



# Annual report

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S.NO	Term	Expansion
1.	AA	Action Aid
2.	CBO	Community Based Organization
3.	CC	Children 's Collective
4.	CI	Cultural Initiative
5.	CRY	Child Rights and You
6.	CWC	Child Welfare Committee
7.	DCPU	District Child Protection Unit
8.	ECCE	Early Childhood Care and Education
9.	ICDS	Integrated Child Development scheme
10.	ICWO	Indian Community Welfare Organization
11.	JJB	Juvenile Justice Board
12.	LEAD	League for Education and Development
13.	NCPC	Neighborhood Child Protection Committee
14.	NCPCR	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
15.	NGO	Non Governmental Organization
16.	NYK	Nehru Yuva Kendra
17.	OBR	One Billion Rising
18.	PDS	Public Distribution System
19.	RTE	Right to Education
20.	RTI	Right to Information
21.	SAND	Social Action for New Development
22.	SCPCR	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
23.	SKI	Sama Kalvi Iyakkam
24.	SMC	School Management Committee
25.	TN	Tamil Nadu
26.	TV	Television
27.	Unicef	United Nations Children's Fund
28.	VRDP	Village Reconstruction and Development program
29.	WRD	Women Rights Defenders
30.	YUW	Young Urban Women

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9.	S. Ranjani	Apr 2018 – Mar 2020	Full Time
10.	J. Priya	Oct 2018 – Mar 2020	Full Time
11.	J. Mythili	Aug 2018 – Mar 2020	Full Time
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14.	R. Lavanya	Apr 2018 – Mar 2020	Part Time
15.	K. Saranraj	Aug 2018 – Mar 2020	Part Time
16.	R. Ramya	Apr 2018 – Mar 2020	Part Time
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## INTRODUCTION

**THOZHAMAI** – means Solidarity in Tamil was incepted on **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 run came into existence. It was all the hard work and efforts made in the context of Rights Based Approach and Practices in the past one decade and the need for such a resource centre especially in the state capital of Tamil Nadu, at Chennai, has got consolidated and emerged as "Solidarity for Rights" which in turn promotes Rights Based Culture at different levels of work. Thozhamai is now the resource centre for Human Rights Work and Human Rights is especially the rights of the children, Youth and Women from the socially deprived communities.

Thozhamai since inception is working for promotion of a Rights Based Culture which will be an evolution of the Rights Based Approaches and Practices in all the institutional mechanisms both at the community level and institutional level. All the programs of Thozhamai are designed in such a manner to cater to the integrated needs of Rights Based with the emphasis to make a shift from welfare to Rights. It is serving as a resource centre at the state level to cater to the need to work on rights based approach. Advocacy for policy change is the core of all the initiatives in Thozhamai.

### VISION

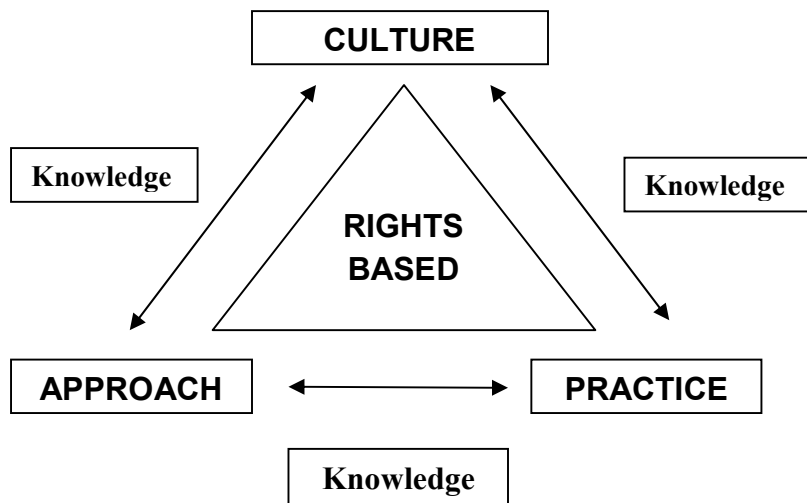
A society in which the most vulnerable sections enjoy equality, social justice, freedom, fraternity and democracy with dignity

### 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 fold. 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.
Jointly with Solidarity Organizations	Research and Documentation
	Media Advocacy and Lobby
	Training
Technical Support to Solidarity Organizations'	Work with Community
	Network and Alliance Building

## MAKING YOUR OWN CHOICES YOUNG URBAN WOMEN

### WOMEN RIGHTS

#### ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUP MEETING

The main objective of the Adolescent group formation (Girls) is to give training on their basic rights and to address their rights among community. The Adolescent group has 15 members. We had a meeting regarding the problems faced by girls in the community. From this month the adolescent girls have been joined into the sports, through the sports we teach them life skills and major body changes for adolescent girls followed by SRHR.

#### WOMEN'S DAY

Based on the women's day we created stickers and pasted it in the public places. The stickers were about the women safety (181) and child safety (1098) number in it. Our adolescent girls, adolescent boys group and women group part of Thozhamai pasted in the community, public places like school gate, ration shop, parks, shop and at their doors. It created a huge impact among the public because most of them were seeking help about the women and child helpline.

#### SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS - ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Adolescent girls participated in Campaign on Sexual and Reproductive health Rights (SRHR) at Besant Nagar. The objective of the campaign is to address the MY BODY, MY RIGHTS and we educate about safe touch and unsafe touch. The adolescent girls mainly educated by the reproductive and health rights.



**OUTCOME:** Monthly training on Sexual Reproductive health rights has been initiated for Young urban women and adolescent girls

#### AWARENESS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Awareness on violence against women conducted for women which are focusing mainly on Domestic Violence in Semmencherry. The resource person for the programme was Ms. PalaniAmmal from Uraimai Kural. About 25 women participated in the Awareness programme

which is conducted in Semmencherry, branch office. And learnt "MY RIGHTS, I HAVE TO DECIDE" following Thozhamai disturbed Workers Note book for domestic workers to follow their attendance. Ms. PalaniAmmal orientated about domestic violence, violence or abuse is by one person against another in a domestic setting such as marriage. It may be termed intimate partner violence when committed by a spouse or partner in an intimate relationship against the other spouse.

- **"Physical abuse"** includes hurt of any kind. Assault, criminal intimidation and criminal force.
  - **"Sexual abuse"** such as conduct of a sexual nature such as forced sexual intercourse, forcing the aggrieved person to watch pornography or other obscene material. Forcibly using woman to entertain others, any other act of sexual nature, abusing, humiliating, degrading or otherwise violation of one's dignity
  - **"Verbal and emotional abuse"** such as Accusation/aspersion on character or conduct. Insult for not bringing dowry, Insult for not having a male child. etc. Forcing to not attend school, college or any other educational institution preventing one from taking up a job repeated threats to cause pain to any person in whom the woman is interested. Preventing from marrying a person of your choice.
  - **"Economic abuse"** such as not providing money for maintaining woman or her children Not providing food, clothes, medicine. etc, Forcing woman out of the house. Preventing from accessing or using any part of the house, preventing or obstructing one from carrying on employment Non-payment of rent in case of a rented accommodation, selling or pawing stridhan or any other valuables without informing and without consent. Forcibly taking away salary, income or wages etc. Non-payment of other bills such as electricity, etc
- She also oriented about the domestic violence act 2005. The protection of Women from domestic violence Act 2005 is an Act of the parliament of India enacted to protect Women from domestic Violence.

## **PROTEST ON WATER ISSUES**

Young urban women the members of Thozhamai protest in Semmencherry regarding the water issues. People in Semmencherry had no water for past 4 days, where women group and young urban women met the officials and complained about the water issues. And finally young urban women and women started to protest in middle of the road. Around 100 women started to protest in middle of the road and near water department which is located in Semmencherry. Finally the police officials provided water in the tank and from next day onwards the water was regular. Through our training we empowered the women and they raised their voice against government for their own needs in the community.

**OUTCOME:** Our training on RTI filing and petition the women are following that and women group filed petition for water issues and are regular now, the government is providing water twice in a day, morning and evening. This issue was covered by all media and published in the newspaper.

### Networking with Local Governance



Community needs were created by community women and children needs. Through many training the women and children discuss the needs and problems of the community and the assessment sheet was given to the local governance. All those needs were created as a book and submitted assessment sheet

### LIST OF CANDIDATES

S. NO.	PARTNER	Local Governance	PARTY	CONSTITUENCY
1.	THOZHAMAI	Mr. J. Jayavardhan	ADMK	Shollinganallur
		Mr. Nagaraj	DMK	Shollinganallur
		Isakkai Subbaiah	AMMK	Shollinganallur
		A.J.Sherine	NTK	Shollinganallur
		Thamizhachi Thangapandian	DMK	Shollinganallur

### ADMISSION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We got three admissions for Semmencherry girls in Government Arts and Science College Perumbakkam. Three girls from underprivileged background where their mother is housekeeping and can't afford fees and bus fees for them but those girls are interested to do their bachelor degree. So we got admission for these three girls nearby their house where their family can be comfortable. Promoting women rights and strengthen their livelihood through education and decent career after their degree.

**OUTCOME:** Three of the girls the marriage has been stopped and they are continuing their education

## **CASE STUDY**

**NAME: LAVANYA**

**AGE: 17 years**

**VILLAGE: SEMMENCHERRY**

I am Lavanya and I am 17 years, I live in Semmencherry more 10 years with my family and we evicted from Adyar. My father is not working and he is an alcoholic and my mother working as housekeeping in a beauty parlour. And we are three daughters; I have an elder sister who is studying college and younger sister who is studying 11<sup>th</sup> standard in government school in Semmencherry. I completed 12<sup>th</sup> standard and planned to join in any college. But my mother was supporting me to join college and father did not encourage me to join in college and forced me to get married to my uncle son. My elder sister and my mother told supported me to join college and tried to convince him. Because my father is thinking that we have three daughters and I am the second daughter and they can't make me to precede my education further. My cousin family also supported me to get married to their son.

After completing 12<sup>th</sup> standard my parents initially didn't allow me to study further and gradually my mother supported me to join in college and I got into college with the help of Thozhamai and they also support my education financially by paying my college fee. I have attended much training which educated me the correct age when a girl should get married through child marriage training in Thozhamai. I told my parents about the correct age to get married and told my right to education.

Through Thozhamai I have been benefited a lot, I also participated in jewellery making course which was conducted by Thozhamai, I have benefited a lot from Thozhamai and they educated me what is my own rights and what is the correct age to get married. And I will return home by 12: 30 pm after college so it will be helpful if I get a part time job after my college and I can pay my own fee and can't depend upon my father.

### **JOB MELA**

Thozhamai conducted JOB MELA for young urban women in Semmencherry. The main objective of the JOB MELA is to create economic security among the young urban women in Semmencherry and to break the area stigma. About 30 young urban women participated in the job Mela.

From Unlimited showroom HR came and oriented young urban women about the job vacancy. It a showroom located in OMR, around 4 young urban women have been recruited for unlimited showroom job. It is a day swift work for women in the community.

**OUTCOME:** We directly oriented and kept job Mela for 30 women and indirectly through women group around 10 of them have been going to the job.

### **WOMEN GROUP MEETING**

On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Thozhamai conducted women group meeting in Semmencherry field. About 32 women participated in the women group meeting. Ms. Kanchanna, Sponsorship Coordinator and Ms. Lilly both facilitated the women gathering. The main objective of the meeting is discusses about the work done in previous meeting and the status of petition filed against graveyard and vermicompost area near the households.

Ms. Lilly highlighted the objective of the right based group forming in the field and what are the uses of right based group. She also mentioned the duties and responsibilities of right based group. The major discussion was about the election manifesto was submitted to the election party DMK, and they won the election and the women are planned to meet the MP and to address about the issues to the MP. Based on the election manifesto the women going to meet the MP were discussed in the meeting.

### **SRHR TRAINING FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUP LEADERS**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, Thozhamai Adolescent girls participated in training on Sexual and .Reproductive health Rights (SRHR) for group leaders of Adolescent girls. Around 15 of 2 leaders from each group attended the sexual and reproductive health rights in the field office. Ms. Sumithra, Community Mobilizer facilitated the leaders in the training. The objective of the campaign is to address the MY BODY, MY RIGHTS and we educate about safe touch and unsafe touch.

Through this training the leaders are asked to take class in front of other leaders to ensure how to convey their message to their group members in a right way. Every leader had a chance to participate in the training and well trained about “MY BODY, MY RIGHTS” and none of them have rights on their body including parents. Ms. Sumithra oriented about the child marriage and how to stop child marriage in the community, she told to contact 1098 if they faces any problem or they have to address their issue to local Non-Governmental Organisation.



## **CBO GROUP MEETING (WOMEN)**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Thozhamai conducted CBO group meeting for women in Semmencherry branch office. Around 20 women from each group leaders participated in the CBO group Meeting. The main objective of the CBO meeting is to train the women to make community based organization and to create awareness about the people's organization and participatory approach to fulfil our community goals. Ms. Kanchanna, Sponsorship coordinator facilitated the meeting.

She orientated about the objective of the CBO, Mission and vision about the CBO, how to form a CBO and what are the steps to be followed in CBO. All the group leaders will be conveying this to their peer group and group members presented. It was CBO planning meeting and fixing up the leaders of the CBO in Semmencherry.

## **LOCAL NETWORK MEETING**

On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Thozhamai conducted local level network meeting in Semmencherry Branch office. The main objective of the meeting is to ensure what are the gaps are missing in the community and how the local network can build a bridge between the people and networks. Many local networks like doctors, ICCW teachers, health department, other local NGO like Aware India, ICCW, Thiruvallur Sagam (Local sagam) and other groups like women, parents group participated in the meeting.

The community women explained what are the problems occurs because of the network and what are the things which is lacking in the community for that network officials answered to the community.

## **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY**

International youth day was conducted in Mohammed Sathak College of Arts and Science by Thozhamai. Around 500 youth participated in International Youth Day. The major objective of the programme is to emphasis on transforming education to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. The major focuses on the youth speak out for rights.

The chief guest was Prof. Sundaravalli, Tamilnadu Progressive writers & Artists Association who addressed the problems and struggles about youth in the society. Thozhamai in Network with

Youth for Advocates (UNICEF) have played a street theatre regarding the problems faced by women in the society.

**OUTCOME:** Young urban women came to know about the struggles facing in the real life and the women helpline

## **WOMEN CONSULTATION**

Mr. Sunitha, Programme Officer, Mr. Sathyam from Action Aid, Ms. Kanchanna, Sponsorship Coordinator conducted the consultation for women. The purpose of the meeting was to address the need of the community people and to create friendly environment. Facilitate a new change in minds of women in the community.

Improvements made

Before

- There was no CCTV fixed
- Doctors in UHC during evening times were not available
- Frequency of bus were less
- Water supply was available once in 2 days
- Availability of doctors in UHC was also less.

After

- CCTV is fixed now
- Doctors are available in evenings
- Frequency of buses is increased
- Water is being supplied daily
- Now doctors from different institutions are available.

Needs of the people:

- Library
- Right for the house
- Bus stop with place to sit
- Public toilet
- Proper sanitation for school



- Hospital with all facilities
- EB office
- Post office
- Upper tank
- To increase ration shops
- Police station, increase frequency of police rounds

### **Plan of action**

To address issues and voice for it a sangam should be formed and registered. The sangam should be service minded not money motive. The sangam should be trained in filing RTI petition and complain letter, how to get signature from authorities, members be the one to voice out.

### **STAKEHOLDERS' DIALOGUE: PROMOTION OF DECENT WORK IN RETAIL SECTOR FOR YOUNG URBAN DEPRIVED COMMUNITY**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Young Urban Women and Thozhamai Staff participated in Stakeholders dialogue: Promotion of decent work in retail sector for young urban deprived community. Our Young Urban Women addressed the work should be flexible and decent work for us, the work place should be near the community so that the travel can be less. Stakeholders from GRT, Reliance Trends oriented about the work they can offer to the community. Living wages for decent life standards was taken by the Ms.Ramapriya Gopalakrishnan, Advocate oriented about ILO Geneva,

### **TRAINING ON SECONDARY LEVEL LEADERSHIP**

On 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 Thozhamai conducted two days training on Secondary level leadership for Young urban Women. On first day (21<sup>st</sup> December 2019) training Around 34 Young women participated in the programme. The resource persons were Mr.Thenpandian, Senior Advocate and Ms. Selva. The objective of meeting is to train and strengthen the group and how to lead the group in a positive manner. Through these training young urban women gained knowledge about how to manage the groups.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, the second day leadership training conducted in Thozhamai. About 30 young urban women participated in the programme. The resource person for the training was Mr. Thenpandian, Senior Advocate and Mr. Krishanan, Street theatre specialist. The objective of the training is to educate the legal measures.

## **CELEBRATION ON GIRL CHILDREN DAY**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai Conducted Celebration on Girl Children Day. The main objective of the programme is to create **Awareness on Gender Equality in the Community**. The society has been fully discriminated girls, Girls has been fit to be inside four walls has to break this stigma this theme has been organized for Girl Children Day. Around 150 women and children together participated in the programme. Ms. Belinda, CBO leader, Thozhamai and Ms. Mahalakshmi, ICCW were the resource person for the programme.

## **AWARENESS ON RIGHT TO ACCESS TRANSPORT - FGD**

On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted Awareness on right to access transport for women. Around 11 women leaders participated in the Awareness on right to access transport. The main objective of the FGD is to what kind of transport you require. Comparing to green board bus the white board bus is less so filing RTI makes the information clear. So through RTI and filing petition can advocacy with government and increase the bus facilities.

## **AWARENESS ON PROTECTION OF GIRL CHILDREN**

On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted awareness on protection of girl children. Ms. Sowmiya, Programme Assistant, **Child Line** gave awareness to Women leaders in the Community. They addressed How to protect girl children and acts for girl children. 12 women leaders participated in the Awareness on protection of girl Children. What are the help lines for women and children explained to the women?

## **DOMESTIC WORKERS RIGHT TO DECENT WORK, SOCIAL PROTECTION & INCLUSION IN LABOUR LAWS**

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Thozhamai 5 Young Urban Women Leaders Participated in domestic workers right to decent work. Ms. Sujata Mody, President of women workers movement, Dr. Nantha Gopal, IAS, oriented about decent work. The objective of the meeting is to educate them about the Labour Laws to the Workers.

## **YUW LEADERS TRAINING**

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 15 young urban Women leaders participated in training on Job opportunity through Azad Foundation. Azad foundation is an organization promotes women to

work and to drive cars. They oriented about the job opportunity and criteria 18 years to 35 years old. And they should pass 8<sup>th</sup> Standard

### **ONE BILLION HANDS RISING**

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Thozhamai associated with Field Work students in Hindustan University, Mcc, Loyola College Presidency from in partnership with ActionAid conducted One Billion Rising for ending all forms of violence against Children and Women. Ms.J.Gajalakshmi, JAPU Police Inspector and Ms. Manju, Gunidy Inspector, Ms. Sunitha, Programme Officer- ActionAid oriented on the theme to raise the vibration for revolution and acts related for protection of women. They also oriented for getting access to Kavalan - SOS application for women safety. About 200 women have Semmencherry community participated in the programme.

### **WORKING WOMEN AND LAND RIGHTS**

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Thozhamai 5 young urban women participated in Working women and land rights held in Stella Maris College. The objective of the programme is discussing the issues of land rights in Urban Areas and in resettlement area. Our young urban women shared the housing rights issue in resettlement area.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPACT OF LIQUOR AND DRUGS ON WORKERS FAMILIES**

On 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Thozhamai participated in Public hearing on impact of Liquor and drugs on Workers families. Our 5 young urban women and 3 adolescent boys' leaders participated in the programme. The main objective of the programme is how the liquor and drugs spoil the family and affects them.

## **CHILD RIGHTS**

### **CHILDREN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Through this activity we are identifying the issues related to women and children in urban space in the context of forced relocation and violence against young girls and women in the urban relocation site. In TamilNadu the government evicted the people and forced relocation. Most victim of this eviction is women and children. This consultation on issues related children and women in urban space main aim is to create violence free communities for women, children and bring out the issues to the outer society. The activity main aim is to create sustainable livelihood to the relocation site.

### **CHILDREN ACTIVITY CENTRE – ANNUAL DAY**

Thozhamai organized Annual Day programme for Children Activity Centre. From 5 centres the children participated in drawing competition and dance programme was conducted in Thozhamai. Following the competition the gift were disturbed and cake cutting was conducted in Thozhamai. The children were happy and shared their experience in Children Activity Centre

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON EYE DONATION – NETWORKING WITH BHUMI**

Thozhamai organized Awareness on eye donation for children who is participating children activity centre. The resource person was from Jeppiar College and Bhumi. The main objective of the awareness is to create the importance of the body parts and the use of parts after death. The awareness programmes were projected by video and the children were clear about eye donation.

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CHILD SAFETY**

Thozhamai organized Awareness programme for Children who are in Children Activity Centre. The resource person were Ms. Kanchanna, She orientated about the Child safety measures and how to address the abuse in the community.

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON EDUCATION**

Thozhamai organized Awareness programme for Children who are in Children Activity Centre. The resource person were Ms. Kanchanna, She orientated about the importance of education and bringing out their aim. It conducted through many activities

### **STATE LEVEL ADOLESCENT CONSULTATION ON END CHILD MARRIAGE**

Our adolescent boy and girl who are leader of adolescent group participated in “State level adolescent consultation on end child marriage” in YMCA. The training was conducted for two days in YMCA. The main objective of the adolescent consultation was end child marriage – A child rights Violation, causes and consequences of child marriage.

### **ANTI CHILD LABOUR DAY**

Thozhamai organized World Day against child labour in Semmencherry on June 12th 2019. 100 children participated in the program followed by human chain and slogans. The main objective of the program was to abolish child labour and give quality education for children. Through slogans the children insist importance of education and child must study and must not work as child labour. All the children participated in the programme did their pledge **“Together build a brighter future without child labour”**.

## **AWARENESS ON CHILD PROTECTION**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Thozhamai organized Awareness on child protection for children. Around 30 children participated in the Awareness programme. The major objective of the programme is to create awareness about child protection. What are child protection, safe touch and unsafe touch for girls (LRP).

The awareness programme was conducted through activities and games for children. And even story telling was projected to the children to ensure the children can understand easily.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING**

On 29th June 2019, Thozhamai organized meeting on Neighbourhood child protection committee forming in Semmencherry. The resource person is Mr. Devaneyan, director of Thozhamai and Mr. Krishnan, 30 officials from various departments like health department, child protection department, Chess-Childline, Aware, urban health centre, NCPL, Thiruvalur sagam, Trade Unions, local Sagan, CBO members, Parents group and youth group boys & girls participated in the meeting. The motive of the Neighborhood Child Protection committee is to ensure protection of child from all forms of violence and abuses in Semmencherry. To protect children from all forms of violence and abuses happening in Semmencherry mainly at schools, park and even at house.

