

# MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY



## MONTHLY WORK REPORT (September & October - 2023)

# Executive Summary

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*Centre for Social Justice and Equity was established at the Madras School of Social Work, Chennai under the grant-in-aid of the Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. It was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Mrs. N. Kayalvizhi.*

*Since its inauguration the centre has undertaken various activities. Notably, the Centre has submitted research project proposals amounting to one crore rupees to different funding organisations. Furthermore, to commemorate the social justice day, the Centre has organised a seminar on social justice to demonstrate its commitment to promote social justice. Additionally, the Centre has lended technical support to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare in its NGO empanelment process.*

*The centre expects the first instalment of its grant-in-aid very soon. Once the fund been received the planned activities listed in the Annual Plan will be carried out in the upcoming months.*

# Major Activities

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The Centre comprises of three working units: Research Unit, Programmes & Training Unit; and Documentation Unit. The details of the activities undertaken by each unit have given below.

## **Research Unit**

The research unit of the Centre has carried out different activities during this period.

- Thematized and submitted three major research proposals worth of around one crore rupees to different funding organisations.
- Research project proposal on 'Baseline Information of Puthirai Vannar Community in Tamil Nadu' submitted for bidding to the Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu. Budget of the submitted project is 79 lakhs rupees.
- Research project proposal on 'Development and Distributive Politics in India: A Comparative baseline study of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes sub plan of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu' has submitted to Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (ICSSR). Budget for this major research project proposal is around 24 lakhs.
- Research project proposal titled on 'Invisible Margins: A Baseline Survey on Panniandi Community in Tamil Nadu' has submitted to Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (ICSSR). The Project has sought for around 10 lakhs rupees for its budget.

## **Programme Unit**

- CSJE has organised seminar on 'Understanding Social Justice and Equity: A Socio – Political Perspective.' Special address delivered by Ms. Arulmozhi Advocate and Social Activist and Justice D. Hariparandhaman, Former Judge, Madras High Court. Around 30 students from Madras School of Social Work participated in this seminar. Resource persons have delivered detailed lecture on the themes such as social justice tradition and movements in Tamil Nadu.

Adv. Arulmozhi majorly discussed on social justice from the gender perspective. Justice D. Hariparandhaman discussed the social justice from the constitutional perspective.

- One of the planned activities of the Centre is to organize weekly lecture series. Last week a presentation on "Charting the Unknown: Population Projection Methods for Targeted Tribal Census" was scheduled and delivered by Mr. Sankara Pandi, the Documentation Assistant of the Centre.

### **Documentation Unit**

- Created social media pages and regularly updated the centre activities.
- Collected census data and involved in the documentation work on Research project proposal of Baseline information on Puthirai vannar.
- Undertaken the population projection for Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) for its Master Plan - 2026
- Undertaken the population projection of tribals in Tamil Nadu for Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu

## Net Working & Collaboration

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- Prof. S. Irudhayarajan, Director, The International Institute of Migration and Development, Trivandrum.
- Dr. Guru Vasishtha, Department of Survey Research & Data Analytics, Indian Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai
- Prof. Nakkeeran Nanjappan, Dean, School of Global Affairs, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Prof. James N. Druckman, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, USA
- Prof. Nancy Cook, Social Justice and Equity Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Brock University, Canada

## On going Work

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- Research Paper on “Contemporary significance and understandings of caste-based discrimination among Panniandi Community in Tamil Nadu” – Working by Dr.S.Ilavarasi & Ms.P.Suseendhira
- Research Briefing Paper on Population Projection of Tribals in Tamil Nadu
- Policy Note on Forest Rights Act (FRA)

## Events

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### **September 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

#### **Draft reading and discussion on proposed LGBTQIA+ draft of Tamil Nadu along with Ms.Olga Aaron, Trans Activist**

Read and made discussion on proposed LGBTQIA+ policy draft. Made critical analysis and added inputs on the draft for further development.

### **September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

#### **Discussion with Dr. K. Ragupathi, Member, SC/ST Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu**

Discussed matters with regard to community certificate issues among Dalits from vulnerable backgrounds. Additionally, suggestions made on researches on violences and atrocities against Dalit communities. Further the functions of the centre were also discussed in brief.

### **September – 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

#### **Discussion with Dr. Prabhu, Data Scientist, Itolytics**

Discussion made on Data projections, Data Mapping and relevant data collection process. Planned for a workshop on Fact Sheets and Data Visualization and training on Kobo tool box, Infographics, Picto Chart, Powerbio and various data collection and analyzing software.

