



# NEWSLETTER

September – October 2025

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### September 2025

September 2025 was an active month for the Centre for Social Justice and Equity (CSJE), Madras School of Social Work. Key activities included a One-Day Enumerator Training Programme on the Performance Evaluation of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund, the Social Justice Day programme featuring the anti-caste short film "Kayiru" and a Social Justice Day Pledge at the TAG Auditorium. The Centre also initiated a stakeholder discussion on livelihood opportunities for Puthirai Vannar community women and celebrated Dr. P. Suseendhira's published article in The Hindu Tamil on 26 September, and press coverage of the Tholkudi Digital Repository on 28 September 2025.

### October 2025

October 2025 brought significant institutional achievements for CSJE. Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu delivered a special address at the Two-Day National Conference on "Theorizing Justice" at Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, where Dr. P. Suseendhira received recognition for the Best Research Paper and Presentation. The Centre held a key consultation with Mr. Rameshnathan, SASY, on preparing a Standard Operating Procedure for the SC/ST Sub Plan. An Internship Orientation Programme was organised in collaboration with the Asian College of Journalism for candidates of the Residential Workshop on Journalism and Mass Communication. CSJE members also visited the Global Startup Summit 2025 in Coimbatore, gaining exposure to innovation ecosystems relevant to the SC/ST Startup Fund evaluation.

## HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE



Enumerator Training



Social Justice Day



Global Startup Summit



National Conference

## KEY OUTCOMES — SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

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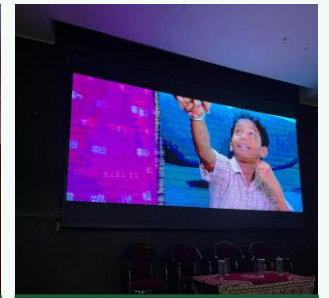


**Enumerator Training on Performance Evaluation of Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund | 17 Sep 2025**

CSJE, Madras School of Social Work, organised a One-Day Enumerator Training Programme on 17 September 2025 at the Conference Hall, MSSW, Chennai, focused on the Performance Evaluation of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund. The programme commenced with a welcome by Dr. Ilavarasi S., Research Associate, and an introductory address by Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu, Director, CSJE. Mr. Stalin Jacob J. and Mr. Ramajeyam R.M.J. from Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission provided an overview of the fund. Technical sessions on survey methodology were conducted by Dr. Chandrasekar D. and Mr. Manivannan G., PMU, Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

**Social Justice Day Programme | 17 September 2025 | TAG Auditorium, MSSW, Egmore**

CSJE organised the Social Justice Day programme on 17 September 2025 at the TAG Auditorium, MSSW, Egmore, Chennai. The event commemorated social justice through the Social Justice Day Pledge and a special screening of the anti-caste short film "Kayiru," raising awareness on caste-based discrimination. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu, Director, CSJE, and a felicitation by Dr. S. Raja Samuel, Principal, MSSW. Chief Guests Mr. S. Saravanan (Writer) and Thiru. I.G. Rajesh Kumar (Filmmaker) delivered special addresses, inspiring a large audience of students, faculty, and social activists on the ideals of equality and justice.

**Social Justice Day Banner****Film Screening — Kayiru****Programme Audience****Chief Guest Address****Discussion on Livelihood Opportunities for Puthirai Vannar Community Women | September 2025**

CSJE initiated a focused discussion on livelihood opportunities for Scheduled Caste women, particularly from the Puthirai Vannar community in Thiruthangal. The meeting brought together key stakeholders including Mr. Palpandi, a community member, to explore sustainable livelihood options. Discussions focused on identifying relevant community groups, studying current working conditions, income patterns, and expenditure levels. The meeting concluded with plans for a comprehensive baseline study to identify suitable livelihood models tailored to the specific needs of Puthirai Vannar women, reflecting CSJE's commitment to community-based applied research and socially embedded livelihood development for marginalised communities.