The goal of the meeting is to create a better place for children with the help of the people living in neighborhood. People from the community, different organization or institutions and higher official attended the meeting. Mr. Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai NGO addressed the gathering. He discussed the importance, significance and need for the formation of NCPC in Semmencherry. He listed various facts on the problems of children such as:

- Children were facing problems since World War II and still this situation still continuing as we can see it in 117 deaths among children in Bihar.
- Children and women were suffered more during Tsunami, 2004 and in the same year 94 children in primary school in Kumbakonam died due to fire accident.
- 17% of child marriage is occurring in India of which Chennai has the highest rate comparing other cities of India.
- Many children in Tamil Nadu were sold for money.
- High drug usage is found among school going children of Semmencherry.
- Various diseases and health related issues are occurring among children due to mal nutrition.

### **Suggestions given during the meeting:**

- To plan a meeting including different NGO's and institutions.

- To select an avenue or a street and take enough care of all children related issues through this NCPC and within a period of 5 years to make Semmencherry a safe place for children.
- A core team includes a child- help line officer, doctor, youth members (1 boy and 1 girl).
- People who witness any child related issue can use the child-line number 1098.

The meeting concluded with a note by Mr. Devaneyan that a temporary team to be formed to plan for the betterment of NCPC for the well-being of the children in the Semmencherry community

### **CHILDREN ACTIVITY CENTRE**

The child activity centre is based on informal education which is given to the relocation area children between the ages of 8years to 13 years old. Through this child activity centre we educate the children in activity based study. Example: Life skills, drawing, video session and storytelling. There are 5 child activity centres where in each group 30 children will be coming to the children activity centre.

There are 5 centers' where are operating in Semmencherry where all centre has been filled with children. Our LRP children are also coming to children Activity centre they don't have space to study at home.

**Achievements:** One of the children activity centre is running exclusive for manual Scavenging children and gypsy children. Other caste people came and shouted in the centre not to admitted Manual Scavenging workers child. At last we decided to start a centre exclusive for Manual Scavenging children inclusion of others.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILDREN PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Thozhamai conducted Neighbourhood children protection committee in Semmencherry. This Neighbourhood Children Protection Committee is one of the follow up meeting of the last meeting. This meeting was headed by Mr. Kumarasan Chess- Childline, he orientated about the child protection measures and how to handle through Neighbourhood Children Protection Committee. Around 16 officials attended Neighbourhood Children Protection Committee. The committee members discussed some of the common problems faced by the children in Semmencherry and in the Schools. Certain common problems has mentioned below

- Drug usage at community and even in the schools. And the teachers are not aware of children using drugs at schools
- School drop outs
- Child Marriage

- Most of the children in relationship and they are getting married
- Gang war among the children
- Child Labour

Mr. Kumaresan, Chess-Childline Mentioned how to address the problems to the government and public. He mentioned some of the measure to be handled like

- Draft a petition if we have to refer the child to the hostel (CWC) to welfare officer. The legal guardian can give a complaint if the petition is not answered.
- Follow the entire petition which is given by the community members through the committee letter pad. We have to create a separate letter pad for our Neighbourhood child protection committee.
- Education Advocacy, Giving awareness to schools about child protection
- Give awareness to children activity centre and their parents, so that they can give awareness to their neighbours
- Public awareness
- Parents sharing the children problems
- Addressing the drug usage in media
- Address if any violence happened against children to the police department or commissioner office
- Create awareness through Street theatre
- Awareness for Teachers about child rights and child protection

Some of the major discussion has mentioned below.

- One day training has been fixed for Neighbourhood Children Protection Committee for committee members on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- Fixing the committee members at 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Invite the school headmaster through Chess- Child line

### **AWARENESS ON CHILD PROTECTION IN COLLABORATION WITH POLICE COMMISSION**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019, Thozhamai participated in Awareness on child protection in collaboration with police commission. The major objective of the programme is to safe guard children from the violence. It followed by rally in Besant nagar beach and our 20 Semmencherry children participated in the programme.

## **AWARENESS ON CHILD MARRIAGE**

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Thozhamai conducted Awareness on Child Marriage. Thozhamai in network with Youth for Advocates (UNICEF) conducted street theatre in the community to bring awareness on child marriage. They addressed how to stop child marriage in the community. Around 150 direct beneficiary and 300 indirect beneficiaries got benefitted through street theatre

## **SHOUT CAMPAIGN**

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Thozhamai conducted Shout Campaign in Semmencherry for children. The major objective of the programme was freedom from child trafficking. Around 40 children participated in the Shout Campaign and MCC shout team conducted the programme.

## **TRAINING FOR MOTIVATORS – AIDINDIA**

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Thozhamai conducted Training for Motivators. All motivators participated in the training. Aidindia provided training to motivators and they provided training for other motivators. The main objective of the training is to educate them children actively and in easy way.

## **CHILDREN CONSULTATION**

The children meeting held at Thozhamai Semmencherry. The children addressed the problems happened in the school and in the community. The list of problems have been mentioned

### **School Problems**

- No ground
- No proper physical Education Teacher
- No place to eat
- No water in rest room

### **Community**

- No dustbin at area
- More violence for women
- Trafficking women and children
- School Management Committee

## **ADOLESCENT BOYS CONSULTATION**

The Adolescent boys meeting held at Thozhamai Semmencherry. The Adolescent boys addressed the problems happened in the school and in the community. The list of problems have been mentioned

### **School Problems**

- No library
- No Material in Lab
- Gender Discrimination
- No play ground
- No first Aid Box
- No Suggestion Box
- No fan
- Bathroom is not Clean
- No Compound wall
- Students are cleaning toilet
- No Watchmen at school

### **Community**

- No current
- Park maintenance
- Drainage problem
- No water
- EB problem
- No police men
- Drug at schools
- Violence against children
- Awareness on drug usage

## **ADOLESCENT GIRLS CONSULTATION**

The Adolescent girls meeting held at Thozhamai Semmencherry. The Adolescent girl addressed the problems happened in the school and in the community. The list of problems have been mentioned

### **School problem**

- No napkin machine
- No Disposal napkin machine
- No water
- No play ground
- No street light
- Child pregnancy

### **Community**

- Police station
- No doctor
- No Library

### **AWARENESS ON PREVENTION OF DENGUE**

Awareness on prevention of dengue, conducted in Semmencherry by Ms. Vijiyalakshmi, Motivator in collaboration with Urban Health centre. Around 60 children participated in the programme. The main objective of the programme is to spread Awareness on prevention of dengue and to keep the environment clean.

Through Awareness programme we provided neelavembu (One of the Aruvedic medicine) to the children.

### **AWARENESS ON ECO FRIENDLY DIWALI**

Awareness on eco friendly diwali conducted in Semmencherry. Around 60 children participated in the programme. The programme was conducted by the Adolescent boys' group leader, Mr. Lokesh and their group. The main objective of the programme is to spread avoid crackers and build an environment healthy and clean. If the children burst crackers means how to be safe with the fireworks has been oriented by the Adolescent Group leader.

### **AWARENESS ON CHILD HELPLINE**

Thozhamai in collaboration with Chess Child line organized 'Children's Day Celebration' through creating **Awareness on Child Helpline** in Semmencherry for children. **100 children** participated in the programme and took an oath about importance of education and yes to education, **Ms. Kanchanna, Sponsorship Coordinator** headed the programme. And children did tree plantation in the area creating awareness on Child Line.

## **ADOLESCENT BOYS AND CHILDREN – FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION**

**On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, Thozhamai conducted Focused Group Discussion on the problems faced by the Children and Adolescent Boys in the schools.

### **QUALITY OF EDUCATION**

Focused group discussion was conducted in Semmencherry for Children. The following groups has been conducted

- Boys group – Middle school , Semmencherry
- Boys group – High school, Semmencherry
- Girls group – High School, Semmencherry

Totally 40 children participated in the focused group discussion. The group has been asked that question. The questions are mentioned below.

### **FGD QUESTIONS**

#### **LEARNING & TEACHING**

1. Do you have separate teachers for each subject?
2. Do you have smart class in your school?
3. Do you have any children Club?
4. Do your school have extra Circular activities?
5. Do the school have conducted parents/teachers meeting?
6. Do school have SMC (School Management Committee)?
7. Does your teacher give punishment? If yes; do the teachers give punishment equally for both genders?
8. Does your headmaster visit your classroom daily?
9. Does all subject period are regular?
10. Do you have participation right at school?
11. Does your teacher use you for their personal work?

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. Access to toilet, science Lab, Playground, Library
2. Access to Current (Fan, Light)
3. Do you have enough classrooms to occupy?
4. Do you have separate toilet for each gender?
5. Do girls have napkins machine?
6. Do girls have napkins disposal machine?

7. Do you have running water facilities in the restroom?
8. Do you have a safe environment inside the school?
9. Do you have safety measures at school? Eg: Watchmen, CCTV Camera
10. Do you have mid day meal? Is the food is clean and healthy? Do you have space to eat at your school?
11. How many classroom you have in your school?

## **FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSION ANSWER**

### **Learning & Teaching**

1. Middle school and high school has purifier water for each class for drinking.
2. School books and uniforms are given properly to us
3. Teacher often won't come to school
4. Children are buying tea and snacks for teachers during class hours. Children are cleaning teachers lunch/Tiffin box
5. Tamil and English medium classes are been combined together
6. Teachers are talking very bad words to children
7. Teachers are giving punishment to children and discriminating the children through the area stigma
8. Punishment are been given differently to each gender. Boys are given serve punishment and girls doesn't get punishment
9. Other NGO's conducting extra circular activities in the school
10. Male teachers are asking girl students why you are coming to school go and get married.
11. No parents teachers meeting happening in the school
12. There is SMC in the School, there no proper functioning, teachers doesn't have clear knowledge about role and responsibilities about SMC

### **Infrastructure**

1. CCTV camera near schools and public places to avoid violence in the community
2. There is no playground
3. There is no Science lab in Schools
4. Lack of water, no running water facilities at school restroom
5. No trees in the schools
6. There is no fan/no current
7. No sports material
8. There is no space to eat in school because there is no trees in the school
9. Previously there was a building to eat in the school but now they destroyed the building and renovated as a class room

10. Toilet is dirty
11. Children are cleaning the classroom
12. No library
13. Only teachers has fan in the classroom the children does not have fan
14. No light in the classroom
15. Mid day meal is given between the class from 1 to 10, Mid day meal is not clean, we have stone, worm inside the food, rice

### **Recommendations (Children)**

1. Need proper mid – day –Meal scheme at school, clean food
2. Need library, fan, light playground at school
3. Teachers must be friendly and they must not compare us and they must not discriminate us in basis of community
4. Need adequate teachers at school

### **WORLD'S CHILDREN DAY**

World Children's Day on behalf of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Children's day and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 World Children's Day conducted in Semmencherry.

**300 Children and 200 women and men** participated in the programme. **Mr.Aravind Ramesh,MLA, Ms. GajaLakshmi, Inspector, Ms.Sridevi,Inspector and Uvrani,Inspector** from Police department on Crime against children and Women, **Mr. Devaneyan, Director** and **Mr.SathyaMoorthi,ActionAid** were the chief guest for the programme.



Crime Amma Patrol was displayed to the public. Ms. Uvrani Inspector explained needs of Amma Patrol to the public. Young Urban women and Women submitted Petition to Mr. Aravind Ramesh, MLA regarding the issues in Semmencherry. They educated them about Child Safety to the public.

Street play was conducted in Semmencherry by Kalieshwaran Team. The theme of the street play was to address the Child Abuse and Child Protection.

## **TRAINING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Thozhamai Conducted Training on Neighbourhood Child protection committee team (NCPC team) in Semmencherry on 18 December 2019. 40 officials from various departments (District Children Protection unit, Health department, Child Line, ICCW, Youth group leader, Young urban women leader, participated in the orientation programme. Mr. Thenpandian, Advocate and Mr. Devaneyan Arasu emphasized on importance of child protection and Child friendly environment in the community. They also highlighted about laws related child protection like Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act and legal mechanisms to protect children

The following objectives have been carried in the training.

### **Introduction - Mr Devaneyan, the Director of THOZHAMAI**

Some of the highlighted issues have been addressed to the gathering like the infanticide happening in Thiruvannamalai district and about the children being trafficked in various places. He mentioned a case of a 14-year child being sexually abused by 16 men in Ayanavaram. In the year 2018 around 189 child marriage cases have been filed, In Chennai comparison to other metropolitan cities there are more violent Is happening against the children and women. He quoted and presented several incidents of child labour, child abuse and trafficking with facts and data.

### **Speaker - Mr Thenpandiyan, Advocate**

He quoted that in 2013 the state have stated that the Child is a National Asset of their country, where he mentions the age of the child is under 18, who ever belongs under the age of 18 are called as the children.

According to the law the children are

- Innocent
- Dependent
- Vulnerable
- Big constituency

According to the census of 2011 45% of the populations are children.

He gave a reference about **UNCRC- United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child** which was amended in the year 1989 on November 20 that protects children and young people. He involved the students in repeating the four sets of the *fundamental child rights* such as,

- Right to Survival
- Right to Development
- Right to Protection
- Right to Participation.

He also spoke about the PCPNDT Act, is the discrimination of the girl child.

He also spoke about certain laws and acts namely, The **Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006** and **POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act)** in order to bring awareness among the people of the community.

He spoke about the punishments for the crime that have been done against the child are

- Prohibition of child marriage, 2years of prison and 2lakhs of fine.
- Rape, POSCO act 2012 if the child is below 18 is been raped the punishment would be 20years of prison.
- If a primary Duty Barriers attempts rape they would be given 10yrs of prison.

Juvenile Justice Act:

He spoke about the three major parts of the Act they were:

- Care and Protection
- Conflict with law
- Adoption

These are the major roles of the act. At last he spoke about the Right to Education where every children in the community have the right to educate themselves but due to the surroundings and peer group they do not get the right properly.

End of the session where everyone was put with some groups and Each group were asked a question like a particular kid is been under this Problems what will be the steps that'll taken and each group answered it as it was a input from the session which was connected before. After the question session sir wanted everyone to raise up and sing a song what he had written for the children' and everyone were happily singing the song

With the enthusiasm the session came to an end with the group picture.

The meeting would be continued in the upcoming days to form the NCPC COMMITTEE.

The committee should have an elder person, a Youth person, a doctor, a teacher and an auto driver

This committee would be formed later in the upcoming days after a clear discussion with the people of the Semmencherry community.

## **CONSULTATION ON CHILDREN ISSUES IN URBAN SPACES TO END ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN**

**Thozhamai** jointly organized with Mohamed Sathak College of Arts and Science, organized Consultation on Children issues in Urban Spaces to end all forms of Violence against Children for the students of Mohamed Sathak College of Arts & Science on 19 December 2019. The key members of the programme are Thenpandian, Devaneyan Arasu, Isai Arasu, Dr.A.Purushothaman, Vice - Principal, Mohamed Sathak College and Mrs.V.Vijaya, Women's Cell. They emphasized the importance of role of protection and promotion of child rights in urban spaces to End all forms of violence against children. About 300 students participated in the programme

The programme was exclusively organized for the girl students of Mohamed Sathak College in view of bringing awareness on child issues.

### **Introduction - Mr Devaneyan, the Director of THOZHAMAI**

He highlighted the issue of infanticide happening in Thiruvannamalai district and spoke about the children being trafficked in various places. He mentioned a case of a 14-year child being sexually abused by 16 men in Ayanavaram. He quoted and presented several incidents of child labour, child abuse and trafficking with facts and data. There was an invitation given by him to the students to read the society and be aware of the realities around them. He encouraged the students to conduct motivation classes for the children; to do advocacy- be the voice of the voiceless; and to safeguard the rights of children. It was a thought provoking and powerful speech.

### **Speaker Mr. Isaiyarasu – Activist**

He began his talk by quoting Dr Ambedkar that the nation is divided into two- one is for the untouchables and the other is for the so called dominant caste. He made the students aware of the actual situation and untold stories of the children of Semmencheri, Kannagi Nagar, Perumbakkam, and Ezhil Nagar. They lack the aspect of education; some travel a long distance to the schools skipping morning meal; a few become child labour; and some remain idle and make their lives desperate.

**Ms Lavanya (YUW from Semmencherry)**

She highlighted the problems faced by the children of Semmencherry due to the forced eviction. The problems such as,

- Lack of School
- Dropout children
- No playground
- Lack of safety and security
- Need of a library

**Speaker - Ms Sarojini (YUW from Perumbakkam)**

She focused on the problems and needs of the children in Perumbakkam. They are,

- Stagnation of water
- Need for more Anganwadi
- Need of a police station
- Need for an awareness on Sex Education

**Speaker - Mr Thenpandiyan, Advocate**

He made his talk very jovial and interactive. He highlighted about the People's Welfare State and informed the students whom to consult and approach for any problems regarding the welfare of people. The focal point of his address was about the '**Golden Triangle**' of the Indian Constitution that declares India a sovereign, socialistic, secular, democratic, republic nation.

- Article 14- Equality before the law
- Article 19- Right to freedom
- Article 21- Right to life with dignity

He said, "Equality is in law, but not in practice". By this statement he insisted how people are discriminated and children are tortured. He mentioned that amidst 7.5 core population in Tamil Nadu 40% are children who lack the privileges given by the constitution. He gave a reference about **UNCRC- United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child** that protects children and young people. He involved the students in repeating the four sets of the *fundamental child rights* such as,

- Right to Survival
- Right to Development
- Right to Protection
- Right to Participation

He said, “Infanticide is nothing but the rights of the children are killed in the womb of a mother”

He also mentioned certain laws and acts namely, The ***Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006*** and ***POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act)*** in order to bring awareness among the students.

Finally, he gave a call for action to become advocates and spread awareness amidst the children and people living in ignorance.

### **Ms Lilly Margarte, the City Coordinator of THOZHAMA**

She gave the students clarity on the theme of the day and invited everyone to be a change maker and to create awareness in schools, colleges and so on. She said that training could be given to the interested students who are willing to be the agents of change.

She finally mentioned the helpline numbers,

- Child helpline- 1098
- Women helpline- 181, 1091

She also mentioned about the Pink Patrol and Thozhi Scheme that exclusively address the issues of children and women.

The Consultation on Child Issues was concluded with a proposal of vote of thanks and a call for students to become the agents and instruments of change.

### **AWARENESS ON IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION**

On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted Awareness on importance of Education for Adolescent boys. Around 20 adolescent boys in Government High School in Semmencherry participated in the training. Ms. Kanchana, Sponsorship Coordinator gave awareness on Importance of education. Only education can make the future bright and lead the life into perfect path.

### **AWARENESS ON RIGHT AND ACTS ON CHILDREN**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted Awareness on Right and Acts on Children in Government Middle School in Semmencherry. Ms. Gajalakshmi, Inspector, Crime against children and women, Ms. Kanchana, Sponsorship Coordinator, Thozhamai and Mr. Prasanth, World Vision were the resource person for the programme. They POSCO Act, Basic child rights were given awareness to girl Children, Around 100 girl children participated in the programme.

## **NCPC AND PARENTS MEETING**

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Thozhamai conducted NCPC meeting and parents meeting. A new NCPC group formation formed in 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to ensure child protection in the community. Around 18 members participated in the meeting. Ms. Kanchanna oriented about the importance of NCPC and how to form a NCPC in the avenue. This is the first NCPC committee in the area.

## **ADOLESCENT BOYS GROUP MEETING**

We formed an Adolescent group formation (Boys). The main objective of the Adolescent group formation (Boys) is to create sports and develop them in sports. On 1st May 2019 Thozhamai conducted adolescent boy's group meeting in Semmencherry. The main aim of the Adolescent boys group to encourage sports among them and teaching life skills through this we engage them and promote education for all in Semmencherry. The Adolescent group (Boys) has 15 members. We had a meeting regarding what type of sports have to be conducted for them.

## **ADOLESCENT BOYS TRAINING**

On 08<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 09<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Thozhamai conducted three days continues training for adolescent boy's group meeting in Semmencherry. The main aim of the Adolescent boys group to encourage sports among them and teaching life skills through this, we engage them and promote "**education for all**" in Semmencherry. About 15 adolescent boys of group one participated in the training following two groups participated in the further training as per the meeting discussed earlier. On first day adolescent boy's group training focused on the Physical and Mental Changes occurs in the adolescent age, the first day training focused on how to handle and control the mental changes during the adolescent age.

On 09<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the Adolescent boys training focused on the importance of education through activities and basic rights. The training took place for half day; Ms. Kanchanna was the resource person for the training. The adolescent boy's learnt about the basic rights.

On 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the Adolescent boys training focused on the importance of personal hygiene and how to take care of them during summer season and the importance of sports.

On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Thozhamai conducted an awareness programme on addiction towards Drugs. The target group was adolescent boys of the Semmencherry community. 16 boys were participated in the programme. The training was conducted by Social Worker.

## **AWARENESS ON HARMFUL DRUGS**

Awareness on drug abusers was explained through many motivational videos. They also explained about the ill effects of drugs and measures that are available to overcome the addict.

It helps to analyze that people of the community get addicted to drugs due to stress and depression. To balance these mood swings, trainees also conducted life skills on positivity.

**Outcome of the programme:** adolescents got the information about the causes of drug addiction and also understood the effects of drug addiction. Through the life skill training, target group understood about staying positive and to control their mood swings. On the whole, the session was useful to the target group and each person got benefited.

### **LIFE SKILLS TRAINING – ADOLESCENT BOYS**

On 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai Conducted Life Skills Training for adolescent Boys in Semmencherry. Around 14 adolescent boys participated in the training. Mr. Gowatham, Throw ball Coach was the resource person for the training. He conducted life skills on the topic health and followed by importance of sports. He trained the adolescent boys about the basic throw ball in Semmencherry Ground.

### **YUW SUBMITTING PETITION TO MR. ARAVIND RAMESH, MLA**

Young Urban women Association, Thozhamai in Semmencherry submitted the petition to Mr. Aravind Ramesh, MLA. TamilNadu Slum Clearance Board, Managing director, Mr. Aravind Ramesh, MLA, Water department and other official department visited Semmencherry to check the basic facilities in Semmencherry.



Our Young Urban Women submitted petition regarding the lack of library to be located in Semmencherry, to build upper water tank to avoid water issues, drug abuse in Schools, upgrade the hospitals and to provide CCTV camera for women safety. Our Young Urban Women asking Mr. Aravind Ramesh, MLA for livelihood opportunities in Semmencherry. Because the shops have been maintained by the outside area

people where there is no opportunities for our people to keep their own shops. Young Urban Women suggested and requested to keep shops for them to create a better livelihood.

