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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

November 2025 was a month of significant activity for CSJE, encompassing the launch of Journalism Internships for movement journalists at News 7 Tamil and The Hindu Tamil Thisai, the second Journalism and Mass Communication Residential Workshop (10–18 November), field visits for Applied Research on laundry livelihoods in Thiruthangal, a Consultation on Business Opportunities in Laundry and Crematorium, the CSJE Advisory Council Meeting, an online meeting on the SC/ST Sub-Plan Training Manual, and the Thodar Public Consultation on the Tholkudi Digital Repository at Ooty.

December 2025 was defined by the large-scale roll-out of Capacity Building Trainings for Block and Village Resource Persons (BRP/VRP) under the Tholkudi initiative across seven zones, the Samaththuvam Kaanbom public awareness campaign, a landmark ₹25 lakh Work Order from the Honourable Chief Minister for the Puthirai Vannar community laundry unit in Thiruthangal, and the Tholkudi Digital Archive being recognised as a showcase project in the UNESCO State of Education Report 2025.



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Launch of Journalism & Mass Communication Internship Programme

Ms. Pavithra and Mr. Deeneshwar commenced a two-month internship at The Hindu Tamil Thisai, one of Tamil Nadu's premier print media outlets. Simultaneously, five interns – Ms. Jemima, Ms. Abirami, Ms. Devadharshini, Mr. Vinoth, and Mr. John Simeon – joined News 7 Tamil, a leading visual news channel. This placement enabled the interns to work in live newsroom environments, gaining hands-on experience in journalism, reporting, and media production. The programme aims to nurture socially conscious journalists capable of amplifying the voices of marginalized communities. By embedding interns in mainstream and regional media, CSJE bridges the gap between academic training and professional media practice, equipping participants with skills that directly serve the goals of social equity and justice communication.



Third Residential Workshop on Journalism and Mass Communication 10–18 November 2025

The nine-day Residential Workshop on Journalism and Mass Communication, held from November 10 to 18, 2025, featured a robust lineup of distinguished guests and hands-on events designed to immerse students in modern media practices. The program commenced with a grand inaugural ceremony at the Tamil Virtual Academy, graced by prominent figures including Thiru. A.S. Panneerselvan (Director General, CIJ), Dr. J. Jeyaranjan (Vice Chairman, State Planning Commission), Tmt. G. Laxmi Priya IAS, Thiru. T. Anand IAS, and a keynote address by former The Hindu Editor-in-Chief Thiru. N. Ravi. Following the launch, the workshop transitioned into intensive daily sessions led by industry veterans. Renowned journalists and experts such as Rohini Mohan, Kavitha Muralidharan, and Sujatha Sivagnanam led compelling sessions on field reporting, citizenship, and gender sensitivity, while Punithapandian and Prof. Suresh Babu tackled complex narratives surrounding caste and social justice. Technological and digital transformations in newsrooms were expertly covered by Srinivasan Ramani on data journalism, Dr. Murali Shanmugavelan on AI ethics, and CIJ faculty members Uthra, Sriram, and Dhanya Raj, who trained students in multimedia storytelling, CMS, and live video studio production. A notable highlight was a special session by Justice K. Chandru on constitutional and tribal rights, commemorating Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, which added profound legal and historical context to the curriculum. Beyond classroom lectures, the workshop incorporated highly engaging experiential events, including an interactive documentary screening of *Breaking Barriers* guided by filmmaker Amudhan R.P., and immersive field visits to legacy newsrooms like The Hindu and the fast-paced broadcast studios of News18 Tamil. Finally, an on-ground reporting exercise at Marina Beach allowed students to apply their newfound skills in real-time, culminating in a comprehensive, 360-degree journalistic training experience.



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Applied Research – Field Visits to Garmax Laundry Unit & Thiruthangal

As part of CSJE's ongoing applied research into livelihood opportunities for the Puthirai Vannar community, the research team conducted two critical field visits during November 2025. On 12 November, the team visited the Garmax Laundry Unit to study its operational model, infrastructure requirements, workflow systems, and profitability parameters.

