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SAVE (Social Awareness and Voluntary Education) registered Indian Non-Governmental is а Organization, promoted in the year 1993, as a growing response to the challenge of preventing the child labour practices. Internalizing the fact that the issue of child labour needs to be addressed in a multipronged strategy SAVE expanded its intervention among women and textile and garment industry workers focusing promotion of the comprehensive rights of the garment and textile industry workers and empowerment of women. Currently SAVE reaches out to children, young women, women, and textile and garment workers including the migrant workers. Since 1995, SAVE has been carrying out programs among children in distress primarily among the children working in textile and hazardous industries with specific emphasis on promotion of health and educational rights through special schooling for the drop out children and child labourers and through vocational training support. Community

sensitization is one of the main activities towards prevention of child labour. SAVE initiated campaigns and advocacy strategies could mainstream the issues of child labour and the plight of young girls in the garment and textile industry. SAVE has the unique credibility of being the champion organization in exposing the child labour issues in Tiruppur.

#### **Tiruppur e-Spectator**

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#### **Dropouts Identification**

The staff were engaged on door to door survey in the month of April 2019 to identify the drop out students; during the survey 56 students were identified who are dropouts due to various reasons. They were identified from the locations such as Kunnakalpalayam, Kungumpalayam, Chinnakarai Murugampalayam, Kannan Cottage, Thyayanthottam, Senthuran Colony, Serangadu, Chanadrapuram, Sathiya Nagar, and Nesavalar Colony. The students are yet to be admitted in schools. The identified students and their parents were explained about the importance of Education. The parents agreed to send their children to school.



### Food for thought (The Hindu Paper)

"Poverty, availability, and accessibility are three big reasons why children drop out of school," says Soha Moitra of Child Rights and You (CRY). "When a family is not financially secure, prioritising a child's education takes a backseat. Post-Class V, distance to school also tends to

increase, and parents deem it unsafe for a child, especially girls, to travel far. You see this validated in dropout rates as well, which rise sharply after Class  $\vee$ ."

### Can teachers play a role?

Another reason why drop-rates rise after Class  $\vee$  is that this is the stage when a child reaches the age – 10-11 years – when it is considered suitable for induction into child labour. The role of the teacher, too, is critical, as drop-outs often speak of teachers beating them, and complain that teachers waste class time in chit-chat with other teachers...

#### A Case Story – Identified at the right time

P. Augustin Asirvatham, a student of the special school in KVR Nagar. The boy's family migrated with two children to Tirupur from Karaikal due to joblessness in native place. Initially the boy's family was stationed at KVR Nagar. The boy was working as child labour in the company where his mother was working. SAVE staff identified



the boy while he was playing with his friends. The boy was explained about the works undertaken by SAVE and the schemes they would benefit from the Government. The boy was very enthusiastic and joined the special school from the very next day. He was admitted in 6<sup>th</sup> in the special school. He was very eager in studies. He was mainstreamed to 9<sup>th</sup> in Government school in Karuvampalayam. The progress of the boy was regularly monitored by the teacher of SAVE special school. The boy was able to score good marks in the Secondary School exams. Thus, he was admitted in Higher Secondary School in Nanjappa Government Hr. Sec. School. The teacher was in constant touch with the boy motivating him and explaining the importance of Education to him. In the board exam held in the month of March 2019, he scored 368 marks out of 600. His family was overwhelmed with joy. The boy was asked about his future plan. He said "I want to get enrolled in BA (Tamil) and write TNPSC exam. I want to help those who are in need as I was assisted by SAVE at a very crucial time of my life.

If I was not identified by SAVE, I would not have got this opportunity to complete my 12<sup>th</sup> std". Very big thanks to teachers who followed me and motivated me to study.



#### **News highlights**

# *Dinakaran 01.02.2019;* Last five years the increase in wage has been denied – due to loss job work companies closed

Over thousands of job work owners have closed due to loss and not enough wages have sold their machines and closed the loan and now returned to spinning mills as workers.