**ADVOCACY WITH STATE LEVEL WOMEN COMMISSION** Thozhamai along with Young urban women from Semmencherry Conducted **Human Rights day & 16 days of Activism of gender based violence on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. 30 Young urban Women submitted memorandum on

women and children safety in prevention of harassment from Community to **Ms. Kannagi packianathan, IAS (Retd) Chairperson of Tamilnadu State Commission for women**. They urged to take preventive measures to end violence against women in the community. The issues are mentioned below

The major issue of women faced in Semmencherry is they do not have clear idea of which district they actually belong to, due to this unstable condition, people face difficulty to proceed to the right Government office for availing pension, submission of petition and other corporation issues.

The Women Commission Chairman immediately called Chengalpet District Collector and addressed these issues immediately. The Women Commission Chairman addressed the issues to the officials and told to setup a counseling centre in Semmencherry. So that it will be helpful for women who are depressed due to their violence. The other issues like caste discrimination that leads to deprivation of education to the children.

The officer had a detailed discussion with the Thasildhar, District Collectors, and counseling units and also assured that once she will be visiting the community to receive the director petition from the community people.

#### **ADVOCACY WITH CRIME AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN WELFARE WING (POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Thozhamai along with Young urban women from Semmencherry Conducted **Human Rights day & 16 days of Activism of gender based violence on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. 30 Young Urban Women submitted memorandum on women and children safety in prevention of harassment from Community to Tmt.Jayalakshmi, IPS-Deputy commissioner of Police (Crime against children and women) on 10 December 2019

Representatives of the community placed their request to eradicate the hindrances such as

- lack of proper education to children
- women harassments of the road sides
- illegal distribution of drugs
- consumption of drugs by children



On the account of these issues, Ms. Jayalakshmi IPS addressed the problems immediately by implementing the **Safety Walk** project in the Semmencherry community, the project was about the survey on the livelihood of the community and also violence against women and children. This survey sheet had eight questions about the environmental maintenance, infrastructure, safety, schooling and education, police patrol this survey was taken by members of the Thozhamai to the general public of the community. From this survey the team was able to analysis the pathetic condition of the community where they lack in:

- Proper street lights
- Children deprive of education
- Safety for women and children
- Sanitation

On the submission of the survey to the IPS, the official assured for the safety for women and children and to eradicate the crime that takes place against women.

## **STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION**

### **1. Government ITI Perumbakkam**

Met Mr. Amarasan, Principal oriented about the courses available in the Perumbakkam Government ITI. The organization created awareness about people to join in the ITI. Rs.250 is the fees paid for Government ITI and to create skilled labour. The college has been created for Semmencherry and Perumbakkam community people.

#### **Courses offered in ITI**

- Hospital & Housekeeping
- Two wheeler & Three wheeler Mechanic
- Air Conditioner Mechanic
- Dye Making
- Welder

### **2. Thiruvallur Sangam**

The Thiruvallur sangam and the members addressed the problems faced in the community. And the lack of resources is in the community. Some of the Lack of resources are been mentioned below.

- Bus stop
- Disability Person environment friendly
- School Drop outs
- Gym
- Library

- Sports Development
- Park Maintenance
- Community hall
- TNSCB
- No Marriage Hall
- Burial Ground – No Space

### **3. Urban Health Centre**

**Dr. Sangeetha B.A.M.S, Medical officer AYUSH**, orientated about the problems in Semmencherry. She gave the measures to control the problems of

- Rape Case
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Single Parent Counselling
- Awareness to mothers about child safety
- Multiple Sex Partners
- Personal Hygiene
- Gender Discrimination
- SRHR
- Family Awareness
- Awareness on Stress relief
- 24\*7 hospital
- Awareness on First Aid

### **4. ICCW**

The ICCW teacher oriented about the needs of children in the centre.

- Government to undertake the private Anganwadi
- To give nutrition supplies to the children
- Play Material
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## **LOCAL NETWORK MEETING**

Local level network meeting conducted in Semmencherry Branch office. The main objective of the meeting is to ensure what are the gaps are missing in the community and how the local network can build a bridge between the people and networks. Many local networks like doctors, ICCW teachers, health department, other local NGO like Aware India, ICCW, Thiruvallur Sagam (Local sagam) and other groups like women, parents group participated in the meeting.

The community women explained what are the problems occurs because of the network and what are the things which is lacking in the community for that network officials answered to the community.

## OTHERS – STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

### CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR STAFF

Thozhamai conducted capacity building training for staffs in the organisation. The resource person Ms. Kanchanna and the training were conducted in the venue at Semmencherry office. The main objective of the capacity building training was focusing on challenges faced by the staff and personal sharing about the project.

### CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFFS - PHOTOGRAPHY

Staff Capacity building Training focusing on Photography the resource is Mr. Deepak from Negative Space who has 10 years experience in photography. He took his passion in photography and working in Cinema Field. The photography training topic is focusing on capturing Social and economical vulnerability of the people. All staffs participated in the training and the training focused on the basic camera rules. He also orientated about how to see a photograph without a commercial purpose. The photograph of the people should be original as it is and also we must not see the people as commercial because the political economy of the society is very poor comparing to other countries society. He taught the basic camera

which is

things



mentioned below.

#### 1. Aperture

- Exposure happens in three steps. We will start with the aperture. This is the hole inside the lens, through which the light passes.
- It's similar to the pupil of your eye: the wider the aperture, the more light is allowed in and vice versa.

- As the aperture widens, the f/number gets lower and more light is allowed into the camera. This is great for low light but be aware that it's going to make the depth of field very shallow – not ideal when taking landscapes.
- The aperture is the preferred setting to set first, as it directly influences how much of your scene is in focus. But, if you are looking to create motion blur, then it is second to the shutter speed. Exposure will be much easier if you can memorize the f/stop scale.

## **2. Shutter Speed**

- Once the light has passed through the aperture of the lens, it reaches the shutter. Now you need to decide how much of that light you're going to allow into the camera.
- Ordinarily, you only want a very small fraction of a second (for example 1/250) to prevent motion blur. However, different shutter speeds complement different situations.
- Anything from really fast (1/4000) for sports photography to really slow (30 seconds) for night photography. It all depends on what you're shooting and how much light you have available to you.
- Knowing how your shutter speed works is a key element in the basics of photography.

## **3. ISO**

- Once the light has passed through the aperture and been filtered by the shutter speed, it reaches the sensor. This is where we decide how to set the ISO.

## **STAFF TRAINING – TOPIC FOCUSING SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Training on Sexual Harassment at workplace conducted for staffs. The main objective of the training is to address the sexual harassment at workplace and how to handle sexual harassment. The training included the responsibility of ICC committee and Sections of the Indian Penal Code - Sexual harassment and Punishment for Sexual Harassment

## REVIEW MEETING WITH ACTIONAID

The meeting started with a brief introduction about the purpose of the meeting and clear agenda of the meeting. The meeting started by morning 11.45 am and ended by 4.30 pm. **Ms. Sunitha**, Programme Officer of Action Aid called off for the meeting to review the quarters and to plan the pending activities left in the budget. Ms. Kanchanna, Sponsorship Coordinator highlighted the main objective of the meeting and purpose of the meeting to the gathering. **Mrs. Sunitha**, Programme Officer from ActionAid and **Mrs. Kanchana**, Sponsorship Coordinator, **Ms. Ramya.K** Project Coordinator, **Ms. Mythili** Community Mobilizer, **Ms. Sumithra** Community Mobilizer and **Ms. Ramya.R**, Motivator were presented in the meeting.

### Agenda

1. Explaining the programme areas according to the community needs
2. The list of LRP Activities planned for the year 2019.
3. List of activities done so far and pending activities LRP.
4. List of Clear-cut Planning to do all the planned activities in the committed months with tentative dates.
5. To fix a goal and working according to the community needs
6. Analysing and reviewing the pending activities

**Ms. Sunitha, Programme Officer started** the meeting with a quick orientation of the agenda of gathering. And she started to orient about the programme areas of LRP project have to be done in Semmencherry which is mentioned below.

She oriented about those programme areas relating to Semmencherry issues mentioned in the Plan & Budget Document. And the age group of the members and group members were discussed and mentioned below.

S.no	Group	Age group	Total members
1	YUW	18- 29	320 (16 groups)
2	LRP Women group	All women	160 (8 groups)
3	Adolescent	13- 17	100
4	Children	8 - 12	150 (5 groups)

## CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR STAFFS

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Thozhamai conducted capacity building for staffs at Semmencherry Branch office. Motivators and LRP staffs participated in the training. Mr. Krishanan, CCRD, TOT have 25

years experience in street theatre and other folk artist, he was the resource person for the training. He oriented how to handle children in a polite manner and to conduct activities in children activity centre. The main objective of the training is to safeguard the children, ensure child rights and to handle children. He mentioned some of the rules should be followed in activity centre which is mentioned below.

1. Games & Learning

- Physical
- Mind relaxation
- Learning/highlight the points
- Concentration
- Togetherness
- Sharing

2. Song, Dance, Storytelling and role play

- Promote a correct story which can build their character in a good way
- Convey the message through song and story telling
- Create subject wise songs
- Child rights songs
- Improve creativity among children
- Encourage children to say creative story and sing songs
- Encourage Awareness song/folk dance

3. Sharing/Group sharing

- Encourage sharing among children
- Counselling

4. Health & Hygiene, Environment

- When the child is depressed the motivator have to give them counselling
- Encourage them to do yoga
- Personal hygiene
- Planting trees
- Encouraging kitchen garden

5. Life skills education

- Reading newspaper
- Giving debate for children
- Daily children have to update any news information at centre
- Gaining knowledge on social life
- Fact finding

6. Creativity

- Encouraging children to do draw creatively

- Painting
  - Arts & Crafts
  - News paper activities
  - Gathering new information
7. Communication skills
    - Communicating the information in a proper way
  8. Special activity
    - Extra circular activities
    - Street theatre
    - Dance
    - Playing sports
    - Swimming
    - Yoga
  9. Forming committee or sangam
    - Forming children committee to ensure the needs and wants
    - To identify their problems through the committee

#### **TRAINING ON LIFE SKILLS AND CAREER GUIDANCE**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Thozhamai Staff participated in Training on Life Skills and Career Guidance in Sneha Organization, Nagapatinam. Our staff has been attended the capacity training and gained knowledge about the Life Skills and Career Guidance which can be implemented in Children Activity Centre and in Adolescent Groups.

#### **The Achievements has been listed below**

- Through our continues effort of filling petition regarding lack of Post Office and now post office has been allotted in Semmencherry
- Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women Chairperson **Dr.Kannegi Packianathan, IAS** and legal advisor Visited Semmencherry and Interacted with young urban women and community people, the women submitted petition regarding Cemetery and smell of vermin compost pit. After the petition the vermin compost pit has been build as a closed space
- ITI - Government order passed the seats are only allocate for Semmencherry and Perumbakkam community
- Park has been renovated & Compost yard has been renovated
- Total 73 petitions and RTI has been filed by the Young Urban Association

- New bus (Tambaram bus, School bus for government school, Increase of Ladies special bus, Increase of Paris Bus)in the Community
- Response of Adolescent boys group has been active and taking class to their peer groups
- 7 of the girl children has been rejoined in the formal school with help of Thozhamai
- Around 3 child marriage has been stopped in Semmencherry
- 2 domestic violence has been addressed and 1 case has been linked with one stop crisis centre
- Total 16 women (8 women group, 8 young women group) group has been in LRP
- 4 Adolescent boys group and 4 adolescent girls group

### **TRAINING ON PETITION AND RTI FOR STAFF TEAM**

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 , the Thozhamai conducted a Training on drafting petition and RTI ( Right To Information) to the staffs, the resource person of this programme is Mr. Devaneyan ( the director of the Thozhamai)

He addressed about the two important things that needs every social worker, the first one is knowledge and another one is skills. Knowledge is something that through our studies we gain but skills grown only when we experiences it. Then he addressed about the perspectives and approaches

- The first is mercy based approach, the feudalism perspective is that so the people are live as a slaves
- Development based approach in this approach the government gave lot of incentives for the people wellbeing to improve the standard of living of the people
- The last approach is Right based one, this approach is person centric in nature, this type of approach help to live in a dignified manner.

Then he addressed about the emergences of the Human rights, in 1948, December 10, the Human Rights day was declared by UN, the human rights is contain four things that this is equal for all people and it's in separable, it is came by birth and it's limited because everybody have a equal rights but we do not destroy other person rights. The session is all about the knowledge that every professional social worker known about the rights of the people

An another session is all about the skills that every social worker needs

First he gave information on drafting petition there is a format also that contains details about how to write petition

The objective of the training is to know about the importance of evidence for an advocacy.

### **AWARENESS ON SOS APPLICATION – THOZHAMAI STAFFS & SCHOOL TEACHERS**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted Awareness on SOS Application for Thozhamai Staffs and School teachers in Governemnt High School Semmencherry. Ms. Gajalakshmi, Inspector, Crime against Children and women department was the resource person. She explained the procedure to use SOS, Kavalan Application in the mobile phones and gave us a demo regarding the application.

#### **How to use the Kavalan – SOS app?**

During an emergency, please press the SOS button on the home page. It will start a 5 second count down. After 5 seconds, the app will automatically send your current location along with a video from your back camera to the Kavalan team. Within a minute, the team will contact you. Simultaneously, your location will also be sent to your registered emergency contacts as an SMS alert.

### **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF**

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Thozhamai conducted Capacity Building for staffs. Thozhamai, branch office, Semmencherry. Mr. Peeti Rajan, Assistant professor Christ Arts and Science College. He orientated about the sponsorship training and how to maintain proper documentation. He trained how to do mobilising and rapport building among others in community

## ***YOUNG URBAN WOMEN***

### **WEBINAR (YUW)**

ActionAid conducted Feminist training through Webinar. Two young urban women from the community and the community mobilize participated in the feminist training. They even shared about feminist training to the co staffs in Thozhamai

### **ACTIONAID VISIT**

ActionAid staffs visited Thozhamai and they met Young urban women and they asked about the work which is done by Thozhamai. And we orientated about the work done in Thozhamai as project wise and they met the petty shops and young urban women.

## **INTERNATIONAL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY**

International Menstrual hygiene day is an annual awareness day to highlight the importance of good menstrual hygiene. Ms. Sumithra, Community Mobilizer is the resource person, who took over the session and educated the adolescent girls about the menstruation cycle and their needs. The main objective of the menstrual hygiene day is to women need to access to clean materials for menstrual hygiene.



## GOAL

### INTRODUCTION

The Goal Program was started in 2014 in Thozhamai Organization, Chennai. The program mainly focuses on adolescent girls to improve their Economic empowerment between the **age of 12 to 19**. This program was implemented in Schools and colleges to make awareness to adolescent girls. This program made many girls to achieve in sports field and also in life skills. Through life skill the adolescent girls became more strong and growing self confidence.

### 7th ONNC

The 7<sup>th</sup> ONNC match was conducted in Thiyagarajan stadium at Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, before the match we conducted the camp and gave netball practice to the players for 13 days. Those 13 days the players were worked hard along with Goal staff and the CSC's also came and played with the players, and said by they also had the opportunity to have match, and the parents were also supported well and visited the camp.

Every day 2 times we practiced the players that is **Morning (6.30am to 9.30am) & evening (2.30pm to 5.30pm)** with nutrition refreshments like Banana. After the camp the players were got ready for the match. Then the last day of the camp Mr.Devaneyan (Director), Mr.Balaji (Ad minor & Financier), & Mrs. Lilly (City coordinator) were met the players and talked about the Match and travel then they motivated, wished them for the match. **7th ONNC Match**

The ONNC match was conducted at New Delhi. Totally **10 participants, two coaches and one parent** were gone to the match. We started our travel at 10.30 pm at Chennai central on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and we reached New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at around 9.00am. After reaching we have done the registration session, and then we took rest. After some time the players had **Child Policy Protection (CPP)** session. In that session the players were from different places did the activity which was conducted by Naz Delhi CSC. Totally 18 teams from different state were came for the ONNC match. Then we all went for the India gate there we spent 40 minutes just for the relaxation. Again we came to the Hostel. Then we had the coaches meeting, in meeting we were discussed about the next two days plan, food timings, Match timings, Raising stars team and super star teams and all. Then we all had dinner and went o the bed. So the first was successfully gone. The next day 29<sup>th</sup> April was the first day of the match, it was started at



9.30am at Thiyagarajan stadium. On the first day we had match with three teams, we won two out of three. Then the next day we had match with four teams, and we won three out of four. At last the final we had the pre quarter match, we had match with two teams and we loosed with one team so we couldn't get placement, but this 7<sup>th</sup> ONNC match had the different experience to every player and coach.

After all these again we started our journey from Delhi central on 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30pm, travelled over one day then we had players' feedback and experience sharing in the train on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.00pm. Then next day 3<sup>rd</sup> May we reached Chennai central by 8.30am. Our journey was very successful with safety.

## SCOPING

During **April and May month** we started our scoping works for the Schools to conduct Goal program. And we collected the information about the schools and allotted separate file for the scoping details.



**Goal** NAZ

Checklist for Potential School Partners

Name of the institution/school:                      Name:                      Village:                     

Contact and reason for joining:                     

**SCHOOL**

Date of visit:                      /                      /                      (DD/MM/YYYY)

Represented by:                      (Name)                      (Designation)                      (Address)

1.1) Complete school address:                      (Pin)                      (State)                      (District)                      (Block)                      (Village)

1.2) Phone:                      (STD Code)                      (Number)

1.3) E-Mail:                      (School)                      (Domain)

1.4) Type of Institution (Boys/Girls/Co-Ed)

1.5) Section/Star

1.6) Size of Playground

1.7) Total Size of School

1.8) Grades Taught

1.9) Legal Status (Government / Aided / Self-Financing/Other)

**Notes:**

2.1) Academic Structure:

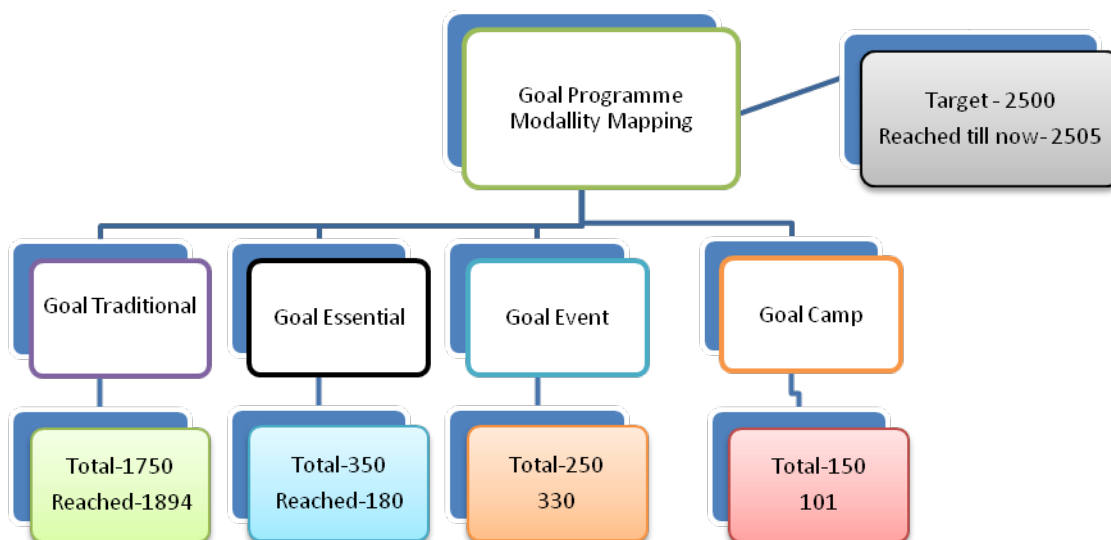
- Total Size of Whole School:
- Gender Ratio:
- Distribution of All Students:

Grades	Boys	Girls	Total
1-5			
6-8			
9-12			

Special comments:                     

## MODALITY & TARGET OF THE YEAR

The total target of this year (2019-2020) is **2500** and here you can find each modality and its target & reached.



## SITE LAUNCHES

### GOAL TRADITIONAL

This year (2019-2020) we have launched Goal traditional in 13 schools in Chennai and Kanchipuram districts. The Schools were based on **Private, Government, Management and CSI** based Schools. Her you can find the details.

S. No	Name of the School	Area	Strength	Old /New site	Launch date
1.	St. Joseph Hr. Sec. School	Vettuvankeni	232	Old	03-06- 2019
2.	Government Hr. Sec. School	Velachery	100	Old	06-06- 2019
3.	Government Hr. Sec. School	Thuraipakkam	119	Old	07-06- 2019
4.	C.S.I. Bishop Corrie Anglo-Indian Hr. Sec. School	Broadway	132	New	10-06- 2019
5.	Chennai Corporation Hr. Sec. School	Thiruvanmiyur	91	Old	14-06- 2019
6.	Government Hr. Sec. School	Kannagi Nagar	76	Existing site	02-07-2019
7.	Chennai Government Hr. Sec. School	Velachery	82	New site	11-07-2019
8.	CSI Monahan Hr. Sec School	Royapetta	255	New site	19-07-2019
9.	CSI Northwick Girls Hr. Sec School	Kalmandapam	176	New site	22-07-2019
10.	CSI St.Ebbas Girls Hr. Sec School	Mylapore	155	New site	23-07-2019
11.	Government Hr. Sec. School	Kannagi Nagar	76	Existing site	02-07-2019
12.	Chennai Government Hr. Sec. School	Velachery	82	New site	11-07-2019
13.	CSI Monahan Hr. Sec School	Royapettai	255	New site	19-07-2019



Launch @ St.Anne's Hr.Sec. School



Launch @ Kannagi Nagar



School



Launch @ St.Pius School, Perungudi  
**Goal Essential**

Launch @ CSI Bishop Corrie School

This year we have launched Goal Essential in **Mohammad Sathak College of Arts & Science on 19<sup>th</sup> September'19**. The total target of Essential is 350 but we have covered 180 only the balance target we covered in Goal Traditional.



Launch @ Mohammad Sathak College

### Goal Camp

Goal camp was launched at **Queen Mary's College, Marina on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Totally 101 students were participated. Total target of Goal camp is 150 now we have covered 101 only the balance target we covered in Goal event.



Camp Launch @ Queen Mary's College





Friendly Netball Match



Prize & Certificate distribution

## GBS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

### Volunteer Program @ Thoraipakkam Site

The GBS Volunteers program was conducted in Government Hr. Sec. School, Thoraipakkam on **6<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. Totally 70 volunteers were came to the program and 230 Goal participants (112 from 9<sup>th</sup> standard), (118 from 8<sup>th</sup> standard) were participated in the program. The program was started at 9.30am, first the volunteers had friendly netball match with old goal participants for half an hour and then with CSC, after the match the volunteers were divided the goal participants into eighteen groups and each topics to each group. The topics are here

- Social media
- Use of plastics
- Peer pressure
- Unhealthy food habits
- Traffic rules
- Financial management



Each group did many activities like Drama, dance, chart presentation, songs relate to the topics. And they all had group discussion, after all these the prizes were distributed the participants. The prize holders were selected based on team presentation, creative thinking, Team coordination and No. of participants. The 1st & 2nd prize was Jute bag and 3rd prize was Tiffin box. After all these the lunch were distributed to all. The goal participants were enjoyed lot and learned more.