The Garmax visit provided vital insights into modern laundry enterprise models, helping the team assess the feasibility of establishing similar units for the Puthirai Vannar community – a traditionally laundry-based occupational community facing livelihood challenges. On 16 and 17 November, the team visited Thiruthangal to conduct detailed community engagements, needs assessments, and stakeholder consultations. Findings from these field visits informed subsequent discussions with government bodies, startup consultants, and franchise operators, ultimately contributing to the landmark work order received from the Chief Minister in December 2025.



Consultation Programme on Emerging Business Opportunities in Laundry & Crematorium

On 20 November 2025, CSJE organised a focused consultation programme examining emerging business opportunities in the laundry and crematorium sectors – two areas traditionally associated with scheduled caste and marginalized communities in Tamil Nadu. The programme brought together community stakeholders, researchers, and subject-matter experts for a structured dialogue.

The consultation explored the commercial viability of modern laundry enterprises, including franchise models, technology integration, and market demand. Discussions also examined dignified livelihood opportunities in crematorium services, recognising the occupational identities of specific communities while envisioning pathways for economic advancement and social dignity. The programme served as a critical planning forum, laying the intellectual and strategic groundwork for the policy interventions and government-supported livelihood projects that followed in December 2025.

Consultation Program on Emerging Business Opportunities in Laundry & Crematorium

Venue: CSJE, MSSW

Date: 20.11.2025

Time: 4 PM-5 PM

Programme Schedule

Time	Sessions
4:00 – 4:05 PM	Welcome Address & Introduction Dr.S.IIavarasi, Research Associate, CSJE
4:05 – 04.20 PM	Thiruthangal Field Observation Research Unit, CSJE
4.20 - 4. 35 PM	Challenges in Crematorium and Business opportunities Mr. R.S.Balaraman, Crematorium in-charge
4.20 – 4.30 PM	Briefing of Business Plan (Scope and Opportunities) Dr.R. Pavananthi Vembulu, Director, CSJE
4.30 – 4.45 PM	Scope of Startup in Laundry Business and Crematorium Mr.Ramajeyam, Project Lead, TN SC/ST Startup
4.45 – 5.15 PM	Discussion
Vote of Thanks Dr.D.Chandrasekar, Research Assistant, CSJE	



Online Meeting with Mr. Krishna Acharya (Retd. IAS) on SC/ST Sub-Plan

On 13 November 2025, CSJE held an online consultation with Mr. Krishna Acharya, a retired IAS officer with extensive expertise in scheduled caste and tribal welfare administration. The meeting was convened to advance work on the SC/ST Sub-Plan Training Manual – a critical policy document aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Action Plan.

The discussion centred on designing a comprehensive training manual that would equip government functionaries, field officers, and resource persons with the knowledge needed to effectively implement sub-plan provisions. Mr. Acharya's administrative experience provided invaluable insights into systemic gaps, implementation challenges, and best practices. The meeting contributed directly to the preparation of the Draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act and Rules 2024.

Policy Work – Draft Reports and SOP Development

November 2025 witnessed significant progress on CSJE's policy research and documentation agenda. Two important outputs were developed during this period. First, the team advanced the Draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act and Rules 2024 – a comprehensive guideline document aimed at supporting systematic and accountable implementation of protective and developmental provisions for SC and ST communities.

Second, a draft report titled 'Transformative Livelihood Interventions: Vulnerability and Geographical Isolation – A Report on Scheduled Castes of Tamil Nadu' was prepared. This research document examines the intersections of caste-based vulnerability, geographic marginalisation, and livelihood deprivation among scheduled caste communities across Tamil Nadu, providing evidence-based analysis and actionable recommendations for government and civil society actors.