Special Address at National Conference on "Theorizing Justice" | 10–11 October 2025 | TNADLU, Taramani

Dr. R. Pavananthi Vembulu, Director, CSJE, Madras School of Social Work, delivered a special address at the Two-Day National Conference on "Theorizing Justice," jointly organised by Tamil Nadu Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Law University (TNADLU) and the Madras Institute of Development Studies on 10–11 October 2025 in Chennai. The conference brought together leading scholars, legal academics, and social justice practitioners. Dr. P. Suseendhira, Programme Coordinator, CSJE, was honoured with recognition for the Best Research Paper and Presentation, marking a significant academic achievement for the Centre and affirming CSJE's growing scholarly contribution to social justice discourse.

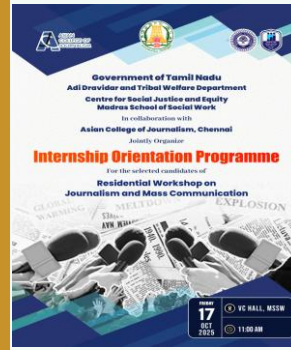


Discussion on SOP for SC/ST Sub Plan | 17 Oct 2025



CSJE held a focused discussion at MSSW on 17 October 2025 with Mr. Rameshnathan, SASY, on preparing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the SC/ST Sub Plan. The meeting examined key implementation and monitoring challenges, aiming to develop a structured, actionable framework for equitable delivery of welfare programmes and constitutional entitlements to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes across Tamil Nadu.

Internship Orientation — Journalism & Mass Communication | 17 Oct 2025



CSJE, in collaboration with the Asian College of Journalism, organised an Internship Orientation Programme on 17 October 2025 at the VC Hall, MSSW, for selected candidates of the Residential Workshop on Journalism and Mass Communication. The orientation prepared participants for professional internship placements at leading media organisations, bridging academic training with real-world journalism practice in print, digital, and broadcast platforms.

Participation in Global Startup Summit 2025 | Coimbatore

Members of CSJE, Madras School of Social Work, visited the Global Startup Summit 2025 held in Coimbatore as part of the Centre's ongoing SC/ST Startup Fund evaluation initiative. The visit provided valuable exposure to emerging entrepreneurial practices, innovation ecosystems, and networking opportunities within Tamil Nadu's startup landscape. The team engaged with startup founders, investors, and government representatives, gaining insights into early-stage enterprise challenges and successes relevant to their research on SC/ST entrepreneurship. The experience directly enriched CSJE's performance evaluation of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund.



Newspaper Coverage — Tholkudi Digital Repository | 28 Sep 2025



A newspaper article dated 28 September 2025 highlighted the Tholkudi Digital Repository, a landmark initiative of the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, focused on preserving tribal languages and cultural heritage. The coverage amplified CSJE's contribution to the project, underscoring the Centre's role in safeguarding indigenous knowledge systems.

Publication in The Hindu Tamil — Dr. P. Suseendhira | 26 Sep 2025



Dr. P. Suseendhira, Programme Coordinator, CSJE, authored the article "Varathatchanai Kodumaigalukku Nirantharath Theervu Undaa?" published in The Hindu Tamil on 26 September 2025, examining dowry-related violence and systemic social inequality. The article contributed to public intellectual discourse on gender justice, reinforcing CSJE's commitment to knowledge dissemination beyond academic institutions.





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### About Madras School of Social Work

The Madras School of Social Work (MSSW), founded by Mary Clubwala Jadhav in 1952, is one of India's premier institutions for social work education and research. It stands as the first social work institution in South India. Located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, MSSW is a NAAC-accredited autonomous institution committed to fostering social justice, community development, and inclusive welfare through quality education and collaborative research.

### About Centre for Social Justice and Equity

The Centre for Social Justice and Equity (CSJE) was established under G.O. (MS) No. 87, 12 July 2023, with financial grant-in-aid of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. Formally inaugurated on 16 August 2023 by Hon. Minister N. Kavalvizhi, CSJE advances research, advocacy, and policy support for tribal and marginalised communities across Tamil Nadu.

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