#### **Volunteer Program @ St.Anne's School, Broadway**

The GBS Volunteer program was conducted in St. Anne's Girls Hr. Sec. School at Broadway on 31<sup>st</sup> August'19. **Totally 83 participants, 95 volunteers and 13 goal staffs** were participated in the program. Volunteer has conducted the activity based on **Note book Making**. Volunteers were taught how to make new note books with using recycle papers and the participants also made some of the notebooks by themselves, and we the goal staffs also made some note books. The participants were enjoyed of making notebooks. So after the activity the refreshments and Lunch was distributed the participants.



#### **Volunteer Program @ St.Anne's School, Royapuram**

**GBS** has conducted the volunteer program activity based on **Note book making** at St.Annes's Girls Hr. Sec School at Royapuram on 5<sup>th</sup> October'19. Totally 200 volunteers, 180

adolescent girls, 6 School staffs were participated in the program. Each volunteers took each student, each group was given charts papers, pencils, recycle papers, sketches, sizzers and so on, each group made the new note book and each students made 10 note books using recycle papers, and drawn a picture and decorated them with colors. Finally, the program ended with lunch



### GBS Volunteer Interschool Match & Life skill

GBS has conducted the Interschool netball match & Life skill group activity on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The netball was conducted at Ashok pillar, **totally 190 students were participated 180 from 13 schools and 10 from sevalaya team** in Senior & Junior level and Life skill were conducted Standard Chartered Bank at Nungambakkam, **totally 460 participants were participated from Royapuram, Thiruvanmitur, Thoraipakkam, Perungudi** and conducted group activity **based on Life skill learning**. And old Netball, Goal staff (Prem, Sharmila, Priya), Ms.Thilaga from Naz were act as an umpire. In netball the students were enjoyed played and gave tough competitions. Ms.Rachana (Partnership coordinator) from Naz has joined with us in the events. In netball in the **senior level** the **Thiruvanmiyur** School has won the **1<sup>st</sup> place** & Sevalaya has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In junior level **St.Pius** school (new site) has won the **1<sup>st</sup> place**,

**2<sup>nd</sup> place St.Joseph school, 3<sup>rd</sup> place CSI Monahan School (new site).** In life skill the students were divided into 18 groups each group had 2 volunteers each group had discussed about what the goal participants were learned in the Goal program. They all were drawn a picture, created and collected the words related to life skill from their learning using stationary materials. The volunteers were also very friendly and comfort with the participants. After all these the participants were cut the cake and celebrated the children's day. Finally both Netball & Life skills were ended with lunch and happy moments. Here you can find the teams of senior, Junior.



**Life Skill Activity**



**Netball Match Began**



**Netball Match**



**Prize Distribution**

### **Volunteers program @ St.Pius School, Perungudi**

GBS has conducted the volunteer program based on Pin the trash on the trash can at St.Pius school, Perungudi on 4<sup>th</sup> December'19. Totally 132 goal participants, 16 volunteers, were participated in the program. Mainly two visitors had come to our program they were Mr.Mark Demon (GBS Financial head of Singapore) from Singapore & Mr.Sanjairao (GBS Financial head of Chennai) both were visited our site and joined with students did activity along with the students. The students were divided into 3 groups and the volunteers made them to do activity chart works, drama based on the using trashes. Finally, the students presented their preparations before the school Principal and teachers. Then volunteers thanked and left the school around 12.45pm.



## NAZ TEAM VISITS

### Naz Goal Team Visited the Site

**Ms.Kalyani (Goal Director), Ms.Rachana (Partnership coordinator)** from Delhi has visited the Chennai Goal sites on **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August**. On 13<sup>th</sup> August they visited the St. Anne's Girls Hr. Sec School at Broadway; they have looked the ground and had interaction with School Head Mistress about the Goal programs. On 14<sup>th</sup> August they visited St.Pius Matriculation Hr. Sec. School at Perungudi, on that day the topic was **all passes recap**. They observed the sites and how the goal participants are playing netball passes and all, then they observed how the staff's session delivery. After the visiting they back to the Thozhamai Office and had meeting with Chennai Goal Staffs, we discussed about volunteer programs, International Child Day celebration with 2000 goal participants and all.

Discussion about Goal Program @  
St.Anne's Girls School, Broadway



Team Meeting regarding upcoming events  
@Adyar Office



Site visit @ St.Pius School, Perungudi on 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 2019.

## Naz team meeting

**Ms.Rachana (Partnership Coordinator) & Ms.Thilaga (Sports coach)** had meeting with Chennai goal team on **17<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at Adyar office totally 4 CSC, 5 staffs were in the meeting, the team were discussed about the tricks and ideas on how to deliver the life skill sessions, the most important topics like **Menstruation, Bodies Emotions sexuality, violence, rights and so on** and also mock session was conducted by Goal staff Ms.Ranjani and also discussed about monthly call after meeting they have visited the **CSI Monahan site on 17<sup>th</sup> October'19**. That day the topic was **Menstruation**. Since it was the sudden visit so CSC was not available on that day, so the staffs only handled the sessions in theory manner and because of some interruption we couldn't able to cover or deliver the topic properly.

**Ms.Rachana&Ms.Thilaga** had visited the **St.Pius School on 18<sup>th</sup> October**. On that day the goal staff Mr.Prem (senior coach), Ms.Sharmila (coach), Ms.Ranjani, Ms.Priya (Junior coach) has divided the goal participants and recapped the passes. After the visit Ms.Rachana sent the audit form, in that they mentioned many mistakes like what we did in the sites? After that we discussed and prepared to correct our corrections.

The Next day Ms.Thilaga has given Netball training to the Chennai Goal Staff (5) and CSC (5) on **19<sup>th</sup> October 2109** at Besant nagar. She taught How to play Dodge, shadowing, Interception, in what way we must teach to the students, and she covered and made clear almost all the areas in Netball sessions.



Team Meeting With Naz Team Ms.Rachana & Ms.Thilaga



Netball Practice @ Besant Nagar ground.

### NAZ SWOT ANALYSIS

**Ms.Kalyani (Director-Goal),Ms.Cocky (Impact Manager),Ms.Rachana (Partnership coordinator)** has came for SWOT analysis on **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Ms.Kalyani, Ms.Cocky, Ms.Rachana, Mr.Devaneyan-Director, Mr.Balaji-Accountant & Thozhamai Goal team (6 staffs 8 CSC's)** had attend this meeting. The meeting based on group activity about Goal program. First they asked about the positive and negative parts of the Program. And they made us to 3groups,gave activity based on program related like **Planning,Implementation**. Then we find the problems and also prepared solutions to the problems.



## Peer Leader Workshop

### Peer leader one day workshop



Peer leader workshop has conducted on **24<sup>th</sup> September'19** at CSI Monahan School. Totally **32 peer leaders** were participated from 13 Schools. We taught important life skill **Peer pressure, Good leadership, Menstruation, Child Protection Policy & netball (Pivot, Netball position, Ball handling)** to the peer leaders with lunch, finally we had

friendly netball match within peer leaders and Goal team.



## Capacity Building Training

### Life Skill training

The CSC **Life skill Training** was conducted weekly thrice in a month at Adyar office. The topic **BE YOURSELF, BE HEALTHY, BE EMPOWERMENT & BE MONEY SAVE** was taken by **Staffs** Each one took each topic and taught with the practical manner with needed equipments. And also they conducted the CSC games for the each topic. The CSC's were also learned easily. Then the CSC were also conducted the topics with CSC games.



### Netball Training

The Netball Training was conducted to the CSC on every Saturday at Besant Nagar Ground. The CSC's were learned the **Passes, Pivot, Netball Positions, Netball Theory, Shooting, Running and sprinting**. The training was given under Mr.Prem (Senior Coach) along with goal staffs. They gave practice to the CSC's with needed equipments and made the **CSC's to do the new game also**.

### Sales force Training

The sales force training was conducted to the CSC's on **12th June 2019** at Adyar office. Totally 8 CSC's & 5 Staffs were participated in the training. Mrs. Lilly were taught how to upload the participants information and baseline information in the sales force. The CSC also learned and uploaded the baseline and participants information in the Sales force.



### Training on Children Parliament

The training on Children parliament was conducted by Nine is Mine foundation from **30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at Chetpet**. In this training many NGO's, School Departments, Child care departments were participated. And also behalf of Thozhamai Ms. Martina & Ms. Priya were participated. We learned lots of articles, rights of the child and they have conduct many activities, games so through these they taught how to handle the children, how should be the Private or Government school and Nine is Mine showed the demonstration for how to start Children parliament. Even though it was demonstration but it seems to real children parliament.

### Life skill training

**Ms.Rachana** (Partnership coordinator), **Ms.Janani** (Program Associate) from Naz, Delhi & Ms.Martina (Program Officer) from Thozhamai, Chennai has given Life skill training to Sevalaya's goal staffs on **22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019** at Sevalaya. Totally 7 staffs were participated in the training. The topics were **Menstruation, Wants and needs, the story of violence, breaking the silence**. Ms.Rachana & Ms.Janani took theory class and Ms.Martina has conducted the CAC game for thosetopics. Even I also learned deeply about Menstruation.



## State & District Level Matches

### State level netball match

The Alumni and present goal students were gone to the **5<sup>th</sup> state level netball match** under-14, **17, 19 on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October'19 at Madurai**. Totally 10 Players (8 students, 2 CSC), 3 staffs (Mr.Prem Kumar (senior coach), **Ms.Sharmila (coach)**, **Ms. Ranjani (Junior coach)**) were gone along with the students. The players were played well and got selected under-14 & 17. **Ms.Jayasree** from **Thiruvanniyur** school got selected under-17, **Ms.Amirtha** from St.Raphael's got selected under-14 state level netball and they all went to trichy for camp from there they are moving to Punjab for the Netball match.



## **SGFI Netball Match**

The state level netball selection for Under – 14,17,19 was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Perabalur. Totally 15 Goal participants were participated. In this Match 2 Goal participants were selected for Under – 14, and 1 selected for Under – 17, and again 2 selected for Under – 19.



## **Monthly Review Meeting**

Monthly review meeting will be conduct every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Semmencherry. In the meeting all staffs and CSC would their Challenges, success and events that happened in the site in the previous month. After the meeting we will have planning meeting and discussion about upcoming events for the next week.

## **OTHER NETWORKING PROGRAM**

### **Puppet Show training**

The puppet show training was conduct from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2109 to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2109 at Katankulathur. Ms. Aruna was participated in this training behalf of Thozhamai organization. She learned how to make toys for dance and many activities. Awareness was also given through this training. And she conducted those activities to the Thozhamai staffs.

### **Training on Children parliament**

The training on Children parliament was conducted by Nine is Mine foundation from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at Chetpet. In this training many NGO's, School Departments, Child care departments were participated. And also behalf of Thozhamai Ms. Martina & Ms. Priya were participated. We learned lots of articles, rights of the child and they have conduct many

activities, games so through these they taught how to handle the children, how should be the Private or Government school and Nine is Mine showed the demonstration for how to start Children parliament. Even though it was demonstration but it seems to real children parliament.

### Training on Hygiene With Chhota Bheem

Hygiene with Chhota Bheem training was conducted on **3<sup>rd</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> July** at Egmore, the training was based on **How to use toilets and How to wash our hands cleanly**. Totally 35 participants were participated from different NGO's, Organizations and Health centres. Behalf of Thozhamai Ms.Martina celes has participated in the training. These 4 days we learned about health and hygiene.



### Pinkathon

Pinkathon was conducted on **4<sup>th</sup> August** 2019, at Theevu Thidal. Totally **8 CSC's and 2 staffs** were participated in the Pinkathon. This Pinkathon was conducted to give awareness for Brest cancer. Everyone ran for 3kms. After running they all had refreshments and back to their homes.





### Half Marathon

Half Marathon was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Olcott School, Besant Nagar. In this Marathon totally **119 goal participants from St.Pius school, 5 from goal alumni, 7 CSC's and 6 goal staffs** were participated. Everyone ran for 5kms and also received medals for completion, after this we all had break first there and return.S

### CWDR program

CWDR has conducted the program based on Menstruation, My body My rights. Totally 30 alumni were participated in the program along with Goal staff on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Besant Nagar. We all shouted for the **free Napkins & clean toilets in the schools**. After the program we gave netball practice to the students at Besant beach.



### OTHERS

#### Anti child labour day

Anti child labor day awareness program was conducted to the CSC at Adyar office on 12th June 2019 and we were discussed about child labor, child marriage and also what are the solutions and how we should band the child labor.

#### Muhammad Sathak college donated the plants to Tree bank

Thozhamai organization has gave 500 saplings to Muhammad Sathak College, the students of the that college has made it grow and brought them as a plants now these plants are donated to the Tree bank on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

### **Formation of Netball club in community**

Thozhamai were planned to start the Netball club in community level for this we scoped the semmencherry community and we gathered 25 girls. Ms.Ranjani gave netball practice to those 15 students from 13<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May from 8.00am to 9.30am at community. Now, totally 25 students are coming for the regular practice.

### **Banking Course Graduation**

Banking course graduation was conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2109 at Standard Chartered Bank, Nungambakkam. Totally 28 students were participated in the Graduations. **Ms.Janani (Program Associate) and Ms.Rachana (Partnership coordinator)** were come to the graduation. The students were shared their course experience an finally they received certificates.

### **Research on SRHR from Koel & Anna from Australian:**

**On 6<sup>th</sup> September** Mrs.Anna – public health researcher & Ms.Koel-designer has visited the Thiruvannamiyur site and they met Old goal participants had interaction with them about **Menstrual hygienic, Reproductive changes in our body, Emotions, pressures** that faced by them then discussed about when and How they learned about Menstrual Hygiene, then the participants shared their problems that faced in childhood days. After discussion with participants then they had a small interview with School Assistant Head Mistress Ms. Ebciba from thiruvannamiyur , with her also discussed about student's behaviors and changes from them and also talked about how goal program is useful to the students.

**On 7<sup>th</sup> September** they came to Thozhamai Office at Adyar and had discussion with CSC's & Staffs about same Menstruation, health hygiene, women power, freedom, fights faced during childhood and so on. And **Mrs.Anna & Ms.Koel** also shared their childhood experience. That day we had a good moments and chance to go back our childhood days.

### **International Youth day celebration**

International youth day celebration was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> August at Mohammed Sathak College. Totally nearly 500 women students and Thozhamai staffs were participated in the program. Then the Stella Maris College students were enacted the street play based on Women's rights and freedom. And Ms. Sundharavalli has given motivational talk to the students and inspired all.

# **Media, Young people and Celebrity Engagement for EVAC & ECD in Tamilnadu**

## **A Report**

**15 June 2019 – 29 February 2020**

The following are the highlights of the Media, Young people and Celebrity Engagement for EVAC & ECD in Tamilnadu for the above mentioned period.

- **Planning meet for formation of UNICEF ON CAMPUS CLUB at Stella Maris College on 24 June, 12 July and 24 July 2019.**
- **Movie Screening and Panel discussion on Period “End of Sentence” with US consult at Sathyam cinemas on 31 July 2019.**
- **Inauguration of UNICEF ON CAMPUS CLUB at Stella Maris College on 1 August 2019.**
- **Street Play on violence against children at Mohammed Sathak College by UOC team of Stella Maris College on 7 August 2019 & Campaign against child marriage at Semmencherry by UNICEF Youth Advocates on 24 of August 2019.**
- **CRC@30 & Ending violence against children (EVAC), Trisha celebrity advocate interacts with Youth Advocate for children (YA4C) of Stella Maris College 28 August 2019.**
- **Field visit - Children Sangam and women interaction with Trisha, Unicef celebrity advocate at AIR Site on 29 August 2019**
- **South Asia Parliamentarian Platform for children conference at Columbu, Srilanka on 2 & 3 September 2019.**
- **Interaction program on exploring UNICEF ON CAMPUS CLUB for UOC members at Stella Maris College on 21 September 2019.**
- **Media Round table discussion on CRC@30 at GRT Hotel, Chennai on 26 September 2019.**

- **Paintathon – A participative program on wall painting about children education at Perumbakkam and Medavakkam Anganwadi on 27 September 2019.**
- **Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members organized the following activities on 15 October 2019**
  - *Campaign on Child Trafficking at Stella Maris college*
  - *Participative program on wall painting for UOC members conducted by Arunodhaya at Government Primary School, R.R.Nagar, Korukkupet.*
  - *Interaction programme for 15 Students and 3 Professors from Private College, Santa Barbara, U.S. at Stella Maris College, Chennai.*
- **Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS – Youth Advocate for Children performed Oyil dance and Street theatre on 16 October 2019 for rescued Bonded Labor by International Justice Mission.**
- **Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had Off- Campus Visit to International Justice Mission on 18 October 2019 for UOC club members.**
- **Amplifying Voice of Adolescents and Young people for Child rights for Youth Advocate for Children (YA4C) at Society of Peace, Yercaud, Salem on 11-13 November 2019**
- **In Commemoration of World Children's day on 20 November 2019 Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS – Youth Advocate for Children performed Street Theatre on Child rights at the following places**
  - *Don Bosco Beatitudes, Vysarpadi on 20 November 2019*
  - *Villivakam Railway Station as part of inaugurating the Child Line helpdesk by Myrtle, Social Welfare Trust, Perambur.*
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Soka Ikeda College, Chennai on 26 November 2019**
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 3 December 2019**

- **Media Round table to end child marriage and violence against children at Press Club, Coimbatore on 4 December 2019**
- **Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had off-Campus Visit to Aid India, Chennai on 7 December 2019.**
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children for UOC members of Stella Maris College, Chennai on 17 December 2019**
- **Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had off-Campus Visit to Deputy Commissioner office, Chennai on 9 & 10 January 2020**
- **Movie Screening on “V1 murder case” at four frames preview theatre, Chennai on 13 January 2020.**
- **Media Round table to end violence against children at SOS Children Village, Nagapattinam on 23 January 2020**
- **Orientation for Women Journalists from Chennai to end violence against children at Unicef office, Chennai on 4 February 2020**
- **Photo Journalism Workshop on protecting the child rights for UOC members of Stella Maris College, Chennai on 7 February 2020**
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at AMET – Academy of Maritime Engineering training, Chennai on 17 February 2020**
- **State level festival “Negizhchi, Student Forum20” on 'Atcham Thavir' at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 19 February 2020**
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 20 February 2020**
- **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Patrician College, Chennai on 28 February 2020**

**Planning meet for formation of UNICEF ON CAMPUS CLUB at Stella Maris College on 24 June, 12 July and 24 July 2019.**

Three planning meeting was conducted for launching Unicef on Campus club at Stella Maris college on 24 June, 12 July and 24 July 2019. The student leadership council of YA4C UOC club from Stella Maris College are below

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>Tryphena Persis</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Deborah Lakshna Roopavathy</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>Jenita Evangeline</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Raebeca Shirley</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Zerlin Cindrella</b>	<b>Manager – Campaign</b>
<b>Bala Gowri</b>	<b>Manager – Membership</b>
<b>Annette Hawela Joseph</b>	<b>Manager – Ideation and Facilitator</b>

- The activities to be carried out by the Youth Advocates were clearly outlined. The inputs to be given to the Youth Advocates in terms of guest sessions, workshops and discussions were put forth. The role of Youth Advocates in promoting awareness and sensitization inside campus was discussed.
- UOC has been formally inaugurated by Principal Dr.Sr. Rosy Joseph. Please find the information in the following weblink  
<http://stellamariscollege.edu.in/clubs>
- Orientation training for of Youth Advocates is to be conducted on 1 August 2019.
- The orientation training will be given to under graduate students of the Social Work department. The students will form teams and will orient students from other departments.
- Membership enrollment for UOC will commence and a student leadership council will be created for the smooth conduct of affairs of the UOC.

- A detailed plan for the commemoration of the International Child rights Day during November will be worked out with the student team from UOC.
- A few activities that were planned:
  1. A Selfie Stand which promotes awareness on Child Rights issues will be put up in campus. The issues would be changed on a monthly basis.
  2. Display of posters on child rights.
  3. Youth Advocates being encouraged to create Slogans.
  4. Youth Advocates to be given Caps and T-Shirts with the UNICEF Logo. They will provide information and awareness to other students on child rights issues during breaks and other appropriate times.

**Clubs:**

- Anuchut Club
- Sharada Mandiram
- Classical Dance
- Dhanini Club
- Dramatist Club
- Envoys Club Activities
- Event Management Club
- Folk Dance Club
- French Club
- Light Music Club
- Mime & Street Theatre Club
- Photography Club
- Quiz, Debate and Current Affairs
- Rotaract Club
- Sanskrit Club - Kalahri
- Debateskops
- **UNICEF ON CAMPUS Club**
- Western Dance Club
- Western Music Club

**UNICEF ON CAMPUS CLUB**

The club was officially flagged off on 19 October 2018. Dr. St. Rose Joseph, from Principal, Stella Maris College unveiled the Logo for the Club. Prior to this ground work had been carried out by faculty advisors, student ambassadors and student volunteers. Guidance has been provided by the UNICEF representatives, Faculty advisors and representatives from Non-Government Organizations like Theodhami. A Counter on Campus, for registering volunteers and members enables reporting and gaining awareness.

The Clubs motto is *Wise for the World*. To create awareness about Child right issues through awareness programmes in order to bring about change in society is the major goal.

Its objectives are to involve youth students (in exhibitions, talks, support programmes), organize awareness campaigns (in schools and colleges), focus on semester goals, child labour, sexual abuse, education, and prepare to handle life situations (in schools).

**Proposed Activities:**

1. Exhibitions
2. Competitions (elocution, poster making, water painting, song writing etc)
3. Photo booth on various issues
4. Debates and workshops
5. Ambulation in school and College separately
6. Data and interactive sessions by students
7. Street plays
8. Teacher orientation as schools
9. Workshops for parents of school children
10. Celebrating International days with respect to children

**Target Groups:**

1. Sakamandir Primary School, TNagar
2. Sakamandir Mission Shreevathi Vidyalaya
3. Angam School, Choolaimedu
4. St. Michael Primary School
5. Kaveri Primary School, Seligmanam
6. Ramalinga Mission Middle School, Vindavaram
7. Annabai Ursu Club Middle School, Seligmanam
8. V/S Primary School, Kodambakkam
9. Saranyam High School, G.M. Chetty Road
10. Chennai Higher Secondary School, Perambur

**Student Coordinators:**

1. Haripriyadarshini, 11 year BDN
2. Vinitha, 11 year MBN
3. Ananya Jaha, 11 year BDN
4. Karthika, 11 year BDN
5. Vigneshwari, 11 year MBN
6. Arin Saha, 11 BA History and Tourism
7. Karan Justina Roy, 11 BA History and Tourism
8. Keerthana K, 11 BA History and Tourism

Faculty advisors are drawn from the Department of Social Work and the Departments of History and Tourism.