Thodar Public Consultation on Tholkudi Digital Repository – Ooty

CSJE collaborated the Thodar Public Consultation on the Tholkudi Digital Repository at Ooty during November 2025. This consultation was part of the ongoing community engagement initiative to build awareness, gather feedback, and strengthen participation in the Tholkudi Digital Archives project among tribal communities of the Nilgiris and surrounding regions. The Tholkudi Digital Repository is a pioneering effort to document, preserve, and digitise the cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, languages, and oral histories of tribal communities in Tamil Nadu. The consultation brought together tribal representatives, community leaders, local officials, and researchers to discuss the progress of the archiving initiative and explore ways to deepen community ownership of the documentation process.



Meeting with Ms. Manuella Ott – Dalit Solidarity Network

On 29 December 2025, CSJE held a meeting with Ms. Manuella Ott of the Dalit Solidarity Network, an international advocacy organisation working to combat caste-based discrimination and advance the rights of Dalit communities globally. The meeting explored potential areas of collaboration in research, advocacy, and community empowerment.

Discussions centred on CSJE's research and policy engagement priorities including SC/ST livelihood interventions, the Samaththuvam Kaanbom campaign, and documentation initiatives. The international network's perspective on Dalit rights advocacy, UN engagement, and transnational solidarity was explored as a potential avenue for amplifying CSJE's local work on a global platform. This engagement reflects CSJE's growing recognition as a credible partner in national and international human rights networks.



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Interactive Discussion on Language Documentation with Prof. Shobhana Chelliah

On 22 December 2025, CSJE hosted an enriching interactive academic discussion on Language Documentation and Archiving with Prof. Shobhana Chelliah, a distinguished Professor of Linguistics with internationally recognised expertise in endangered language documentation and field linguistics.

Prof. Chelliah shared her extensive experience in developing methodologies for documenting endangered languages, creating digital archives, and working with indigenous language communities. Participants gained practical guidance on linguistic fieldwork, ethical protocols, metadata standards for language archives, and strategies for ensuring community ownership. The session significantly enriched the theoretical and methodological foundations of the Tholkudi project, ensuring its alignment with global standards in language documentation and digital archiving.

CSJE Advisory Council Meeting

The CSJE Advisory Council convened its meeting on 21 November 2025, bringing together the Centre's distinguished advisory members for a comprehensive review of ongoing programmes, research initiatives, and strategic priorities.



Puthirai Vannar Laundry Unit – Chief Minister's Work Order of ₹25 Lakhs

A landmark milestone was achieved on 6 December 2025 when the Hon'ble Chief Minister Muththuvél Karunanithi Stalin issued a work order for the establishment of a laundry unit for the Puthirai Vannar community at Thiruthangal, with a grant of ₹25 lakhs. This achievement represents the successful culmination of months of applied research, community mobilisation, and policy advocacy by CSJE.

Following the work order, CSJE engaged beneficiaries in preparatory activities: discussions with Puthirai Vannar women at Bose Colony, Sivakasi on cooperative society formation, marketing scope, and collective action; a study visit to Tumble Dry franchise at Kodambakkam with TN SC/ST Startup consultants; and exploration of collaboration with Dhobi G startup for technology solutions. The work order represents a transformative livelihood opportunity for this traditionally marginalised occupational community and stands as testimony to CSJE's research-to-policy impact model.



Tholkudi Archive Featured in UNESCO State of Education Report 2025

In a proud achievement for CSJE and MSSW, the Tholkudi Archive was featured as a showcase project in the State of the Education Report 2025, published by UNESCO New Delhi. The Tholkudi Archive is one of the flagship ongoing projects of the Centre, dedicated to the digital documentation and preservation of tribal communities' cultural heritage, languages, and traditional knowledge systems in Tamil Nadu.

The UNESCO recognition affirms the national and international significance of the Tholkudi initiative as a model for community-led, technology-enabled cultural preservation. Being highlighted in a UNESCO publication elevates the project's visibility among policymakers, researchers, and development practitioners globally, creating new opportunities for partnerships, funding, and replication. This dual recognition – at the state political level and in an international UNESCO publication – marks December 2025 as a watershed moment for the Tholkudi project.



