



MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

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NEWSLETTER

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This newsletter for the months of March and April presents you with various activities carried out by the Centre for Social Justice and Equity (CSJE). In the last two months CSJE engaged in diverse and unique activities through its units namely, research, program and documentation. One of the unique public events organised by the centre is the mono-act play titled, 'innuma nadakkuthu' that discussed the nuances of inter-caste marriages. In addition, the Centre conducted a day of training on Social Justice and Equity for the Panchayat president and vice-president representatives from Krishnagiri District. Along with the training, the centre organised one-day civil societies consultation meeting from Villupuram and Krishnagiri regions.

In terms of research, CSJE along with the Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, worked on preparing an action plan for FRA 2006 as well as translation work on the FRA manual. Along with that, the Centre also engaged in creating GIS map based on the PVTGs Survey data. In addition to that, in the view of loksabha election, the centre prepared a data sheet based on the nomination of the candidates.

As part of Academic engagement and knowledge sharing, in collaboration with various departments in Madras School of Social Work, CSJE has organised two National conferences and a state-level seminar on the contemporary issues of the marginalised section of society. Centre also engaged in policy-level intervention by becoming one of the academic knowledge partners with the State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu in preparing a Focused Block Development report for the development of most backward blocks in Tamil Nadu. In addition to that, the Centre also had initial discussions with Thiru. Prince Gajendra Babu, Secretary, to bring out an anti-caste curriculum for both School and College students and Mr Deepak Nathan to conduct a survey to understand the nuances of in Disability, caste and accessibility of Government welfare measures. Finally, the Centre has finalised the logo for CSJE by organising a logo competition for the various colleges within Tamil Nadu.



PROGRAMME

Conducted an one day workshop titled “One day sensitisation workshop on Social Justice and Equity for the Panchayat Presidents” at Krishnagiri, on 12th March 2024

- The workshop aimed to sensitise the panchayat presidents about the concepts of social justice and equity. In addition, it focussed on the role of Social Justice and equity in village development.
- The Training Program was attended by the panchayat presidents from three blocks in Krishnagiri districts and vice Presidents. Total number of participants was 35 (males: 29; females: 5).
- Mr. Velmurugan, TAHDCO District Officer, Krishnagiri was the chief guest address .



Organised one-day civil society organisations consultation on social justice and equity at Villupuram on 02nd April 2024.

- The consultation aimed to explore the possibilities of collaboration and networking in the various activities of the centre.
- Fr. Arul Valan SDB, Thurumbar Liberation Movement, Thurumbar Community Development and Research Center, Gingee, Villupuram delivered the chief guest address
- Around twenty-six members from various civil society organisations from four districts (Villupuram, Kallakurichi, Cuddalore, and Pondicherry) and researchers have participated in the consultations.



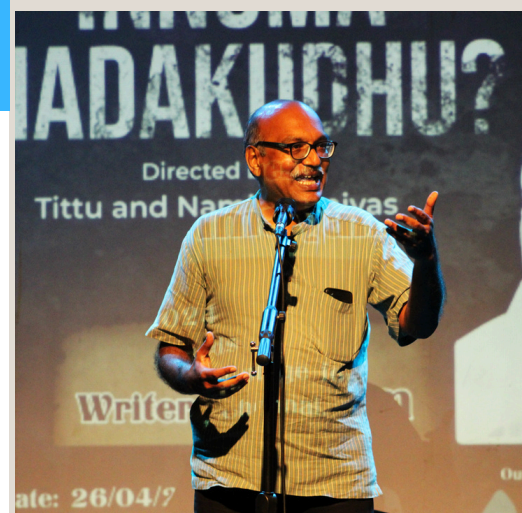
One-day civil society consultation on social justice and equity, Krishnagiri on 15th April 2024

- Consultation was organised to explore the possibilities of collaboration and networking.
- Forty members from four districts (Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Vellore, Ranipet, and Thirupathure) and participants included directors of NGOs, researchers, and Students have participated in the consultations



In collaboration with the Theatre of Voices, the Centre organised a Monoact called 'Innuma Nadakkuthu' on the theme of honour killings on 26th April 2024.

- The play was inspired by the novel Pethahvan written by Imayam
- chief guest for the program is Imayam, Writer and author of Peththavan
- Around 50 participants attended the event.



Conferences and Seminar

- In collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Madras School of Social Work, organised a “National Conference on Social Work for Sustainable Transformative Change and Social Justice” on 14th and 15th March 2024. Around three hundred students, research scholars, academicians and practitioners across Tamil Nadu and different states participated in the conference. Along with the paper presentations, street theatre and mime competitions happened on the theme of Social Justice and Equity.
- The Department of Social Entrepreneurship and the Centre for Social Justice and Equity jointly organised a “National Conference on Tribal Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Development” on 20th and 21st March 2024 held at Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.
- Centre in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Madras School of Social Work organised a one-day seminar on “Confronting Honor Killing: A Multifaceted Approach” on 21st March 2024.
 - Centre planned to form a committee including Human rights organisations, law professionals etc. to bring act for honour killing as a way forward



Internship

- **Mr. Yadeendar, II year student from the Department of Social Work (MSW) at Christ University, Bangalore from 1st April 2024 – 24th April 2024.**
 - The student has engaged in creating posters
 - Short video about the CSJE.
 - engaged in the research activity

Discussion and Other Activities

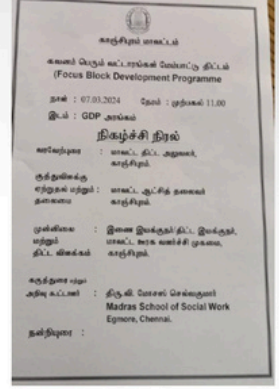
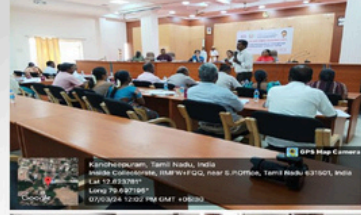
- **Focused Block Development Programme (FBDP)**
 - CSJE is one of the academic knowledge partners under the State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu plays in preparing Focused Block development reports for eight blocks from seven districts namely, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Ranipet, Vellore, Villupuram and Tirupathur.
- **Organised a discussion with Mr. Deepak Nathan, Assistant Professor, Loyola, Member of Rights Project to conduct a survey as well as training manuals for person with disabilities.**
 - This survey would emphasis on the insectionality of Caste, Gender and Disability.
- **Organised discussion with Mr. Prince Gajendra Babu, Sate Platform for Common School System - TN (SPCSS-TN) to bring out the anti-caste curriculum and manuals to sensitise both school and college students.**



FBDP - Gallery



Regional Meeting held at Chengalpattu



District and Block level Meeting at Kanchipuram District



District Level Meeting held at Viluppuram



Meeting at Thiruvallur District



Block Level Meeting held at Thiruvannainallur and Melmalayanur, Viluppuram District



Timiri Block



Vellore District

THEATRE