***UNICEF on Campus programme updated in Stella Maris College website***

**Movie Screening and Panel discussion on “Period - End of sentence” associated with US consulate, Netflix, UNICEF and SPI Cinemas on 31 July 2019.**

On the 31 July 2019, Annette Haveela Joseph from Social work department of Stella Maris College was invited to speak in a panel discussion which was jointly organized by the US Consulate, Netflix, UNICEF and SPI Cinemas. The panel discussion was to follow a movie screening in SPI Cinemas, Royapettah. The award winning movie ‘Period – End of sentence’ was screened. The movie is about a group of women from a small village who installed a pad making machine to stop unhealthy menstrual product use.

The movie also covers the strong stigma attached to menstruation and how the rest of their community reacts to speaking up. After the movie was screened the panel discussion – which was moderated by Mr. MoulikBerkana, Acting Public Affairs officer, US Consulate General, Chennai – began.

Joining me on the panel as panelists was:

- Ms. Julia Burleson, a Public health student from Johns Hopkins Univ., Maryland.
- Mr. Krishnamurthy. S, Executive director, India NGO.
- Mr. Sugata Roy, Communications Specialist, UNICEF – Tamil Nadu and Kerala

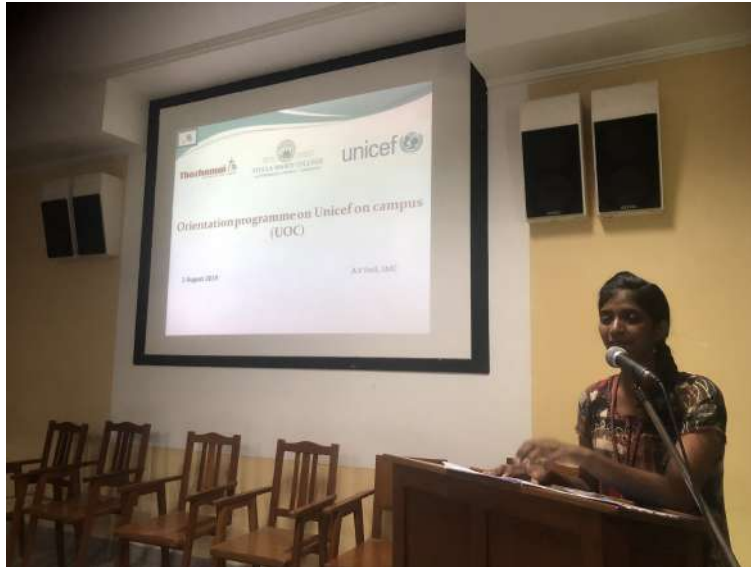
Each of us spoke about our role in eradicating issues pertaining to Menstrual hygiene, such as lack of awareness, lack of proper sanitary products etc.,. I got the opportunity to speak about how as a student of Social work and a Youth advocate for children, I could contribute towards making the environment safer for women and girl children when it comes to menstruation. I spoke about how, during field work visits to schools, we as students have organized and conducted programs on menstrual hygiene to girl children. Also about how, in Co-educational school settings, we addressed the boys as to how it’s important to respect what women in their families as well as their female student counterparts are going through.

I also spoke about how every time the session ends, there have been students who come up and tell us how much confident they've become now about talking on menstrual hygiene and also how they will take care of themselves from there on. It was a platform for me to voice my ideas and plans toward reaching out to unaware female population in highly rural areas. Through this event I had the opportunity to collaborate with members of the US embassy, prominent media personalities and also the founder family of a prominent transport company for future work endeavors. Also I was self analyze and come up with ideas to create a healthier and safer sanitation facility filled life for rural women. Overall it was a great opportunity for me to share my experience in promoting healthy sanitary education and also to speak about how I was able to break the taboo, if not at a big level, but at least in the smaller part of the community.



## **Inaugural orientation programme of UNICEF on Campus (UOC) Club at Stella Maris College on 1 August 2019**

***The orientation programme begun with journey of YA4C since 2018 :***



This depicted the work put in before the formation of the club primarily by the office bearers of UOC from 2018 as of now when they were a part of UNICEF and social work students.

- The Yercaud Trip as introduced by Jenita was the beginning of their journey in May 2018 where they were a part of UNICEF and learnt more about child rights, child sexual abuse, cyber crime and tried to device an action plan.
- The RGNIYD as introduced by Annette was a youth forum to depict their work and understanding to bring changes at policy levels to policy makers on SDG's, education, WASH and safety etc.
- The Workshop on social media by Arushi Dutt as introduced by Jenita showed them to protect themselves and others from child violence and prevention of abuse on cyber levels.
- The visit to Santi Bhavan as introduced by Bala marked the journey of 60 + girls understanding sex education and menstrual hygiene by effective communication and puppetry.

- The host performance in Unnathi Forum in Stella in October 2018 as introduced by Deborah brought home the messages of gender inequality, child safety, protection and need for development.
- The TED Talk by Tryphena introduced by Tryphena marked a personal and group landmark due to online viewership. The speech was on CSA in schools and need for protection in Delhi in November, 2018.
- The Interactive session with child protection officers of Unicef was introduced by Annette in December, 2018. They were open to newer ideas, solutions and accepted the creativity and need to change.
- The Youth Symposium on ending child marriage in 12 February 2019 as introduced by Bala Gowri and Zerlin had their participation as panelists and street theatre actors to drive across the message of ill effects of early marriage and social and legal consequences of the same.
- Period - The end of sentence as introduced by Annette held the message of menstrual hygiene representing India. There was a panel discussion in which Annette was a panelist along with Mr.Sugata Roy, Unicef, Mr. Krishnamurthi, India NGO, and a student from John Hopkins after a documentary on the status quo in hapur District.

Mr Devaneyan Arasu,  
Director, Thozhamai - He  
addressed the gathering on  
the technical issues of child  
safety including issues of  
child abuse, child violence,  
child labour and child  
marriage. He also



emphasized on UNICEF and Youth advocates to be taken oath to be taken for lifetime as a responsible adult. The need of Youth Advocate begins with the powerlessness, voicelessness of children and to make every society a child centric, rights-based society.

Mr. Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist, UNICEF- He

addressed the gathering about the SDG's of 2030 and how the 17th goal is partnership with others. He spoke about the failure of MDG's and the lack of youth participation. He spoke about the need to improve

supply chain management in information and sanitation facilities. He delivered the message of becoming change makers and understanding bullying, violence, being kind and cyber security.



Sr. Lourthu Mary, Head, Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College, Patron of UOC - She talked about UOC being a pilot and pet project of Stella Maris College. She brought forward the idea of working in small groups to achieve more and raising our voice for the voiceless.



Ms. K. Vijayalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work (UG) gave an outline on designing a plan of Action for UOC. We were asked to split into smaller groups and devise a suitable plan of action to implement as the UOC in Stella and outside.



- a. The first group presented their ideas on informing the students about cyber security, RTI and putting across a petition for online safety.
- b. The second group presented their ideas of representing the marginalized communities such as transgenders and LGBTQA + community and effective solutions to end child violence.
- c. The third group presented their ideas of improving strategies of good parenting and promoting gender equality.
- d. The fourth group presented their ideas on creating safe spaces from workplace harassment, bringing awareness and moderating discussions on this topic in and out of Stella.
- e. The fifth group presented their ideas on helping spread the message of abuse and voice out bullying and sexual abuse with effective communication thereby removing stigmatisation and stereotyping.
- f. The sixth group presented their ideas on developing anonymous support groups funding a child and social media literacy.
- g. The seventh group presented their ideas on ending child marriage, and celebrating children for their innocence.
- h. The eighth group presented their ideas on bringing forward support groups, education forums, teaching creative art therapies and funding or referring children for education.
- i. The ninth group presented their ideas on ending child violence in schools by bridging communication and ending stereotypes, child marriages and empowerment by educating.



**Street Play on violence against children at Mohammed Sathak College by UOC team of Stella Maris College on 7 August 2019 & Campaign against child marriage at Semmencherry by UNICEF Youth Advocates on 24 August 2019.**

This Campaign against CHILD MARRIAGE was organised by Ms. Shirley pursuing her second year Post graduation at the Department of Social Work. Ms. Shirley is undergoing herfield work training with THOZHAMA! working for the marginalised communities at Semmencherry.



Child Marriage is one of the rampant social problems found in Semmencherry which is a resettlement and rehabilitation project created by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. People who were earlier living in slums in various parts of Chennai have been relocated to the tenement houses in Semmemcherry.

The UNICEF ON CAMPUS, Stella Maris College is a club that works to sensitise people by creating awareness on issues, abuses and violence faced by children. The Youth Advocates sensitise people through social media and other conventional mediums like the street theatre.

Youth Advocates along with a few students pursuing their first year under graduation in social work performed street theatre on the theme of "Violence caused to Children by Child Marriage" at Mohammed Sathak College on 7 August 2019 in view of International Youth day and two places at Semmencherry on 24 August 2019.

Around 100 residents of Semmencherry were exposed to the problems caused by Child Marriage. The Youth Advocates were appreciated for their sincerity and creativity by the audience. Many young women and mothers in the audience also expressed their views on the problems of child marriage and felt inspired to take action against Child marriage in their families and communities.



Students who performed street play:

Ms. Deborah LakshnaRoopavathy, III yr BSW/Vice-President, UOC, Trainer – Street theatre, Ms. Varsha, I BSW, Ms. Mary Priscilla, I BSW, Ms. Raga Priya, I BSW, Ms. Sharmila, I BSW, Ms. Vijayakumari, I BSW, Ms. Nithya Devi, I BSW, Ms. Mercy, I BSW, Ms. Brinda, I BSW

Faculty accompanying Students: Ms. K. Vijayalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College.

**Youth Advocates Interactive Programme with Ms. Trisha Krishnan Celebrity Advocate, Unicef on CRC@30 years “End Violence Against Children at Stella Maris college on 28 August 2019**

UNICEF on Campus Club, the Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College, THOZHAMAI - Solidarity for Rights in partnership with UNICEF conducted the celebration of United Nation’s Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 - CRC@30 and commemoration of the theme “Ending Violence against Children (EVAC)” at Stella Maris College.

***Youth Advocates* interacted with Ms. Trisha, Celebrity Advocate of Unicef, on various initiatives taken by them such as:**

- i) spreading awareness on gender equality among school children
- ii) peer education in colleges and neighborhood
- iii) using street theatre as a medium to spread awareness on child rights in developmental areas and
- iv) Educating girl children on menstrual hygiene and child marriage.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms.Trisha Krishnan stressed the need to uphold UNCRC for the rights of all children as it has been a very slow progress in the area of Child rights. In response to a few questions related to child rights were posed to her by *Youth Advocates*, Ms. Trisha answered with enthusiasm and fact. During the session, Ms. Trisha issued certificates to students who had successfully completed the online course on the topic “**Child Rights and Why They Matter**” hosted by AGORA (AGORA is a free portal offering tailored learning solutions to UNICEF's staff, partners and supporters and is UNICEF's global hub for learning and development)

## **10 points on Youth Advocates are taking initiatives to End Violence against Children**

1. We perform street plays and skits on the various violence children faces. We use these skits as a form of peer education and to create awareness on various issues that children face.
2. We have started the UNICEF on Campus club to bring the students together to mobilize on the issues faced by children. Through this club we have oriented over 200 students of the college on EVAC. We plan to get more students in this club to create a large group of students who will raise their voice for children.
3. We as the students of the Social Work Department visit various schools in the vicinity and speak about gender equality and child abuse. After we speak to the kids they almost tend to open to us on the various problems they face.
4. We have started a campaign against child marriage at Semmenchery, a relocation colony in Chennai. We plan to go there regularly and perform skit against ill effects of child marriage and do more awareness drives as Semmenchery is considered to be a place for a lot of anti-social activities.
5. We the Youth Advocates conducted an elaborate program on Health and Hygiene for the children staying in Perumbakkam Resettlement Area. The programme was a huge success as many children from the community participated.
6. Six of us, Youth Advocates from the college took part in a National Conference hosted by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development on the SDG goal number 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and 4 (Quality Education) on the context of child development. This platform gave us a place where all of us could speak out Youth specific SDG goals. We were also able to voice out our ideas, opinions and concerns to policy makers of child protection.

7. As Youth Advocates we hosted a Youth symposium to End Child Marriage at Stella Maris College where students from all over the state of Tamil Nadu took part. Through this symposium we were able to create a massive awareness on child marriage. We plan to host more symposiums and talks around the different problems children face so that we can not only raise awareness but get the key stakeholders attention to find a possible solution to the problem.
8. Tryphena – Being a Youth Advocate I have got the opportunity to go to Delhi and talk about child abuse in UNICEF Talks program where Parliamentarians were part of the program. Through this platform I have got the courage to go out and speak to different people about child abuse. Last year I was a part of the Independence day celebrations in a private school where I was among the panellists and spoke on how parents should react to child abuse and also on the myth busters on child abuse.
9. Annette – I was given the opportunity to be a panelist in an event hosted by US Consulate and talk on how menstrual hygiene is a problem among young girls. I have visited many schools in various communities and spoken to young girls on the importance of menstrual hygiene. This is the kind of things that usually no one talks to these young girls. They consider these things as taboo or brush it under the carpet but I have started speaking about this as these are the common problems that we face every day and there needs to be more awareness on it.
10. Rebecca – I have been nominated to attend the 3rd Annual Parliamentarians Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka next month. I will be speaking on ‘what youths can do to increase their voice to create a better impact’ and also on ‘what governments and parliamentarians should do to ensure child rights’ This platform that has given to me will help me to channelize the voice of the youths which will create a better tomorrow.

Film artist and UNICEF celebrity advocate Ms. Trisha spoke about the worrying increase in ‘POCSO’ (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) cases

that were registered from 2014 to 2016 across the country. She also quoted that “As per the NCRB 2016 report, the cases reported under the POCSO Act in 2014 was about 9,000, 2015 it was 15,000 and 2016 it has doubled to 36,000 cases and about 95% of the offenders of rape cases are known to the victim”.

According to a press statement, “End Violence Against Children is a collaborative effort between UNICEF and other UN agencies, governments, civil society, young people, advocates, and champions, all focused on one thing: making the world safe for children.”

### PHOTOS



***Trisha Krishnan discussing at Principle's office***



***Sugata Roy anchoring the event***



***Trisha Krishnan addressing the gathering***



**Certificates awarded to students on completion of AGORA – Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) online course**



**Interaction with Media**

**Field visit - Children Sangam and women interaction with Trisha, Unicef celebrity advocate at AIR Site on 29 August 2019**

As part of the programme, In collaboration with Arunodhaya UNICEF celebrity advocate, Trisha Krishnan interacted with Children's Sangam on END Violence. The programme was held at the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board community hall at All India Radio site, Ennore



on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019. 82 members from Youth group, Children's Sangam, Self Help Group and Staff members participated in the programme. The programme started with a Parai welcome dance by the youth group from Arunodhaya. Mrs. Virgil D'sami welcomed the gathering and explained the purpose of this meeting. This was followed by a child marriage awareness song, sang by children from Arunodhaya children sangam. Members from Arunodhaya Youth Group presented the street play they had performed in 15 areas where they created awareness about end child marriage. After the play Ms.Trisha Krishnan congratulated the members and said street play was excellent and sure this play created awareness among the community members on child marriage.



You all have been doing a wonderful job of creating awareness. Boys and girls should come together to end all forms of violence against children. Child marriage leads to violence against children like denial of rights like right to education, denial of right to health. Child



marriage hinders their normal physical and emotional development. You all need to follow your dream. Please continue your dreams even after marriage. Parents should also listen to their children and believe them when they share their experiences. When parents do not listen to them they would look for support from outsiders which might expose to violence. Children cannot grow without the support of their parents. Children should also listen to their parents as they



are the ones who really care for you and have your well-being in mind. You all need to keep up the good work. You will always have my support in your efforts. The video link of her interaction is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5HU1OcoXvs>.

## **Conference on South Asia Parliamentary Platform for children – Colombo, Srilanka – 2 & 3 September 2019**

This conference was held in Srilanka on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with the participants of eight different countries such as India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Afghanistan, Nepal and Srilanka. **Rebacca Shirley Paul** the student of Stella Maris College from Social Work Department represented India's youth delegates. We had a video session on "child rights" in evening in that I filmed "Good Nutrition" which talks about the basic needs for the for the children to be acquired.

On September we were welcomed warmly by the speaker of the parliament. And we meet the dignitaries from UNICEF and the other countries parliamentarians who presenting convention of child rights and how they are being worked in their countries. We had a photo session with speaker of the parliament Srilanka, Mr. Karujeya Surya, and also with the parliamentarians of other 7 countries and we had two parliamentarians from our country, Assam and Bihar. We got the opportunity to convey our works and our achievement with the all the parliamentarians as a youth advocate and delegates. It's a great opportunity that the youth delegates visited the residence of president of the Srilanka and had small get together with president. We have been appreciated by the president for the work towards children. Followed by we had a cultural performances in president Bungalow also we got a chance to discuss on youth pledge during dinner and took pictures with all the dignitaries. At the same day at 11.00pm we all youth delegates started to prepare our youth pledge which has been made by all other 8 countries.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 we had the paper presenting session regarding policies towards children and women. We (youth delegates) presented initiative taken for women and children policies along with MP's of India. At the end as youth

delegates we presented our youth pledge in the dais which was been appreciated by the president of Srilanka and they made it as the youth pledge of Srilanka.

Followed by the youth pledge after a Huge fight of struggle we as youth delegates convinced all the parliamentarians of other countries in making marriage legal to both boys and girls at 18 years and above in all 8 countries, After giving valid points and interactions we made the parliamentarians including the president of Srilanka to accept and sign the declaration stating ” **It was principally agreed as a region, that the age of marriage for any individual should be minimum of 18 years and that the general law of the country is supreme.”**

We ended the conference with a huge vote of thanks followed by a small snack time and screened the filming which was made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. And had a small final get-together for now with the parliamentarians and departed for dinner. Had such good learning and interaction exposure from this conference made me to think in greater perspectives and got contact internationally throughout and across countries.

### **Learning**

- Experience in interacting with youth delegates of other countries on issues of child rights and also varied exposure to cultural, social and political frameworks.
- Opportunities to interact with representatives, leaders such as ministers and the honourable president of Srilanka. Skill building with regard to communication, negotiation and documentation.
- Felt honoured and privileged to create “Youth Pledge” along with youth advocates from other countries. Researched on several child rights

issues and various measures taken by government and other stakeholders. Exposure to the gap in the implementation of child rights policies and therefore able to highlighted the need.

As part of the youth delegates group understood the process of policy formulation and acceptance of the policy at the highest level



**Interaction programme on “Explore (you) UOC” at Stella Maris College for UOC club members on 21 September 2019**

UOC club is a platform for the Stella Maris College students to improve their skills, to be an advocate of children issues, and to be empowered. Until now 215 students had registered in the UOC club and the club found difficulty to reach all the members



to participate in the club activities. So the club planned to conduct the interaction programme for the members to split up them into seven groups.

Therefore with the support of Thozhamai in partnership with UNICEF, UOC club arranged an interaction programme



titled “Explore (YOU) UOC “on 21 September 2019 at Stella Maris College between 10.00am to 1.30pm.

## **Viewpoints about the teams:**

### **1. JAM FOR A CAUSE – Ms. TryphenaPersis (President)**

*Objective-* This forum seeks to use voices and music skills towards ending child violence and will create a space for creativity, fun and sensitization.

- Self-introduction of each participant
- The participants expressed what they thought jam for a cause was
- The participants expressed why they chose the team
- They conveyed their expectations of club
- Discussed how the music play an important role in sensitization
- We spoke about the child sexual abuse and incidents
- Came up with ideas like observation visits and open-min contests
- Each of the participants sang their favorite songs
- We all sang together as an act of team building

### **2. DIRECT CONNECT– Ms. Deborah Lakshna Roopavathy (Vice president)**

*Objective-*To mainly focus on connecting to the public and youth through activities

- Team focused on team building and understanding its core objective
- Team was guided by Mr. Milton Samsundar, a theatre and clowning artist as the resource person who gave elaborate details on street theatre and its forms and explained how the particular form can be used to create awareness and connect with the public.
- Briefly discussed their future plans and concluded the days objective

### 3. **SPEAK UP** – Ms. Jenita Evangalin (Treasurer)

*Objective-* An open platform where the members can speak up their opinions and ideas for understanding the issues of children and develop innovative ideas.

- A total of 11 members were present.
- Started with Self Introduction.
- Activity on the impact of change.
- Reflection of the activity
- Members shared their experiences where they 'wanted to speak up but remained silent'.
- Discussed about various emotional abuse faced by Children in the family such as:
  1. Stress of education
  2. Lack of Parental Guidance and Support
  3. Physical abuse by Parents.
- The impacts of emotional Abuse were discussed.
- Members shared their experience of depression and psychological trauma and how they overcame it.
- Ms. Beula Francis ,HOD Social Work Dept. gave various inputs.
- Importance of counseling and Professional Help was discussed.
- Various innovative ideas to sensitize Parents regarding abuse were discussed.
- The members understood that the abuse can happen anywhere and to anyone

#### 4. **WATCH AND THINK** – Ms. Rebacca Shirley Paul (Secratrary)

*Objective-* Make the team to watch visual movies on child rights and violence, make them to learn interestingly and express out their ideas effectively on child violence

##### *Minutes*

- There were 9 members in the group on the whole for now.
- The team watched an Oscar award winning film “**children of heaven**” with enthusiasm and curiosity
- Movie duration was about 1hr30m
- After the movie we were discussing about our perspective about the movie.
- And some of them shared their experience which remembered their childhood after watching this movie.
- My team also mentioned that it’s fun and informative to attend.

#### 5. **RECORD AND TAPE IT** – Ms. Zerlin Cindrella (Manager - Campaign)

*Objective-* Documenting club activities includes handling vlog, blog and social media platforms to sensitize the viewers with our sincere works

##### *Minutes*

- The session started with the orientation on reporting and documenting by our resource person Mr. Ajith Daniels (UNICEF)
- The session comprised the following
  - Importance and purpose of documenting
  - The particulars to be noted while writing a report
  - Importance of using social media sites and its usage(Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)
  - Flip side of social media

- How to write a blog
- How to shoot videos and particulars to be added in them to be uploaded in vlogs.

**6. CLICK AND CATCH – Ms. Bala Gowri (Manager - Membership)**

*Objective-* Capturing and collecting the pictures regarding child rights and violence

- Explained about the team and its purpose.
- The team members shared about why they chose this team and what they expect from this team
- Went on tour inside college to click pictures and relate it with childhood memories (positive and negative)
- Students showcased their talents and shared their experience with the other teams.