21 An archive of Tamil Nadu's tribal languages and cultures

Tholkudi Digital Repository

Location: Tamil Nadu

Duration: Launched in 2025

Objective: The Tholkudi Digital Repository is a state-led initiative of the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, aimed at safeguarding the linguistic and cultural heritage of the state's tribal and indigenous communities. Tamil Nadu has identified at least thirty-one tribal languages spoken across the state and has committed to documenting and creating resources for all of them.

Launched on 9 August 2025, on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Tholkudi aligns with UNESCO's International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) and responds to global concerns highlighted in UNESCO's Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger (2010). It embodies the vision of the Los Pinos Declaration (UNESCO and Government of Mexico, 2020), which emphasizes indigenous leadership and the principle "Nothing for us without us".

Tholkudi operates on an open-source archival platform built around clear standards for file formats, metadata, consent, naming, transcription and cultural protection. Documentation is carried out by teams that combine academic experts and community-led groups, with a strong emphasis on encouraging tribal women and youth to take active roles in collecting, narrating and curating materials.

The repository applies the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance – Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility, and Ethics – to allow participating tribal communities to retain meaningful authority over how recordings, knowledge and cultural materials are archived, accessed and reused. A four-tier access system (open, restricted, protected, embargoed) balances openness with cultural sensitivity.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Tholkudi provides Tamil Nadu's first systematic infrastructure for preserving tribal languages, traditions and worldviews. The archive safeguards oral literature, ritual practices, place-based ecological knowledge, folk songs, narratives, lexicons and visual culture. It supports intergenerational learning, encourages youth leadership, strengthens cultural identity and provides high-quality resources for curriculum developers, teacher educators, researchers and community educators. By positioning tribal languages within a formal preservation ecosystem, Tholkudi advances cultural revitalization and linguistic dignity.

IMPACT

Tholkudi demonstrates how state-led archives can successfully localize global frameworks for indigenous rights and cultural preservation. Investing in ethical, community-led digital documentation strengthens multilingual education, cultural continuity and equitable development. The initiative offers a scalable model for India and beyond, showing how governments can partner with indigenous communities to build responsible, participatory and future-facing archives that honour linguistic diversity as a pillar of cultural justice.

Source: <https://tholkudi.in/about-us>

Capacity Building Training for BRP & VRP – Multi-Zone Rollout

Dates: 4th – 12th December 2025

Zones: Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Coimbatore, Virudhunagar, Chengalpattu, Trichy, Salem

One of the most significant achievements of December 2025 was the large-scale, multi-zone rollout of the Capacity Building Training for Block Resource Persons (BRPs) and Village Resource Persons (VRPs) under the Tholkudi initiative. Organised in collaboration with the Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, one-day training sessions were conducted across seven zones between 4 and 12 December 2025.

The training commenced in Tiruvannamalai zone with participation from Malayali and Irula tribes of Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet, and Vellore districts. In Dharmapuri zone (6 December), 53 participants attended. The Coimbatore zone training (8 December, Madukarai) brought together nine tribal communities. Resource Persons Thiru. Rajan (FRA) and Thiru. Allwyn (livelihood) facilitated sessions, while Dr. Vasamalli presented the Tholkudi Digital Archives initiative. Virudhunagar (9 Dec), Chengalpattu (10 Dec, 40 participants), Trichy (11 Dec, 50 participants), and Salem (12 Dec, 81 participants) zones followed in quick succession, with participants receiving hands-on training on data collection from habitations and identifying relevant government schemes.



Tholkudi Digital Archive Presented to the Chief Minister

In a moment of institutional pride, the Secretary of AD Welfare presented the Tholkudi Digital Archive to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. This high-level presentation provided an opportunity to brief the Chief Minister on the scope, progress, and impact of the Tholkudi project – Tamil Nadu's pioneering tribal documentation initiative.

The presentation enabled direct government awareness of the Tholkudi initiative at the highest executive level, reinforcing the state's commitment to tribal welfare and cultural preservation. It set the stage for continued and expanded government support for the project's next phases, including the second phase extension of the Tholkudi scheme which was also progressed during this period.