## *Dinamalar 02.04.2019;* New technology in spinning mills – Wastage of time and money could be stopped

Cotton inflation, lack of workers, north Indian mills, MNCs competition etc some of the challenges that the textile industry faces these days. In order to handle all these challenges, using technology is the solution. Hence spindle monitoring system has been in process for utilization. Initially the price of this technology was high, hence no one opted for it. But the price has decreased.

# *Dinakaran 06.04.2019*; Complaint that the door of the train did not open – Tirupur banyan workers could not travel to Assam to cost their vote; argument with the railway station officials

Over 40 people held back at the Tirupur railway station due to all the doors were locked in the train by the fellow travellers who were already seated in the reserved compartments. The travellers were travelling in view od the forthcoming elections on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The railway officials have said that necessary action will be taken on this. However, people could not travel.

#### The Hindu 08.04.2019; Knotty times for Tirupur knitwear industry

The Rs. 46,000-cr. hub faces testing times with thinning margins, declining overseas demand and relatively high labour costs

Tirupur, a hub for knitwear, and its nearby areas, boast of a Rs.46,000crore annual apparel business and house the entire ecosystem that supports the industry.

The inherent strengths of Tirupur have helped it sustain exports for the last two years.

A leading exporter and integrated player in Tirupur, says Europe is the key market for Tirupur. The EU and U.S., together constitute 70% of the market for knitwear exporters.



# *Dinathanthi 10.04.2019*; a mill worker beaten up to death by iron rod near Madathukulam – police are on the lookout for two of his friends

Including the dead, and the other two hail from Kolkata who were staying in a single room seemed to have consumed alcohol prior to the incident happened. All three work in mill located at Madathukulam in Tirupur.

*Dinathanthi* **16.04.2019**; **Day of after day tomorrow** – Order released to provide holiday with one day wage on the day of election

# *Inthu Thamil 16.04.2019*; To vote in Lok Shabha elections – North Indian workers returning to their home town – Many hesitant to go as it is expensive to travel

As similar in Tamilnadu, the lok shabha elections are also conducted in the states of Assam, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal and Satheshgar etc. on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

# *Theekathir 24.04.2019*; 50.60 cr. Pension pending for informal workers – ignored by CM Edapadi Palanisamy

Resource state that 46 thousand informal workers, in spite of having registered in the informal workers department and having been issued government order, have not been given monthly pension Rs. 1000 for the last 11 months.

The workers union has questioned whether CM Edapadi will do respond to this situation. The informal workers are such construction workers, auto drivers, tailors, and power loom etc. It is urged to release at the earliest.

## *Dinakaran 23.04.2019*; Insisted on permanent housing facility for banyan workers

People awareness movement has insisted to the department of housing that the housing facility to be given to the banyan workers.



### *Dinathanthi 24.04.2019*; Near Vengamedu, Tirupur – found mixer of dye sewage in the public sewage canal

Tirupur is known to be trade city. The city has two important rivers as its water sources namely *Noiyal Aaru* and *Nallaaru*. Even during rainy season, the flow of water is less but noticeably the flow of dye sewage is high. This release of dye sewage is done illegally. This has been informed to the VAO, District Collector, and the concerned local police station at Annupar Palayam. However, the social activists and the people were not able to reach the pollution control board authorities. The consent has been expressed.

### *Dinamani* 27.04.2019; Schemes for Women's Protection – Consented to grant Rs. 4000 Cr. from NIRBAMA Fund

Ministry of Home Affairs has shared in its statement – Women who are affected including by acid throw, sexual harassment and other related women protection concerns, central government has allotted 4,000 cr. from the Nirbama fund.

Over 2, 919 cr. has been allotted for the urban security scheme. The cities include Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Lucknow. 200 cr. for giving compensation to the affected women. Information sharing scheme through 112 for emergency call 321 cr. is allotted. 25 cr. for northeast women; to install latest technology on forensic test 99 cr. is allotted and 9 cr. for social activists and consultants.

# Thank You