**7. WORDS AND MASTERPIECES – Ms. Annette Haveela Joseph (Manager – Ideation and Facilitation)**

*Objective-* Got a knack for creative writing and, powerful speech/oration or thoughtful art? Here is a platform to step up your words and art game to voice out for children

**Paint-A-Thon- A participative programme on wall painting for UOC club members conducted by United Way of Chennai at Perumbakkam and Medavakkam Anganwadies**

United Way Chennai conducted an event called PAINT-A-THON along with one of their corporate partners **FORD INDIA**. This event happened in three different Anganwadies in Perumbakkam and Medavakkam.



There were around 13 UOC club members from Stella Maris College, who volunteered for this event. We were then split up into 3 teams to go the 3 destinations mentioned above.

**OBJECTIVE**

This initiative was to give a facelift to the walls of various Anganwadies. It also motivates the children



to attend school regularly and foster a child friendly environment. By painting the walls with social messages the children will get awareness.

### **ACTIVITY**

We planned to start painting at the walls, later we organised the paint bottles and the volunteers from the Ford India arrived. We had an ice breaker session to introduce ourselves. We started by sketching the walls first and then painted. We had a small break at around 11.30am and then again continued to work. We had almost completed the work before we broke for lunch at 12.40. Again at 1.20 we gave a final coating to the walls. By 2pm we left the Anganwadi with great satisfaction and reached the Drop-Point.



### **LEARNING**

Through this experience we learnt the various projects focusing on Anganwadi and the importance and role of Anganwadi in contributing to child development. We also learnt to accept and merge ideas to formulate the best possible results. We as UOC members learnt to coordinate lead and guide the members of our team for generating the best of results. It was a great experience as we were asked to split up and asked to lead the volunteers from Ford India. Interacting with them was very informative and fun. Having to have completed the work allotted to us beforehand was because we managed the Time and also major reason was that there was complete Teamwork.

## MEMBERS FROM UOC CLUB

Team I	Team II	Team III
Jerishta Jane	Tryphena Persis	Shiny Varghese
Naomi Cindrella	Varsha	Maria Priscilla
Sangeetha N	Brinda	Vencelin Sherina Lobo
Raghavi S	Davina	Bala Gowri
	Sambika	



**Before**

**After**



**FIGURING OUT THE POSSIBILITIES ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO THE WALL**

## Media round table discussion on CRC@30 at Chennai on 26 September 2019

Media round table discussion for journalists of various media platforms from Chennai on **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC@30)** was on 26 September 2019 at Chennai. Initially the program started with registration where journalists took part of the discussion.

Mr. A. Devaneyan ,  
Director of Thozhamai  
presented the welcome  
address where he  
started off with  
cherishing the 30 years  
of CRC and its growth all  
over the world. He  
initiated the discussion  
by explaining various  
approaches like child



centric approach, system approach through which we can handle and opt for children safety and protection. Mr. Devaneyan also spoke on the role of journalists with child rights in cooperation of UNCRC by explaining pocso act, juvenile justice act and national policy on children acts that work for child rights. He also discussed basic core principles to be followed while reporting on a child according to UNCRC they are,

- One should call for children first and for their safety.
- The content produced or the information of the child should be out of discrimination at all aspects.
- The news or the information published should be best interest of the child or of their parents or guardians.
- Aftermath the publishing of news, the news should not be an obstacle for the child's development or survival.
- The information or news should not be harmful to the child when heard and encountered.
- The dignity and rights of the child are to be respected at all circumstances.

Following the welcome address Prof. Andrew Sesuraj from Loyola College, Chennai presented on the establishment of CRC and the successful service of CRC@30 where the convention was adopted thirty years



ago by the UN Assembly on 20 November 1989. The convention on the rights of the child protects the rights of all children, everywhere, to be free from discrimination, violence and neglect. CRC says that children have human rights and they should be empowered to claim them which was recognized by the convention thirty years ago and entitled to non-negotiable rights. With this explanation Prof. Andrew joined with Mr. Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist of UNICEF on presenting the progress of 30 years of CRC.

The discussion exemplified with filling a questionnaire by the gathering to understand their knowledge about CRC and expectations of the group on the discussion has been analyzed where mentioned expectations to learn are, the development or progress of CRC, differences in media reporting, the way of reporting, the do's and do not's in reporting, cyber monitoring, confidentiality maintenance and expanding the ambit of CRC.

Mr. Sugata Roy presented on the progress of 30 years of child rights convention explaining right from the importance and child rights till the progress of child rights in India. He explaining the most important 3 p's which describe and enclose child rights which are protection, provision and participation. He also disclosed the principles and rooting rights of children according to CRC which has been discussed earlier by Mr. Devaneyan.

Mr. Sugata Roy then discussed about how media can effectively handle news based on children and their issues without getting affected their rights like providing reliable information ased



on article 17. Three main suggestions were provided on handling news about children which are using appropriate and harmless images of the child which doesn't affect the child's future, encouraging the child to participate if they can which will be more conventional and acceptable and portraying the information safe which can protect the children from harmful influence and doesn't affect their life or development.

Progress of CRC in India also been discussed by Mr. Sugata Roy where some of the mentioned upgrades are in the past 30 years:

- Separate ministry has been developed for women and children.
- Commission for protection of child rights has been formed in the year 2005.
- In the year 2013 national policy for children came into action and in the year 2000 juvenile justice act has come into practice.
- According to statistics there is decrease of maternal mortality and infant mortality in the past 3 years.
- There is also a decrease in children deaths due to malnutrition.
- There is a decrease in child marriage from 36% to 16.3%, child laboring from 5.76 lakh to 1.5 lakh.
- The one thing increased in recent years is child abuse which has been increased by 82% the only sad thing and need to e focused.

The session continued with case studies discussion by Mr. Mani one of the senior journalists where he reported various children news covered in the recent days and had a detailed analysis on the pros and cons for the child with the publication of that



news coverage. He then had an open discussion with the journalists where limitations and parameters of handling news have been discussed. The gathered journalists reported their challenges in maintaining child rights at news point where all the queries ended up with one answer “best interest of the child”.

The discussion has been preceded with interaction on upcoming threats which will make children suffer and make lose their lives some of them are disasters like flooding, climate changes and scarcity, migration and digital media which can affect the children in many aspects and the discussion came to an end with summarizing and remarking on the whole.

The journalist round table discussion has been successfully carried on where the program resulted with positive reflections.



**Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members organized the following activities on 15 October 2019**

➤ *Campaign on Child Trafficking at Stella Maris college*

Campaign on Child Trafficking was arranged as part of the UOC club activities at OAT, Stella Maris College on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 separately for both the shift I and shift II at the break time 9.30 to 10.00 and 15.30 to 16.00 respectively. The event was organized by Ms. Vijayalakshmi the faculty coordinator of UOC Club with the support of UOC office Bearers. Around 30 members from UOC club participated and started with the flash mob, for seeking the attention of the roaming students. Ms. Shruthi Mukunth from II BSW read a poem on Child Trafficking titled “Left Behind” and then the UOC members shouted “To Stop Child Trafficking”.

**LEFT BEHIND**

Their dreams were of toys, friends and laughs  
Not of wet clay, old bowls or molten glass  
Shoulders too fragile to hold up the weight  
Body in pain, broken from working all day  
The ragged doll left behind lays slumped on  
the floor  
Her owner in a similar state, knees trembling,  
can't stand up no more  
The warmth and comfort of their parents'  
arms,  
The joy that lies in sibling play - fights  
Replaced by burning heat and choked air  
The sound of whips cracking, body numb from  
its sharp bite  
Minds that should be encouraged to learn  
Being tricked and misused, trying to pay off a  
debt  
One that was just too much for their parents  
to earn.  
They've lost their childhood, barely hanging  
on to life  
Future uncertain, walking on a wire  
Drained, in pain, all their work, none their gain  
The story of a child who was forcefully hired.



***Participative program on wall painting for UOC members conducted by Arunodhaya at Government Primary School, R.R.Nagar, Korukkupet.***

Arunodhaya is one of the Non-governmental organization as part of working with the child rights, organized the wall painting titled “Child Marriage and Importance of Girl Child Education” on 15 October 2019 at

Government Higher Secondary School ,  
R.R.Nagar Korrukupet, Chennai. Ms.Suganthi,  
from Arunodhaya requested volunteers from  
UOC club, Stella Maris College to paint the

school walls under the above mentioned title. With the support of Ms.Vijayalakshmi, Faculty Coordinator of UOC club arranged 7 students from UOC club for wall painting.

The names of the members are Sr.Inbasiga Souli, Nikitha, Jasmine, Sakthima, Maria Zeeta, Rakshana, Jenifer

The members reached the school at 8.00am and had a small discussion for selecting the pictures with the principal. They planned to start painting 10 X 20 Sq. ft. walls. At 10.30am the members started painting the wall with help of Ms.Veni , school coordinator, Ms.Sandhanamary from Arunodhaya and also with the support of school students.

The school principal appreciated the Good efforts of the members of the UOC of Stella Maris College and students to complete the paintings.



➤ ***Interaction programme for 15 Students and 3 Professors from Private College, Santa Barbara, U.S. at Stella Maris College, Chennai.***

15 students and 3 professors of Private College in Santa Barbara U.S. visited Social Work Department of Stella Maris College as part of their study Tour of India. Envision of their visit is to know about the activities of the Indian college students apart of academic and to promote interaction between their students and Indian students. According to their objective Dr.Sr.Lourthu Mary, HOD of the Social Work department as well as the Patron of UOC club, gave the opportunity to share the UOC club activities to US delegates.



Ms. Tryphena Persis, President of UOC and Ms. Deborah Lakshana Roopavathy, Vice president of UOC had jointly presented the activities of the club and also shared their own experience of working with child rights.



**Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS – Youth Advocate for Children performed Oyil dance and Street theatre on 16 October 2019 for rescued Bonded Labor by International Justice Mission.**

International Justice Mission had organized a cultural event titled “Palaivana Pookal” for 1200 rescued Bonded Labour at Kalaivanar Aranagam, Chepauk on 16 October 2019. Mr. Pandiarajan, Minister of Tamil official Language & Tamil Culture and Archaeology who is the chief guest of the event. From Stella Maris College Unicef On Campus (UOC) club got an opportunity to perform two events that Oyil dance and Street theatre. The following 14 UOC members performed are Jenita Evangelin, Zerlin Cindrella, Annette Haveela Joseph, Bala Gowri, Deborah Lakshana Roopavathi, Rebecca Shirley Paul, Tryphena Persis, Asma, Sangeetha, Jane Jerishta, Raghavi, Sithara, Persia, Bavadharani. It was appreciated by the whole auditorium, members had a very good experience being a part of this programme.



**Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had Off- Campus Visit to International Justice Mission on 18 October 2019 for UOC club members.**

The Unicef on campus (UOC) club of Stella Maris College, Chennai had organized their first off campus event of this year 2019-2020 to the international justice Mission, which works to end the bonded labor system. This event focused on bringing awareness about bonded labor among the



youth Advocates of Stella Maris College. The event took place on 18 October, 2019 Friday from 10.00am to 12.00nn at the international Justice Mission, 67/28, Amar sindur Towers, Pantheon Towers Egmore, Chennai – 600008. The Orientations were given by Mr. Ruban, Lead - Law Enforcement Development.

Before the orientation, the student of Stella Maris College was told to introduce themselves. There were 11 students

along with Mrs. Arul Lenni, Campus Coordinator, UOC. In the first session Mr. Ruban oriented about human trafficking and the problem faced by the victims of it. He



shared one of his experiences where he rescued children who were working in a hazardous place. It was noticeable that, one of the rescued boy said that he will come back to Chennai but as an officer and help the bonded labor to get out of this work and to live with dignity.

The second session was conducted by Roseann Rajan who is the lead of Legal Training and Development and also a prominent lawyer of the town. Her session was very interactive and

made the youth advocates aware of how the system of bonded labor work, how poor people, children, women and elderly are being trapped into this racket. She also shared many of her experiences where they rescued the bonded laborers. She also taught us about the Article 23 which prohibits the practice of debt bondage and other forms of slavery both modern and ancient. She also taught us about the right and freedom of bonded laborers. The whole session was very interactive and fun filled one but with a serious cause.

Followed by the orientation Jerusha, Lead - Content Manager, Media and Communication Department emphasized the importance of social media which could be used as a platform to provide justice for victims.



At the end a documentary was played titled “ The Rice Mill Story” it is an award winning movie, movie show cased the physical and mental abuses faced by the victims the way the employer fools the employees, and though the employee works hard, they are not given the wages at time and the amount is very low.

The event gave immense knowledge to the advocates and inspired them a lot to work for the under-privileged people, voice-less people and the ones who are not aware that their rights are being oppressed. This event also gave exposure to the budding advocates, the confidence to help and reform the society. The vote of thanks was delivered by Davina of I BSW student who delivered the speech and thanked the trainers who were given the orientation. She also expressed her gratitude to Dr.Sr.Lourthu Mary, patron of UOC and Ms.Vijayalakshmi, faculty coordinator of UOC for providing this wonderful opportunity, to learn about Bonded Labor. The youth advocates felt empowered after the session.

➤ **Amplifying Voice of Adolescents and Young people for Child rights for Youth Advocate for Children (YA4C) at Society of Peace, Yercaud, Salem on 11-13 November 2019**

In order to amplify voice and build capacities of Youth Advocates from selected UOC members from Stella Maris College was organized at Yercaud , Salem district on 11-13 November 2019

This programme is to help the Youth Advocates to find the strategies to amplify their voices for the rights of Children and to improve their skills / knowledge on 'Child Rights' to a select group of Youth Advocates from UNICEF on Campus Club, Stella Maris College.

**PLAN OF ACTION**

- About 36 students from the Department of Social work were selected by Ms.Tryphena Persis President of UOC and Ms. Lakshana Roopavathy Vice President of UOC with the Support of Ms.Vijayalakshmi, faculty coordinator of UOC to attend a training camp on child rights held in Yercaud from the 10th to 14th of November,2019
- The students were accompanied by Ms Arul Lenni (UNICEF coordinator-SMC) , Dr.Sr.Lourthu Mary (HOD,Social Work PG), Mr. Devaneyan (Director,Thozhamai), Mr Balaji (Thozhamai).
- The core idea of the camp was to transform UOC members into youth advocates with a social and moral responsibility towards children.
- The process of this journey was to be made using both intellectual and artistic tools such as discussions on CRC and street theatre sessions.
- The transition of the students was motivated by the core members of the UOC Club.
- Constructive criticism was taken and feedback was acknowledged.
- The student bonds were strengthened and cooperation was to be seen.



### **11 November 2019 - Objectives of the day**

1. To Explore Yercaud as a Eco-friendly destination.
2. To get an in-depth understanding of CRC and its strong points and short falls.
3. To understand and discuss where CRC must be focused on in the near future.

### **Day wise Activities:**

#### **Sight Seeing:**

As part of exploring Yercaud, the students visited the Pagoda Point and the Botanical Gardens. The view was amazing and that led us to get a few candid shots along the way. The fog and the cold weather were pleasant to experience. After walking along the nature we were refreshed and had some time to relax thereafter in our dormitories.



#### **Mr Devaneyan and Sr Lourthu Mary's Address:**

The welcome address and introduction to the workshop on child rights explained the value of positive change and the need for a voice for the voiceless children. The target group on focusing on children was decided due to them being the most vulnerable, naive and pitiable in a society which is changing. The need to assimilate, engage and personalize messages and services to support the children are seen as a need for development and improving the nation as a whole.



### **Mr Sugata Roy's Address:**

Mr Sugata Roy spoke about the CRC being the 'Convention on the rights of the children' delivering primarily into the four basic rights such as survival, protection, participation and development. The question to why child rights are viewed specially was answered by him. The children are individuals who are dependent on caregivers from birth till adolescence.



They are the most vulnerable community to both abuse and exploitation. The inaction of the government affects children in terms of lack of psycho social support. The participation of children is not regarded and has taken a back seat in many decision making processes including when the decisions are made for the children. They need to allow the children to participate, choose and be free are seen as an integral part of the CRC and even the SDG's since the time it was a ratified document in 1989.

### *Legal Perspective:*

Multiple attempts were made prior to the initiation of CRC for effective , formal, working documents to be made for the children and safeguarding their rights.

The 1924's 'Geneva Declaration on the rights of children' focused on child protection and the League of Nations after WW1. The Indian signatory who signed this document was none other than MK Gandhi.

In 1959, the 'Declaration on the Rights of the Child' was adopted by the UN.

On 20th November,1989 the 'CRC' unlike the GRDC or the DRC of 1992 wasn't a declaration but a convention that was ratified and signed by about 150 countries.

The GRDC focused on only protection. The DRC focused only on provision. The CRC focused on a three pronged approach of working with protection, provision and participation of the children. The CRC understood the importance of the family . And as CRC was a convention it held mandatory terms and enforced implementation of a certain agenda.

It is noted that despite heavily funding UNICEF and other child protection mechanisms the CRC was not signed by the United States of America.

#### *Structure of CRC and the Child Rights Lens:*

The CRC has 54 articles, 42 rights and 12 responsibilities of the state. Its principles such as non discrimination, keeping the best interest of the child and considers the views of the child.

The CRC document mentions that there are two groups of people involved 1) The Right Holders - those who are the caregivers, parents, guardians and the child. 2) The Duty Bearers - those who are in a position to better things such as the primary level being state and secondary level being parents etc. It is of importance to understand that children have rights and they don't need pity and sympathy to be attached to regular opportunities that they can attain.

The child rights lens has 3 main areas of consideration such as 1. Image of the child, 2. Children's participation in the media and 3. Protection from harmful influences in media.

#### *Progress of CRC in India:*

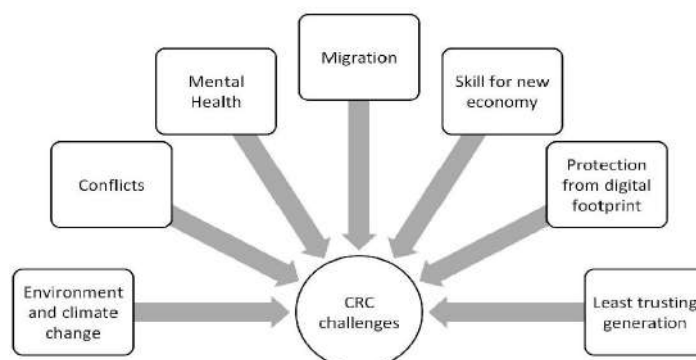
The JJ ACT, Child Marriage Act, PNT Act and others are seen as crucial steps taken by the government towards child rights.

The NCPCR, State Commission of rights are quasi judicial bodies which help promulgate bettered ordinances and responses towards supporting children and their development.

The changes in rates of maternal mortality rate, infant mortality rate, malnutrition rate and the budget for education is recognized. The numbers have been improving but actual growth is still a question mark.

It is also noted that 1 child gets abused every 2 days in 2016. and the rate of rape has increased from 82% in 2015 to 2016. These statistics pose a very fearful and detrimental picture of the situation as is in India.

#### **The Challenges that are beyond CRC are:**



**Outcomes from the session:**

The session was very reflective of the current day issues faced by children. The fear of tackling social media is huge part that has to be seen in newer considerations of CRC. The one thing that the CRC looks forwards to in the next generation is hope to overcome. This session instilled knowledge of the CRC and its intricate details towards rights, justice and the future. As the current generation, it is becoming more and more important to safeguard ourselves from the digital footprint and take steps towards information and its misuse.

**12 November 2019 - Objectives of the day**

1. To appreciate street theatre as an active skill and tool
2. To learn and interact in forming a play on child marriage
3. To learn and present a play on child abuse using the varied case histories

**Mr.A.Devaneyan - Recap of Session:**

In this session, there was a quick recap on child rights and its necessities. Sir also explained the need for instantaneous action in terms of child abuse and child marriage. It is essential for the message of such ill happenings to be spread across by local art forms to stress on justice, need for equality and governmental action. Sir spoke about the need to learn to write petitions and letters to officials from positions of power. This session was empowering and knowledgeable.

### **Dr Kaleeswaran - Amplifying Voices: Street Theatre Training**

The street theatre training began with the understanding of theaters to be either a round or rectangular theatre. Following that, the students were given a set of activities to exercise their voice, and experiment with movement. Posing as a statue was also one among the tasks given. The students enacted various scenes to represent a landmine affected



area, and furthered it by doing scenes to replicate a story on child marriage. The story actively engaged the factors of helpline numbers, support members and what is child marriage and who are the perpetrators who can be arrested for getting a child married. This was interwoven by the comic stance taken by the clown to tell the story of a young girl who was the victim. This story was moving and had us deeply involved and mixed from our regular working groups. The activities enforced group decision making and cooperation.

In the second half of the street theatre session, we were educated about different cases of child abuse. From these instances we learned to perform a play crafted by him. This play was short and thoughtful about the victim's feelings and concluded with a new age solution of having a child safety committee in every apartment to safeguard the interests of the child.

#### **Outcomes from the session:**

This session helped us better ourselves in terms of stage presence and put together a play. The process of forming the street theatre led us to work better with one another, gave us a chance of delivering the message in our own way and held a key criterion of up-keeping the originality and individuality of the character whom we played.

#### **13 November 2019 - Objectives of the day:**

1. Transforming from youth to youth advocates
2. To look at the post questionnaire
3. To assimilate the experience of the overall trip
4. To enjoy sight seeing

### **Plan of Action and way forward:**

The plan of action was directed towards 3 things namely:

- ✧ The street theatre performance
- ✧ Sustainability of UNICEF Club
- ✧ Ways to channelize online, offline, short term and long term goals

Ideas of the student groups included club elections, certificate programs, YouTube or blogging channel, comic books, academic papers, marathons, panel discussions, open mics, corporate social responsibility engagements, specialist keynote addresses, paper articles, signature campaigns, school quiz contests, documentaries, school engagements, leadership training sessions, skill development apart from information pamphlets and brochures.



### **Pledge and certificate distribution:**

A pledge of helping to preserve child rights and become the voice of the voiceless was taken by each student. The common responses included the fact that the session was informative and knowledgeable. The certificates were distributed along with a tea cup and a UNICEF T-shirt for the participants.



### **Feedback:**

The following feedback was given by the youth advocates

- This is one of the best camps, I have ever been to, I had a lot to learn about child rights and street theatre was really good as a person who can't act it was really new experience. The accommodation for this camp is one of the best things. I had so much fun into this camp. It was a really informative and memorable camp
- Being a social worker never had a lot of exposure about child rights. This session was helpful in knowing a lot about CRC and its challenges. Trust issues being an issue were more than

our imagination. Realized that we have to work on more for better society. The street theatre session gave us more insight about expression something other than in form of words.

- This three day camp for YOUTH ADVOCACY AND CHILD RIGHTS was really very helpful, it gave us the confidence and courage to question those who violate or abuse the child rights and children. Sugata Sir's session and the street theatre practice taught us many



things. The atmosphere of the place is really amazing and the camp has empowered each one of us. It has made us think' feel how children feel when their rights are violated.