Field Observation at Moolakothalam Burial Ground

On 13 December 2025, the CSJE research team conducted a primary field observation visit to the Moolakothalam burial ground. The visit was part of the Centre's broader ethnographic and heritage documentation research, examining mortuary practices, burial traditions, and the cultural significance of burial sites among marginalised communities in Tamil Nadu.

The team conducted field notes, photographic documentation, and community interactions during the visit, noting aspects relevant to heritage preservation, community rights, and socio-cultural dimensions of burial practices. A detailed report of the observations is being compiled for further analysis and documentation. This field-based ethnographic research contributes to CSJE's mission of documenting, preserving, and advocating for the intangible cultural heritage and rights of marginalised communities.



Samaththuvam Kaanbom Campaign - Sivakangai - Ramanathapuram

The Samaththuvam Kaanbom (Let Us See Equality) Awareness Campaign was conducted from 15 to 17 December 2025 across Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram districts, Tamil Nadu, jointly organised by the Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, the Centre for Social Justice & Equity (CSJE), Madras School of Social Work, and the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

The three-day campaign engaged over 3,118 participants – students, faculty, government officials, and SHG women – across 14 venues including colleges, schools, universities, and community spaces. Activities included drawing, poster, art, and PPT competitions; Thorpavai shadow puppet and theatre performances; embroidery competitions; and interactive sessions on social justice and constitutional values.

The inauguration was held at Morning Star College, Pasumpon, and the valedictory at the LCTPL Auditorium, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Distinguished guests included Ms. Porkodi IAS (District Collector, Sivagangai), Dr. N. Ravi (Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University), and Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu (Director, CSJE, MSSW).

The campaign reached an estimated 3,53,118 people through on-ground participation and print media coverage across Dinathanthi, Dinamalar, and regional newspapers, reinforcing the collective commitment to building an inclusive, caste-free, and socially just society.

Key Speakers

Name & Designation	Role / Contribution
Dr. Sankar Narayanan, DRO, Ramanathapuram	Chief Guest — Inauguration, Morning Star College
Ms. Porkodi, IAS, District Collector, Sivagangai	Chief Guest — Valedictory, Alagappa University
Dr. N. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University	President — Valedictory function
Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu, Director, CSJE, MSSW	Campaign objective address; Special address (Valedictory); Interaction with SHG women
Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, Alagappa University	Presidential address — Inauguration; Administered social justice pledge
Dr. Amali, Principal, Morning Star College	Welcome address — Inauguration
Mrs. Rajeswari, BDO & CM Awardee, Melamadai	Speaker — shared experience of creating Samatuva Nallinakkam model village
Mr. M. Suresh Kumar, Statistical Investigator, Social Justice & Human Rights Wing, Ramnad	Speaker — human rights and inclusive development
Dr. P. Veeramani, Head, Dept. of Women's Studies, Alagappa University	Vote of Thanks (Inauguration); Campaign presentation (Valedictory)
Mr. Prabhakaran & Theatre Team	Theatre performance on caste inequality — Inauguration & Valedictory
Mr. Shanmugam, Folk Artist	Thorpavai (shadow puppet) performances — Vivekananda CBSE School & Alagappa Model HS School