**September - 16<sup>th</sup> 2023****Discussion with Mr. S. Annadurai CLS, Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu**

Discussion on Socio – Economic Survey among the Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu was made. He directed the centre should focus on the tribal welfare schemes evaluation and asked to submit proposals for baseline surveys. Planned to conduct Social Entrepreneurship and skill development programmes among the Irulas and Narkuravars in Tamil Nadu.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Organised seminar on 'Understanding Social Justice and Equity: A Socio – Political Perspective.' In the seminar, special address delivered by Ms. Arul Mozhi Advocate and Social Activist and Justice D. Hariparandhaman, Former Judge, Madras High Court. Around 30 students from Madras School of Social Work participated in the event. Chief Guests have different themes such as social justice tradition, movements in Tamil Nadu and critically looked at different schemes. Adv. Arul Mozhi majorly discussed on social justice from the gender perspective. Justice D. Hariparandhaman spoke about the social justice from the constitutional perspective.

**September 24, 2023**

Social Watch organized a consultation on Development action plan for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Sub Plan. CSJE team member participated in the meeting.

**September - 29<sup>th</sup> 2023****Discussion with Mr. M. Punitha Pandiyan, Vice-President, SC/ST Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu**

Discussed on creating database as well library for the CSJE. Also, discussed on the availability of dalit murasu magazines for the library.

**September – 30<sup>th</sup> 2023****Presentation by Prof. Natarajah Manickam**

Presentation had two parts. First part of the presentation was about the Multiversity and Gandhi Mandela and Freire (GMF) Fellowship which offered by Loyala College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum. The next half of the presentation was on the key areas and themes that emerged from the consultation meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August. He presented the activities and themes in the mind tree format.

**Discussion on the Proposal writing on Baseline information of Puthirai Vannar Community, Tamil Nadu.**

Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare department call for tender notice on the baseline information of Puthirai Vannar community, Tamil Nadu. The discussion focused on the proposal writing and application process for the tender. After the discussion, it was finalized that CSJE team will apply for the tender and workload were allotted.

Parallely proposal for ICSSR were prepared on Panniyandi Community and SC-ST Sub-Plan for two weeks of October.

**October 10 – Visit to Tribal Welfare department for the NGOs Empanelment**

CSJE team visited Tribal welfare department for the Empanelment of NGOs. Along with department team, CSJE team involved in preparing indent of the application received. After the work, team met the Director of Tribal Welfare department and he appreciated the work done by the team.

**October 16 – Discussion with Director- Tribal Welfare Department**

Tribal Welfare Development Director Mr. S. Annadurai, CLS visited the centre to discuss the upcoming census activity among the Tribal population. The director expressed that the research activity should be a census, which covers comprehensive data on Tribal population in Tamil Nadu.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Submitted ICSSR project proposal titled, 'Invisible Margins: A Baseline Survey on Panniandi Community in Tamil Nadu.'

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The team was engaged in the preparing the proposal and application for the Baseline information study of Puthirai Vannar Community in Tamil Nadu since October. Application has submitted to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department for the bidding process.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

CSJE team engaged in the NGOs empanelment work such as creating data base of the application received and shortlisting qualified NGOs for the empanelment.

**October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The Director, CSJE participated on behalf of MSSW in the Committee of Population Projection for Greater Chennai as part of CMDA Master Plan preparation.

**October 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Mr. Sankara Pandi, Documentation Assistant, CSJE, gave lecture in the topic of, 'Charting the Unknown: Population Projection Methods for Targeted Tribal Census.'

# Plan for the Upcoming Month

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## **Research Unit**

- Research project proposal to be submitted to Australian Consulate General – Direct Aid Programme amounting to 10 Lakhs
- Research paper work on Panniandi Community in Dharmapuri and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu.

## **Programme Unit**

- Workshop for Developing Baseline format for the ST survey in Tamil Nadu
- Monthly Lecture on Social Justice
- Trichy Zone level Consultative meeting
- Conservation linked social enterprises in 3 selected location in Tamil Nadu – Action study and field project
- Networking with CCRD,
- Release of Homeless study report and sustainable livelihood initiatives for homeless women in Chennai.

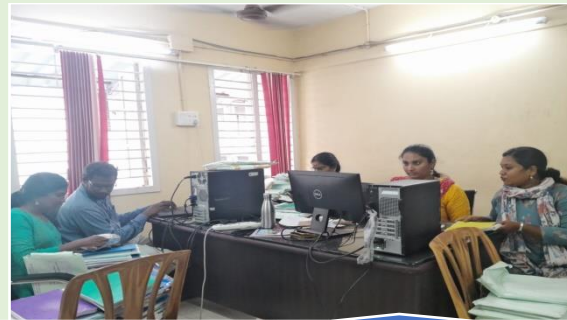
## **Documentation Unit**

- Preparing Policy note on the population projection for the Tribal population in Tamil Nadu.
- Website development and Purchase of books and other resources for the CSJE library.

# Gallery



Inauguration of the Centre for Social Justice and Equity



CSJE team working on Intending the NGOs applications for the Empanelment at Directorate of Tribal Welfare



Seminar on Social Justice



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Interaction with Prof. Natarajah Manickam