- I personally liked the session it was very engaging especially in my semester holidays. I hope that I've utilized well. Camp is the platform where we can learn theories in practice in a fulfilled way where we get involved with others and work towards a common goal.
- We keep raising our voices in hopes that maybe we can be as loud as all the children who screamed for help. And may be when we scream together, we'll turn heads
- The overall camp was really awesome. I had studied a lot from this UOC camp. It had taught me more about child rights and the upcoming challenges in future. It had been really an amazing experience to be a part of this Yercaud camp.

**Suggestions:**

- It would be good if there were more group work sessions and discussion of case studies pertaining to children so that we get a broader perspective of the reality and the society. Waiting for more such camps to enhance our skills as well and to collaborate with others.
- It was such an amazing experience but was need to have more of interactive sessions, games, group works, group discussions, screening, movies and documentation. But there is no longer break.
- The classes could have been interactive with more breaks and language barrier was also an issue.
- I would suggest the organizers to include more play method of activities than lectures.
- The period of the camp may also be extended.

- Need to discuss about topics like bullying in schools. We should work for all children times we only discuss about student who are underprivileged but there is a need to discuss about students of privileged society and the challenges faced by them.
- I would really suggest in the presentation part of Mr.Sugata Roy sir, to be have more details with Schemes, Policies, Articles and the work of his in the UNICEF and to conduct activities eye brake session etc., to enhance the session.

#### Photo Session:

The photo session was a fun filled session. This session let us relax and pose for the cameras. The pictures mirrored our learning and enjoyment by far. This session was important as it led the documentation to be strong and keep up the records. The CRC boards and UNICEF T-shirt truly marked our journey's highest points.



**Outcomes from the session:**

The outcome of the final journey marked our transition from UNICEF on Campus Club members to youth advocates with a potential responsibility towards the society and children as a community. The learning was consistent and was led by experience. The session was well planned and emphasized on students ideas towards a sustainable future for the club and the goals on a larger picture.

**Overall outcome of the UOC Youth Advocates:**

Using pre and post camp assessment questionnaire on child rights assessed the level of the knowledge on child rights. The total average of Pre camp assessment is 60% and post camp assessment is 80%. So comparing the outcome of the both assessments it was noted that 20% of knowledge was improved by the youth advocates due to the camp.

**Sight Seeing:**

We visited a park and followed that by a boating experience in Yercaud. Many also bought Yercaud's homemade chocolates to commemorate the experience. We travelled the hairpin bends and through Salem in a bus journey which was high on music and entertainment.



**In Commemoration of World Children's day on 20 November 2019 Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS – Youth Advocate for Children performed Street Theatre on Child rights at the following places**

➤ *Don Bosco Beattitudes, Vysarpadi on 20 November 2019*

On 20 November 2019, the UNICEF on Campus team, Stella Maris College, organized an awareness program for the students at the Don Bosco Beattitudes school, Vyasarpadi. The program was conducted in order to celebrate World Children's Day and CRC 30 years since the Convention of the Rights of the Child was implemented.



Students of Middle, High and Higher Secondary sections of the school were asked to participate in the program. The team first spoke to the Father Thomas, Principal of the school, followed by which the program commenced. A brief overview about the team and the reasons behind celebrating the above mentioned events were given to the students by the Principal and the faculty of the school, after which the team performed the street play

The UOC Team then performed a Street theatre on the four definite rights that every child has – Education, Development, Protection and Participation. The street theatre revolved around the violations of each of these rights, which were then followed by the necessary steps needed to be taken in order to solve the violation. The team hoped to convey mandatory information that each child should know through the street theatre performance itself.



Some of the messages the team spoke about during their stage are as follows:

- Information on Childline Number – 1098.
- Necessity of 'Shout – Run – Tell' when abused.
- Emphasis of Marital age for a Male and a Female.
- Importance of being non gender biased.

The team then posed different questions to the student body in order to understand their level of learning from the street theatre and the students were quick to respond to them all. After the program ended, the team met up again with Principal Father and post refreshments, wrapped up the event.



### ***Learning***

This particular event involved a large group of young minds which is open to grasping any new information. It was a task for the team to stay focused on giving the correct, relevant and important information which can have a major impact on the students. Also the skill of keeping over 700 students entertained and at the same time getting them to concentrate on the theatre was something the team learnt from the event. Overall, the goal – which was to let children know how important they are to the future and how each of them possess rights – was achieved.

- ***Villivakkam Railway Station as part of inaugurating the Child Line helpdesk by Myrtle, Social Welfare Trust, Perambur.***

Inauguration of child line services in the Villivakkam railway station and also the part of celebration of World Children's Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was organized by Myrtle, a social welfare trust, which is working for children and deprived classes, and also with the support of the Villivakkam Railway Police Department.



Child Abuse in Chennai is one of the biggest social Stigmas attached to the society. Child abuse can take place in homes (apartments), schools, Orphanages, residential care facilities, on the street and in places of detention. The UNICEF ON CAMPUS club of Stella Maris College works to sensitise people by creating awareness on issues, abuses and violence faced by children. The Youth Advocates sensitise people through social media and other conventional

mediums like the street theatre.



The Myrtle Welfare trust approached UOC club for performing the street theatre on “Child Abuse and the Importance of

the Child Line Number 1098”. Youth advocates ignored the distractions happened in open space of railway station and their performance gathered a huge audience and our advocates actively involved them by interacting with them about child rights, safety and other child related issues as much as they utilized the opportunity.

The staff accompanied with the Youth Advocates is Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Faculty Coordinator along with the following UOC club members Tryphena, Deborah Lakshana Roopavathy, Bala Gowri, Rebecca Shirley Paul, Pravara, Uma Maheshwari, Rebacca Andrea, Sangeetha, Shiny Varghese, Sangeetha, Varsha, Deepika, Lathiba, Shruthi Mukunth, Raga Shivani, Margret Mary, Vencelin Sherina Lobo, Chrisma, Shruthi, Vencelin Sherina Lobo, Mercy Brianna Rebacca, Maria Celena, Sweta, Vijayakumari

**Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Soka Ikeda College, Chennai on 26 November 2019 and Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS office bearers performed the street theatre.**

On 26 November 2019 Capacity building on Child Rights and and Child Protection to End all forms of Violence against children (EVAC) for the students of Social Work department from Soka Ikedacollege for Women at Chennai. UOC members from Stella Maris College, Chennai, performed



Street Theatre on EVAC. Mr.S.Thenpandian, Advocate, Mr.A.Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai and A Lilly Margrate, Sr. Programme Co-ordinator handled the sessions. They were oriented in the field of Child Rights and Child Protection. The students were oriented to raise voice against child sexual abuse on social media and take a stand. Over 75 students took part in the capacity building program and had live interactions with the panel members.



## **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 3 December 2019**

On 3 December 2019, Capacity building on Child Rights and and Child Protection to End all forms of Violence against children (EVAC) for the students of Social Work department from at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 3 December 2019. They were oriented in the field of Child Rights and



Child Protection. Mr.S.Thenpandian, Advocate and Mr.A.Devaneyan, Director Thozhamai handled the sessions. The students were oriented to raise voice against child sexual abuse on social media and take a stand. Over 40 students took part in the capacity building program and had live interactions with the panel members.



## **Media Round table to end child marriage and violence against children at Press Club, Coimbatore on 4 December 2019**

Media round table on Ending Child Marriage and Violence against Children at Coimbatore Press Club on 4 December 2019. The session was handled by Mr. Bharathi Thamizhan Mr. A. Devaneyan Arasu and Mr. Arivazhagan Rayan. About 40 journalists from various media from Coimbatore participated in the discussion.



**Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had off-Campus Visit to Aid India, Chennai on 7 December 2019.**

The Unicef On Campus (UOC) club of Stella Maris college, Chennai, had Off-Campus event for the members of the club on 7 December, 2019 Saturday at Aid India, No:45, Pycrofts Road, First Street, Express Estate, Triplicane, Royapettah, Chennai –04.

The main aim of the visit was to bring awareness about the hardships faced by the children and how the organization helps them to cope up with it to the members of the UOC club. The members were divided into two batches for the visit accompanied



by Ms. Arul Lenni, Coordinator of the UOC club. In the morning batch 28 students from Shift I had visited the organization from 9.00am to 10.30am; the afternoon batch 25 students from Shift II had visited the organization from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. The morning session was addressed by Ms. Gowri, Aid India and the afternoon session was addressed by Ms. Revathi, Aid India. In the orientation session they shared lot of information activities they do to promote Children's education, well being etc.

The organization's main focus is children and their well being, they strive to help children enjoy their rights, so that the vulnerable children get their basic needs. The Motto of the organization is "REACH THE UNREACH", they travel to different rural areas to teach children, bring awareness about sanitation, safe and unsafe touch etc.



They are assigned with 4 major projects:

#### **WALK AND TALK:**

The aim of the project is to make children, learn English, so that they can converse in English confidentially as well as fluently. For the practice of this project they visit the rural areas along with the volunteers

and teach children English. Sometimes they conduct workshops on soft skills for the graduates of the village so, that they can help the children on daily basis, and through this



workshop the graduates themselves get empowered. They have been to travel Tirutani to teach the children. They also conduct many activities for the children to make the learning easier.

#### **TOY JOY:**

The organization came up with an innovative idea of collecting toys from corporate, colleges and schools to distribute it among one lakh children who have no toys and never experienced the joy of owning a toy. The quote for this project is “One Lakh Toys for One Lakh Children”



#### **HOMES:**

People who had lost their houses during the floods and Gaja Cyclone are homeless; therefore, the organization helps them by building new houses, so that they can lead a safety life.

**WE: Women Empowerment:**

They conduct workshops on topics like women empowerment, Physical abuse, Work place harassment etc, so that they can report any such abuses to the police because women in rural areas are not aware with such laws.

The organization also conducts many workshops at Prisons and Juvenile Homes so, that the mental health of the prisoners could be improved and they can be motivated to lead a good life after their punishment time gets over, after they come out of prison.

They also conduct workshops at schools, colleges and corporate on how the organization works so, that the corporate could help them. The funds for the organization are provided by the corporate. Overall the session was interactive and the members expressed their views to help the organization to expand the tie up's also they have by involving the student's participation.

The student responded by saying that they can perform street theaters; they also said the organization could put-up stalls at various colleges and schools. Ms. Revathi also explained the procedure of volunteering, interested students can enroll them with the organization, and help them to document the activities or travel to villages and teach children English etc.

The students got very motivated after the orientation to help children in any possible way they could. They also appreciated the work the organization was doing as they are very dedicated to serve the children so, that the rural and tribal children get their rights. After the orientation got over all the students thanked the Ms. Gowri and Ms. Revathi for sharing their works with the students. Later the members visited the library at the organization, where they had collected a lot of books to distribute to those children. And segregate the toys for distributing the children and separated the damaged toys from the collection of toys.

All the students enjoyed the ambience of the organization and were determined to help children in any possible way.

## **Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children for UOC members of Stella Maris College, Chennai on 17 December 2019**

The training programme was started with prayer by the team of II BSW students and Ms. Pravara, II BSW students as well as the youth advocates welcomed the dignitaries and the audience who gathered. Ms. Shruthi Mukunth, UOC member introduces Mr.Devaneyan, Director of Thozhamai and handed over the session to him.

Mr Devaneyan's Address:

Children learn by seeing parents and role model after them. Practice of violence against children and the use of abusive language and hand rising mostly start from home.

Children need to be grown with their best interest kept in mind. They are vulnerable, powerless and naive therefore they need more support and help legally and constitutionally. They are also considered easily exploitable and are victimized due to their fear and silence.

It is to note that according to mandates and other legal documents it has been decided that children need a rights based approach to govern them rather than a mercy based approach which looks at them in a degrading manner.

According to the UNCRC it was decided that children have the 4 rights of life, protection, development and participation. They need protection from the 4 types of abuses such as physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect.

The various case studies of Padapai's compound wall fight, world war 2's child soldiers, Bhopal's Union Carbide issue, UP's oxygen loss deaths, Kumbakonam 's fire accident, aynavaram Rape case were all looked into from the child rights frame work. It was seen that gender sensitization, boy child education are all the needs of the day and have to be focused on.

The next session was taken by Mr. Thenpandian, Lawyer working with the POCSO act who was introduced by Mr. Devaneyan.



Mr Thenpandian's address

Mr Thenpandian spoke about POCSO as against most child protective laws. He spoke about the People's Forum of Human Rights.

Children are vulnerable, innocent and dependent and they are a big concentration of the people in India. 45% of the children are susceptible to wrongful treatment or abuse due to the lack of awareness.

The approach of duty bearers and right holders was also thoroughly discussed.

With regards to POCSO, he mentioned that off every 100 children 53 claim to experience sexual abuse as a child and this would need a lot of attention and protection.



- There was a mention of the milestone years in human rights:

12 <sup>th</sup> century	Magna Carta
1857	1 <sup>st</sup> Independence War
1914-1918	1 <sup>st</sup> World War
1919	League of Nations
1939-1945	2 <sup>nd</sup> World War
1945	UNO Formation
1946	Human rights Charter
1947	Indian Independence
1948	UDHR
1950	Constitution of India
1966	ICCPR
1989	UNCRC
2000	PC PNDT ACT
2000	JJ ACT
2005	Child Rights Commission Act
2009	RTE
2012	POCSO
2015	Child Labour Protection Act

- Finally Thenpandian Sir taught a poem for the girls it's highlighted the responsibility of the youth to voice for the children.

**Stella Maris College – UNICEF ON CAMPUS club members had off-Campus Visit to Deputy Commissioner office, Chennai on 9 & 10 January 2020**

Nowadays Crime against Children is the largest issue and the children are voiceless and our UOC members should become a voice for children. So to know about the issues and the method of children crime case handling the Unicef on Campus Club members were taken to the Deputy Commissioner of Police office, Greams Road, Chennai 600006 (DCP) as part of the Off Campus Visit to get awareness on crime against women and Children for two days two different batches.



22 students were oriented at the deputy commissioner's office, on 9 January, 2020. The session started at 10 am senior inspector Mr. Murugesan started with the history of Police department and introduced about the list of police officers who were working as the inspectors for "Crime Women Department" where he introduced Mrs. Sridevi who is the inspector of crime against women and children session on east and west zone of Chennai. She shared so many of her personal experiences which inspired the students, where she explained about the 107 section which states that "Child Welfare Police officer should be there at every police station". She also said that there are 73 registered homes in Chennai out of which 4 are government homes. In her orientation she shared much other information such as "The Pocso Act" the protection of children from sexual offences Act 2012 where she stated that there are 3 types of offences: penetrative, Aggregative and sexual Assault and harassment. There should be a social worker at every police station who specially gives counseling to the victims. The orientation took place till 12.30; it had motivated the students so much that they wanted difference in the society. They were happy with the police effort to protect children and women. The police officer also gave a demo about Kavalan SOS app, how to install and use it.



11 students were visited the DCP office on 10 January 2020. Ms. Kajalakshmi is the inspector of Crime Against Women and Children session on south and north zone of Chennai who had given the orientation about Crime Against Women And Children session especially mentioned the children cases. She gave the overall organizing structure of the police department and she taught about the child Rights. She made all the members to download the KAVALAN SOS app and gave a demo on it.



Finally DCP officer Ms. Jayalaksmi shared her experience as a Women police. Interact with the students and gave answer for the students questions related to the Crime against women and Children cases.

Overall the two day session was very useful and the UOC members got an opportunity to learn about the Crime against Women and Children unit.

### **Movie Screening on “V1 murder case” at four frames preview theatre, Chennai on 13 January 2020**

On 13 January 2020 the Unicef on campus club screened V1 murder case movie at the four frames preview theatre for stella maris college students especially for unicef on campus club members with free movie tickets , transportation and refreshments arranged by the V1 murder case team .

We had 2shows screened for students around 400 students and UOC club Members participated and they felt it useful and entertaining.

This movie was based in abolishing caste based issues in their own family and society, this movie was very useful for all of us and it would be knowledgeable for all the youngsters and adults of this generation.

## **Media Round table to end violence against children at SOS Children Village, Nagapattinam on 23 January 2020**

On 23 January 2020 Orientation for Media persons on Ending Violence against Children at Nagapattinam. The session was handled by Mr.Siva Kumar - District Child protection officer, Nagapattinam, Mr.Baskaran, Director - SOS Children's Village, Nagapattinam, Mr.Babu Ezhil Dasan, Project Coordinator - Childline Nagapattinam, A.Devaneyan, Director - Thozhamai, S.Thenpandian, Advocate. About 30 media persons from various media from Nagapattinam participated in the discussion.



## **Orientation for Women Journalists from Chennai to end violence against children at Unicef office, Chennai on 4 February 2020**

On 4 February 2020 Orientation for Women Journalists from Chennai on Ending Violence against Children at Unicef office on 4 February 2020. The session was handled by Pinaki Chakraborty, Chief - Unicef office for Tamilnadu and Kerala, Mr.Sugata Roy, Advocacy and Communication specialist - Unicef office for Tamilnadu and A.Devaneyan Arasu, Director - Thozhamai. Women journalists from various media from Chennai participated in the discussion.



## **Photo Journalism Workshop on protecting the child rights for UOC members of Stella Maris College, Chennai on 7 February 2020**

The workshop started at 9:00 am with a prayer song by the students from the Department of Social Work, followed by Welcome Address given by S. BalaGowri, Membership Manager, UNICEF on Campus Club. Mr. Joshua Fredrick, Head of Resource Mobilization, World Vision India, enriched the students with his address on World Vision India - vision, mission, the projects and interventions undertaken. Dr. Sr. Lourthumary, Head, Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College, congratulated World Vision India for all their initiatives and also for undertaking to implementing the training on photojournalism for students. Ms. Sahaya Teresa, Senior Manager, Media Relations, World Vision India, felicitated Dr. Sr. Lourthumary, Ms. K Vijayalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work and Ms. Arul Leni, Consultant Coordinator, UNICEF on Campus with a memento. Ms. Sahaya Teresa appreciated Dr. Priya George, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work for initiating discussions for this training programme. Ms. Arul leni, felicitated Ms. SahayaTeresa and Ms. Sarah Ramya with mementos.



Mr. Ajitson, Program Officer, World Vision India conducted a game - WAR AGAINST CHILDREN'S ISSUE (WACI) to develop the skills of analyzing and creative thinking by given the students different situations and few weapons (money, innovation, rules and policies, behavioural change) and use any one weapon to solve the problem. The students were asked to form 3 groups, discuss about the problem, come up with a solution and debate on the same. The students played 3 rounds with 3 different problems and ended with summarizing the game.



Ms. Teresa introduced the resource person of the session, Ms. Priyanka Thirumurthi, Journalist - The News Minute. The session started with playing a few Documentaries and case studies created by Ms. Priyanka Thirumurthi and explaining the situations and problems to the students. She gave inputs on how to interview a victim and the family, the factors that has to be kept in mind, what kind of questions need to be asked so that the victim and to be sensitive towards feelings of the victim's/ The session ended with students analyzing the case studies that was shown and finding out the drawbacks that were there in the case studies.



Ms. Clara Raphael, Head, My City Initiatives, World Vision India and also the technical specialist child protection, conducted a game ; giving different situations and 6 feelings ( fear, manage, calm, anger, confused, denial) which were stuck to the different corners of the room and asked the students to stand near the feeling that they will react to once they here about the situation. And were also asked to explain why would they react that way. This activity helped the students in analyzing the situation and how they will act to it.



Mr. Theodore Sam and Moses Ponraj started the session with giving the technical inputs on photography- CEL, COMPOSITION, EXPOSURE, LIGHT

They enriched the students with the knowledge of the technical aspects of the photography - shutter speed, types of shots, angle, frame within a frame, light exposure etc. Then they showed a few pictures and videos and asked the students to explain about the understanding of the pictures.

The session ended with students asking a few questions - eg: what kind of filters to use, and the experts giving them the answers.



Ms. Sarah, explained the students about uploading of the picture that has to be taken by the students on the topics - education, girl children and circulated a feedback form to students.

Ms. Diya Padmakumar, Member of UNICEF on campus club, rendered vote of thanks on behalf of the students.

**Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of  
Violence Against Children at AMET – Academy of Maritime Engineering training,  
Chennai on 17 February 2020**

On 17 February 2020 Capacity building on Human Rights and and Child Protection to End all forms of Violence against children (EVAC) for the students of Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), Chennai. Mr.Bhopathy Baskaran, Principal - AMET has Inaugurated and Welcome address was given by Mr.S.Muthu Baskaran, Asst. professor - AMET. A.Devaneyan, Director-Thozhamai, S.Thenpandian, Advocate and Mr.Solomon antony, Lead Community relations - International Justice Mission handled the sessions on Human rights and Child protection. Over 30 students took part in the capacity building program and had live interactions with the panel members.



## State level festival “Negizhchi, Student Forum20” on 'Atcham Thavir' at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 19 February 2020

State level festival “Negizhchi, Student Forum20” on 'Atcham Thavir' on 19 February 2020 organised jointly by Department of Social Sciences, Youth Advocate For Children, Lady Doak College, Madurai and Thozhamai. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Christianna Singh, Principal - Lady Doak College, Madurai followed by introductory remarks given by Devaneyan Arasu, Director - Thozhamai. An awareness message on Child protection was given by Mr.Su.Venkatesan, Member of Parliament, Madurai. An interactive competitions such as Group dance, Memes, Photography, Quiz, Face painting, Essay writing, Synergetic talents, Paper presentation and Street play were conducted for the students from Lady Doak College, Madurai and outside participants from Various districts throughout Tamilnadu. The valedictory address given by renowned Director Mr.Karupalaniappan and distributed prizes for the students. The Short film, flashmob followed by an oath taking for ending Violence against Children and Women among youth advocates, pledge was taken. About 400 participants from various districts from Tamilnadu participated in the programme.





## Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 20 February 2020

Capacity building on Child Rights and Child Protection to End all forms of Violence against children (EVAC) for the students of Youth Advocate For Children from Department of Social Sciences - Social Work, Lady Doak College, Madurai on 20 February 2020. Mr.S.Thepandian, Advocate and A.Devaneyan, Director-Thozhamai handled the sessions in the field of Child Rights and protection. The students were also oriented to raise voice against child sexual abuse on social media and take a stand. Over 40 students took part in the capacity building program and had live interactions with the panel members.



## Capacity Building for Child Rights and Child Protection for Ending all form of Violence Against Children at Patrician College, Chennai on 28 February 2020

On 28 February 2020 Capacity building on Child Rights and Child Protection to End all forms of Violence against children (EVAC) for Department of Social Work - Patrician college of Arts and science on 28 February 2020. S.Thenpandian, Advocate, A.Devaneyan, Director-Thozhamai Chennai and Ms Lilly Margrate, Sr. Co-ordinator - Thozhamai handled sessions in the field of Child Rights and protection. The students were also oriented to raise voice against child sexual abuse on social media and take a stand. Over 60 students took part in the capacity building program and had live interactions with the panel members.