Samaththuvam Kaanbom Campaign - Sivakangai - Ramanathapuram

Events Conducted

Day Date	Event	Venue	Time	Participants
Day 1 · 15 Dec	Inauguration — Samaththuvam Kaanbom; Logo Launch; Signature Campaign; Theatre Performance (Mr. Prabhakaran & team); Folk Dance Procession (Parai, Karagam, Silambu); Interactive Session Drawing Competition	Morning Star College, Pasumpon	10.00 am	840 (800 students + 40 staff/officials)
Day 1 · 15 Dec		Alagappa Model High School, Karaikudi	10.00 am	~150 students
Day 1 · 15 Dec	PPT Presentation Competition	Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi	10.00 am	~150 students
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Drawing Competition	Morning Star College, Pasumpon & PMT College, Kamuthi	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	160 students + 20 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Art Competition	Dept. of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	25 students + 5 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Artwork Activities	Dept. of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi	10.00 am	80 students + 4 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Poster Competition	Sarathiniketan College, Amaravathiputhur	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	100 students + 5 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Poster Competition	Syed Ammal College, Devipattinam	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	100 students + 10 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Drawing Competition	Vivekananda Vidyalaya Matric School, Devipattinam	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	100 students + 10 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Thorpavai (Shadow Puppet) Folk Performance	Vivekananda Vidyalaya CBSE School, Ramanathapuram	2.30 – 4.00 pm	100 students + 10 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Drawing Competition	Govt. Higher Secondary School, Sanaveli	1.00 – 4.00 pm	100 students + 8 staff
Day 2 · 16 Dec	Embroidery Competition (Aari work)	Self Help Group Women's Unit, Sikkal, Ramanathapuram	—	20 SHG women
Day 3 · 17 Dec	Drawing Competition	Caussanel College of Arts & Science, Muthupet	—	60 students + 4 staff
Day 3 · 17 Dec	Thorpavai (Shadow Puppet) Folk Performance + Interactive Session	Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi	—	80 students + 8 staff
Day 3 · 17 Dec	Valedictory Function; Prize Distribution; Theatre Performance; Folk Arts Performance; Interactive Session	LCTPL Auditorium, Alagappa University, Karaikudi	—	950 (900 students + 50 staff/officials)



Samaththuvam Kaanbom Campaign - Sivakangai - Ramanathapuram

Places Covered

Districts: Sivagangai|Ramanathapuram | Karaikudi region

Venues:

- Morning Star College, Pasumpon (Ramanathapuram)
- PMT College, Kamuthi (Ramanathapuram)
- Alagappa Model High School, Karaikudi (Sivagangai)
- Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi
- Alagappa University Campus — Dept. of Fine Arts & Dept. of Women's Studies, Karaikudi
- Sarathiniketan College, Amaravathiputhur (Sivagangai)
- Syed Ammal College, Devipattinam (Ramanathapuram)
- Vivekananda Vidyalaya Matric School, Devipattinam
- Vivekananda Vidyalaya CBSE School, Ramanathapuram
- Government Higher Secondary School, Sanaveli
- Caussanel College of Arts & Science, Muthupet
- Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi
- Self Help Group Women's Unit, Sikkal, Ramanathapuram
- LCTPL (L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar) Auditorium, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

Institutions that Participated

Organising Bodies:

- Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Centre for Social Justice & Equity (CSJE), Madras School of Social Work, Egmore, Chennai
- Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

Educational Institutions:

- Alagappa University, Karaikudi — Fine Arts & Women's Studies departments
- Morning Star College, Pasumpon
- PMT College, Kamuthi
- Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi
- Sarathiniketan College, Amaravathiputhur
- Syed Ammal College, Devipattinam
- Caussanel College of Arts & Science, Muthupet
- Alagappa Model High School, Karaikudi
- Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi
- Vivekananda Vidyalaya Matric School, Devipattinam
- Vivekananda Vidyalaya CBSE School, Ramanathapuram
- Government Higher Secondary School, Sanaveli

Government & Community Bodies:

- Ramanathapuram District Administration (DRO & BDO offices)
- Social Justice and Human Rights Wing, Ramanathapuram District
- Self Help Group (SHG) Women's Unit, Sikkal, Ramanathapuram



SAMATHTHUVAM KANBOM CAMPAIGN - SIVAKANGAI - RAMANATHAPURAM



Samaththuvam Kaanbom Campaign - Chennai



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The Centre for Social Justice and Equity at Madras School of Social Work was established under the financial grant-in-aid of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, vide G.O. (MS) No. 87 dated 12 July 2023. The Centre was formally inaugurated by the Honourable Minister N. Kayalvizhi, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, on 16 August 2023, marking a significant step towards advancing research, advocacy, and policy support for tribal and marginalised communities in Tamil Nadu.

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