in Semmencherry and Perumbakkam, as well as the ending all forms of violence against girls, women and children.