## **Annexures (News Paper Clippings)**



திரிஷா

## சீனீமாவை யாரும் பின்பற்ற வேண்டாம் நடிக்க திரிஷா பேட்டி

யுனிசெப் சார்பில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான வன்முறைகளை தடுப்பது குறித்த கருத்தரங்கு சென்னை ஸ்டெல்லா மேரி கல்லூரியில் நேற்று நடந்தது. இதில் யுனிசெப்பின் நல்லெண்ண தூதுவராக இருந்து வரும், நடிக்க திரிஷா கலந்து கொண்டார். நிகழ்ச்சியில் அவர் பேசியதாவது:-

“குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான அனைத்து வன்முறைகளையும் முடிவுக்கு கொண்டுவர வேண்டும். போக்சோ சட்டத்தின் கீழ் பதிவு செய்யப்பட்ட வழக்குகளின் எண்ணிக்கை அதிகரித்துள்ளன. பாலியல் துன்புறுத்தல் வழக்குகளில் குற்றவாளிகள் 95 சதவீதம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு தெரிந்தவர்கள். இது நமது குழந்தைகளின் பாதுகாப்பற்ற சூழலை எடுத்துக்காட்டுகிறது.

சிறுமிகள், பெண்களுக்கு எதிரான பாலியல் வன்முறைகள் அனைத்தையும் முடிவுக்குக் கொண்டுவர வேண்டும். கிராமப் புறங்களில் திறந்த வெளி கழிப்பிடங்கள் குறைந்துள்ளன. பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்கள் குறைய தண்டனையை கடுமையாக்க வேண்டும். பெண் குழந்தைகள் கல்வி அதிகரித்துள்ளது. திரைப்படங்களை சீரியசாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ள கூடாது. சினிமா என்பது கற்பனை. அதனை பின்பற்ற கூடாது. பாலின பாகுபாட்டை களைய வேண்டும். இணையதள குற்றங்களில் இருந்தும், குழந்தைகளை பாதுகாப்பதில் அவசியம் உண்டாகிறது.



UNICEF Celebrity Advocate and actress Trisha Krishnan, urged 3000 young people to speak up and act to end all forms of violence against children.

Speaking at the #ENDViolence Youth Talks, which was held on Wednesday in the city, Trisha highlighted the increased number of cases registered under the POCSO between 2014 to 2018. “As per the NCRB 2018 report, the cases reported under the POCSO Act in 2014 was about 9,000, 2015 it was 15,000 and 2016 it has doubled to 36,000 cases.”

She also claimed that the crimes and child rapes are committed by the person in position of trust and known to the child. “About 95% of the offenders of rape cases are known to the victim. This speaks of unsafe

environment looming all around for our children.” Trisha called upon the young people who are 40 per cent of India’s population to act and to challenge the widespread violence against girls and women and the patriarchal values that perpetuate inequality between girls and boys, women and men. She emphasised “Young people need to speak up against the age old ‘culture of silence’ which bolsters perpetrators to get away with the heinous crimes.”

End Violence Against Children is a unique collaborative effort that includes UNICEF and other UN agencies, governments, civil society, young people, advocates and champions, all focused on one thing: making the world safe for children.

## திரிஷாவின் கோரிக்கை!

யுனிசெப் நிறுவனத்தின் நல்லெண்ணத் தூதுவரான திரிஷா, குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான அனைத்து வன்முறைகளையும் முடிவுக்குக் கொண்டு வர வேண்டும் என்ற கேட்டுக் கொண்டார். இத்தொடர்பாக சென்னையில் உள்ள ஸ்டெல்லா மேரிஸ் கல்லூரியில் நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்துகொண்டு மனவிகழுவன் கலந்துகொண்டார்.

இதைத் தொடர்ந்து பத்திரிகையாளர்கள் மத்தியில் திரிஷா பேசும்போது, “எனக்கு அறிந்ததை எல்லாவே பிடிக்கும் என்று எல்லாருக்கும் தெரியும். நான் இன்னும் நேர்கொண்ட பார்வை படம் பார்க்கவில்லை. தனாம் அவரைப் போன்ற ஒரு மனிதர் இப்படியான படத்தில் நடிக்கக் கண்டிப்பாக பெரிய பாராட்டுகள். படத்தின் செய்தி பலர் கண்களைத் திறந்துள்ளது. நான் இப்போதுதான் சொன்னதைக் வந்தேன். கண்டிப்பாக படத்தைப் பாப்பேன். இப்படியான ஒரு முயற்சியை தவிர அதரித்ததற்கு தவரைப் பாராட்ட வேண்டும். இணைப்புகளுக்கு அசியஸ் விழிப்புணர்வு கண்டிப்பாகத் தேவை. இன்றைய இணைப்புகள்தான் நமது அசியஸ்வாதிகள். அசியஸ் பற்றி நாம் இங்கு போ வேண்டாம். ஆனால் ஒட்டுமொத்தவது முக்கியம். உங்களுக்கு யார் வீது நம்மீக்கை இருக்கிறதோ அவருக்கு ஒட்டுப் போடுங்கள். இந்தியாவில் பாலியல் வன்முறைகளுக்கான சட்டங்கள் மாற வேண்டும். அடிநாடுகளில் தவறுகளுக்கு உடனடி தண்டனை தருவது போல நம் ஊர்தம் மாற வேண்டும். அப்போதுதான் குற்றச்செயல்கள் குறையும்” என்று பேசினார்.



## ‘குழந்தைகள் மீதான பாலியல் குற்றங்களுக்கு அரபு நாடுகளை போல் தண்டனை அவசியம்’



சென்னை ஸ்டெல்லா மேரிஸ் கல்லூரியில் நடந்த நடிக்கையும், ‘யுனிசெப்’ அமைப்பின் நல்லெண்ணத் தூதுவரான, திரிஷா, உடன் கல்லூரி மாணவியர்.

சென்னை, ஆக. 29- “குழந்தைகள், சிறுமியர் மீது பாலியல் குற்றம் புரிவோருக்கு, அரபு நாடுகளில் வழங்கப்படுவது போன்ற தண்டனையை, உடனடியாக வழங்க வேண்டும்,” என, நடிக்க திரிஷா, 36, வலியுறுத்தினார்.

சென்னை, ஸ்டெல்லா மேரிஸ் கல்லூரியில், குழந்தைகள், சிறுமியருக்கு எதிரான பாலியல் வன்முறை குறித்த கலந்தாய்வு கூட்டம் நடந்தது. இதில், ஐ.நா., சபையின், குழந்தைகள் நலனுக்கான, ‘யுனிசெப்’ நிறுவனத்தின், நல்லெண்ணத் தூதுவராக உள்ள, நடிக்க திரிஷா மாணவியரிடையே கலந்துகொண்டார்.

அதிகாரிபு அப்போது, அவர் பேசியதாவது: ‘போக்சோ’ எனும், குழந்தைகள், சிறுமியருக்கு எதிரான பாலியல் குற்றங்கள் கீழ், பதிவு செய்த வழக்குகளின் எண்ணிக்கை, கடந்த, 2014 முதல், 2016 வரை அதிகரித்துள்ளது. கொடுமான குற்றங்களில், ஈடுபடுவோரில், 95 சதவீதம் பேர், அந்த குழந்தைகள் மற்றும் சிறுமியருக்கு அறிமுகமானவர்களாகவே உள்ளனர்.

ரான பாலியல் குற்றங்களில், தடுப்பு சட்டத்தின் கீழ், பதிவு செய்த வழக்குகளின் எண்ணிக்கை, கடந்த, 2014 முதல், 2016 வரை அதிகரித்துள்ளது. கொடுமான குற்றங்களில், ஈடுபடுவோரில், 95 சதவீதம் பேர், அந்த குழந்தைகள் மற்றும் சிறுமியருக்கு அறிமுகமானவர்களாகவே உள்ளனர்.

வெற்றி உறுதி பெண்கள், சிறுமியர், குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான பாலியல் குற்றங்களை இனிமேலும் அனுமதிக்கக் கூடாது. அமைதி காத்தது போதும். இது போன்ற விஷயங்களில், குரலை நாம் உயர்த்த வேண்டும்.

குழந்தைகள் மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கு எதிரான குற்றவாளிகளுக்கு, அரபு நாடுகளில் தருவதை போல, தண்டனையை உடனடி

யாக வழங்க வேண்டும். சினிமாவில் நாங்கள், விதவிதமான வேஷங்களில், கதாபாத்திரங்களில் நடிப்பதை உண்மை என, நம்ப வேண்டாம். சினிமாவில் வரும் காட்சிகளின் படி, எங்களை பின்பற்ற வேண்டாம்.

பெண்கள், தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் தங்கள் லட்சியத்திற்காக போராடினால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம். தோல்வி தான் வெற்றியின் முதல் படி; தளராமல் போராடினால், வெற்றி உறுதி.

கிராமப்புற பெண்கள் மத்தியில், விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது; இது, மேலும் தொடர வேண்டும்.

இன்றைய இளைய தலைமுறையினருக்கு, அரசியல் பற்றிய புரிதல் அவசியம். விரும்பும் தலைவர்களுக்கு, அவர்கள் ஒட்டு போட முன்வர வேண்டும். இவ்வாறு, அவர் பேசினார்.



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# The many facets of Trisha

The actor talks about her role as UNICEF Celebrity Advocate and why she has become more conscious now

• GAUTAM SUNDER


It's been nearly a year since 96 released, but it's apparent that the 'Jaanu' hangover has not abated yet. A couple of fans could be spotted dressed in the now-ubiquitous yellow kurta with blue dupatta – one that created a rage among women – outside Stella Maris College, Cathedral Road. But perhaps it shouldn't be all that surprising, given that it was Trisha's Jessie from *Vinnaithaandi Varuvaayaa* that made several girls drape saris, to make a style statement.

## Art and artist

But right now, Trisha Krishnan isn't promoting any brands. She is present in her capacity as UNICEF Celebrity Advocate at the event themed around #ENDViolence, aimed to sensitise students on the importance of making the world a safer place for children. Talking to *MetroPLUS* post the interaction, Trisha says she is eager to bring up topics that she doesn't usually get to address. "It's been almost two years since I was appointed by UNICEF, and it's heartening to

week, we are paying a field visit to Ennore to interact with the residents there. It's a wonderful platform for me to express my views and hopefully, spread the right kind of awareness," she says.

Considering that her fellow actor Priyanka Chopra found herself in the middle of a controversy, after posting a tweet in favour of the Indian Army, do actors need to worry about sharing their thoughts in pu-

 I understand that a lot of children are watching our movies and are likely to be influenced. At the same time, I also believe that cinema shouldn't be taken seriously.

blic? "I think this is something we, as actors, have gotten used to with time. I've been around for 17 years in the industry and even the smallest things I've said, or posted, have been blown out of proportion," she says, adding, "I've always maintained that I speak my mind. But I'm also open to constructive criticism." She adds that her profile as UNICEF Celebrity Advocate has made her "conscious" about her choices. "I understand that a lot of children are watching our movies, and are likely to be influenced. At the same time, I also want to stress on the fact that cinema shouldn't be taken seriously. I keep in mind the nuances of the script, but I honestly look at films as fantasies."

## What's coming up?

On that note, both of her next releases – *Garjanai* (reported to be inspired from Bollywood film *NH10* starring Anushka Sharma) and *Raangi* – do not have a typical 'hero', with Trisha playing the lead protagonist.

"*Raangi* is a bold movie, which dwells on themes such as female empowerment. I play a journalist, and the storyline is really intriguing. Ten years back, I don't know if I could have pulled off such a character. But now, I have the confidence to play a character like this. A lot of filmmakers are coming up with women-oriented movies, which is fantastic," Trisha quips.

Responding to a question on the recent release *Nerkonda Paarvai*, Trisha appreciates actor Ajith Kumar's character, and how the actor's presence will have fruitful and far-reaching effects in the society: "Hats off to a superstar like him for supporting the cause, everyone knows how much I like him and I will see the film soon."

We keep hearing of her signing an English film constantly over the years. Ask about this and she says, "Ha! Not at all! That's a rumour... as it has always been."

(With inputs from Aditi Subramanian)



# பெண், குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றம் நடக்கும் முன்பே தடுக்க வேண்டும்

● மகளிர் கல்லூரி விழாவில் சு.வெங்கடேசன் எம்பி வலியுறுத்தல்

மதுரை போக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி சமூக அறிவியல் துறை, தோழமை அமைப்பு மற்றும் யுனெஸ்கோ ஆவண இணைந்து பெண்கள், குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்களைத் தடுப்பது குறித்த கல்லூரிகளுக்கு இடைபேர்ப்பாடல் நெருக்கி 2020 என்ற சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சியை நடத்தின. உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் அலீஸ் எலிசா ரெரினா வரவேற்றார். கல்லூரி முதல்வர் கிருஷ்ணயானா

நாளுக்கு, நான் அங்கிருந்து வருவதாக தேசிய குற்றப் பதிவேடு கூட ஆவணத்தின் புள்ளி விவரம் தெரிவிக்கிறது. இது ஆபத்தான, மக்களிடையே அச்சத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும் தகவல்.

18 வயது வரை குழந்தைகளுக்கான வயதாக நினைக்க வேண்டும். மக்களவையில் இது பற்றி தனிப்பட்ட மனோநா கொண்டு வர வலியுறுத்துவேன்.

நாட்டில் குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்கள் நடக்கும் முன்பே அவற்றைத் தடுத்திட வேண்டும். பாலின சமத்துவக் கல்வி, மனித உரிமைக் கல்வி கொண்டு வரவேண்டும். இது பற்றியும் மக்களவையில் பேசுவேன். இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

நிறைவு விழாவில் இயக்குநர் கரு. பழனிமப்பன் பங்கேற்று பேசும்போது, பெண்களுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்களைத் தடுக்க நேர்மறையாக அணுக வேண்டும். கன்னியமாணவர்களை முன்னிறுத்த வேண்டும். பெண்கள் அறிவால் வெல்ல முடியும் என்றார்.



▲ போக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி விழாவில் பேசினார் சு. வெங்கடேசன் எம்பி.

## ‘சமூக நடப்புகளை விவாதிக்க மாணவர்கள் முன்வர வேண்டும்’

மதுரை போக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரி சமூக அறிவியல் துறை, தோழமை அமைப்பு மற்றும் யுனெஸ்கோ ஆவண இணைந்து பெண்கள், குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிரான குற்றங்களைத் தடுப்பது குறித்த கல்லூரிகளுக்கு இடைபேர்ப்பாடல் நெருக்கி 2020 என்ற சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சியை நடத்தின. உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் அலீஸ் எலிசா ரெரினா வரவேற்றார். கல்லூரி முதல்வர் கிருஷ்ணயானா



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## ‘Awareness of crimes against women, children necessary’

MP calls upon district administration to stop child marriages

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Madurai MP Su. Venkatesan on Wednesday said crimes against women and children had risen by 250%, according to data provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

Speaking at Negizchi 2020, an event organised by Lady Doak College on its premises in collaboration with UNICEF focussing on the need to end violence against women and children, Mr. Venkatesan said it was essential for men to stop being primitive to stop perpetuating crimes.

“Until then, the notion of development will be non-existent,” he felt.

The district administration and authorities from various departments, including the Child Welfare Committee and the District Child Protection Unit, must make efforts to ensure that any and all child marriages were stopped in Madurai.

“If the Collector of a small



S. Venkatesan, MP, speaking at an event in Madurai on Wednesday. \*R. ASHOK

district like Perambalur can stop 600 child marriages in a year, we must stop at least 10 times the number of marriages in our district,” he said.

The MP said that there was a need to keep a close watch on the relationship between the number of drop-outs and the number of juveniles convicted for murder. To ensure that students did not go astray, education routes must be strengthened.

Director, Thozhamai, A.

Devaneyan said it was imperative to consider those between 15 and 18 years of age as children and not adults.

He added that students from schools and colleges must be taught to use ‘1098’ Childline service without hesitation in times of dire need.

The MP honoured two panchayat presidents and a set of young students who stopped child marriages in Madurai and Dindigul districts.

## To live, they need to fight

SANJANA GANESH  
MADURAI

D. Rajalakshmi, a 15-year-old student from Maniyakaranpatti, a village located 15 km from Dindigul, says she vividly recollects the time when her close friend was about to be married off to a much older man. “My friend and I would always roam around together both at school and outside of it. Her parents one day told her that she would be married off and she had no choice. She too agreed. The incident left me shocked,” she says.

Rajalakshmi and her friend are both members of ‘Childvoice,’ a non-governmental organisation working for protecting children’s rights, and had attended sessions on child abuse, marriage and labour together in 2012.

When her friend submitted to the institution of child marriage, Ms. Rajalakshmi says she took matters into her own hands. Although she tried talking her friend out of it, her parents were unapproachable, she says. “That is when I called the Childline service and they intervened,” she says. Like Rajalakshmi, three others - M. Santosh Kumar, M. Vishali and A. Jayaprakash - are attempting to



Young students from Dindigul aim to protect child rights and hope to eradicate abuse, marriage and labour for children. \*

strengthen child rights in Dindigul. Their efforts have earned them praise from UNICEF in November 2019 and most recently at Lady Doak College. Rajalakshmi and her fellow activist 17-year-old M. Santosh Kumar from Sangalpatti say the biggest problem they currently face is against child labour.

“Parents somehow think that their child and the family will have a better life if the child is sent to a big city for work. The child too is enamoured by the opportunity to leave the village and see the world. We have a responsibility to tell the ones around us about the terrible working hours and abuse there. So many boys have escaped from firecracker-making companies, matchstick units, cloth manufacturers with nothing. Our Dindigul boys are often sent to the north,” says Santosh Kumar.

One of the boys is Jayaprakash. “I was about to be sent to Delhi,” he says. According to Jayaprakash who was supposed to work as a ‘shop boy,’ the prospect of seeing a new city was exciting but only after his friend spoke to him did he realise the dangers. “I received counselling from my peers and my parents had a discussion with social workers. I am now back in school,” he says.

Thirteen-year-old Vishali who has begun the conversation regarding alcoholic and abusive parents in her village Viralipatti, says she and her friends aim to alleviate the underprivileged from regressive ideas perpetuated over generations. “We help our friends survive and spread the message of reaching out to Childline and the police because many of us are in broken homes. To live, we must fight,” she says.

Capacity Building on Child Rights and Child Protection for Youth Advocates for Children at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 19 & 20 February 2020

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- Mr. Devaneyan Arasu, Convenor of Shout for Freedom, represented the coalition. He talked about the need for collective efforts from people movements to address violence against women and children. 3 leaders from Released Bonded Labour Association (RBLA) from Tiruvallur were also part of this convention.
- On Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Shout for Freedom coalition appreciates all the three parties in Tamil Nadu for committing to eradicate #BondedLabour and all forms of Human Trafficking. Coalition representatives met with various parties and discussed about the inclusion of eradicating bonded labour and human trafficking in the #Election2019 #manifesto.
- On Apr 18<sup>th</sup> they should rise up to hold key positions in the Government," says Devaneyan Arasu, our convener (Shout for Freedom Coalition), about the #BondedLabour survivors voting for the first time.  
<https://www.facebook.com/shout4freedomtn/videos/281783609396812/?t=60>
- On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 Shout for Freedom organized a meeting of CSOs to discuss raising up volunteer foot soldiers from the grassroots levels to create awareness, identify and report cases on bonded labour and human trafficking to the relevant government authorities or the coalition members. The bonded labour system and human trafficking are not so visible forms of labour exploitation. Legal action is taken only when individual cases get exposed through individuals or organizations complaining against such forms. There is no mechanism whatsoever to proactively identify such cases and take further action. Thus, it is necessary to create a set of defenders in these prevalent areas which are known for such forms of human rights violation. This will be crucial to address the hidden and invisible forms of unfair and illegal forms of labour.
- On June 12<sup>th</sup> A press meet was organized by Unorganized Worker's Federation (Thozhilalar koodam) in view of #WorldDayAgainstChildLabour to raise the voice of the affected children for justice & advocate right to education for all children. Our convener, Mr. Devaneyan represented the coalition and spoke highlighting the issue of #ChildBondedLabour. Sathiyam TV airing a #live interview on the occasion of #WorldDayAgainstChildLabour featuring our convener Mr. Devaneyan and Mr. Kuralamuthan, IJM. It also featured #BondedLabour survivor and Released Bonded Labour Association (RBLA) leader, Sakunthala.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> June 6 bonded labourers, including 4 minors, were rescued from a Water Treatment Plant in Chennai with the help of Thozhamai – NGO Chennai. On 26<sup>th</sup> June Government proactively sealed two water treatment plants in Chennai after rescuing 6 boys from the plant in Chennai. All the 6, including 4 minors, migrants from Odisha, were made to work as bonded labourers.

- On 30<sup>th</sup> July #WorldDayAgainstTraffickingInPersons, A nice message given by our convenor- Mr. Devaneyan .
- On 7<sup>th</sup> September 61 were rescued from a jewellery making unit in Chennai, in a rescue op lead by the @chennaipolice assisted by IJM. This includes 43 minor boys. Enquiry is being conducted by the revenue dept. More updates to follow soon. On 8<sup>th</sup> September 61 boys rescued from a jewellery unit and 8 boys from pani puri unit received RCs from the #TNGovt. Big shoutout to proactiveness and effective collaboration between all concerned gov depts. & Thozhamai –NGO.
- On September 11, Thru. M. K. Stalin met #BondedLabour survivors from the Released Bonded Labourers' Association and our convenor Mr Devaneyan along with IJM. Survivor Shanmugam presented his hand made products. This meeting was made possible by DNV Dr.Senthil Kumar.S DMK. DMK - Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
- **Upcoming event** - To take a lead in combating human trafficking in our communities from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 .
- **About the Campaign:**The campaign for 2019 will comprise of a collection of sensitization programs that will raise awareness on the issue of Human trafficking and Bonded Labour across 12 districts in Tamil Nadu. While the campaign will focus on engaging the NGO's, government stakeholders and defenders who are part of the coalition at the district and state level, it will also focus on raising awareness among vulnerable community members and college students about Human trafficking. In this regard, the campaign will echo a uniform ask customized to be relevant to different audiences through specific events.
- **Campaign ASK:** Create safe communities by eliminating Human Trafficking and Bonded Labour
- **Recommendations of the campaign:**

Introduce and pass Trafficking in Persons Bill in the Parliament.

Delink the monetary rehabilitation to conviction mentioned in Central Sector Scheme for bonded labourers.

Time frame to be fixed for rehabilitation under CSS scheme.

Observe 9<sup>th</sup> of February, every year as 'Anti-Bonded Labour Day