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SW-TN 2003

On 18 August, the Working Committee of the Tamilnadu Peoples' Forum for Social Development, following the External Evaluation and Strategic Planning, decides to turn the Forum secretariat at Chennai into a Public Policy Advocacy Research-cum-Resource Centre. Fr. Manu, one of the Conveners of the Forum, volunteered to develop the Centre. The new Centre was named Social Watch – Tamilnadu (SW-TN).

The following members of the Forum Secretariat were inducted as the staff of SW-TN:

Fr. Manu Alphonse (Director)
Fr. John Kumar
Ms. Stella Rozario
Mr. Babu Jesudoss
Mr. Paulraj

On 18 September, New Entities for Social Action (NESA), Bangalore, requested Fr. Manu to undertake a Review of its Dalit Sector Support Team (DSST) work in Tamilnadu and Karnataka.

During 22-24 September, Fr. Manu presented a paper on "Women Component Plan – A Holistic Gender Budgeting Tool" at the International Gender Budget Workshop, organized by the Women Study Centre, Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.

During 27 October – 1 November, Fr. Manu presented his Review Report of NESA's DSST work, at NESA's Strategic Management Workshop.

On 24 November, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the national consultation on "Understanding Budget Work in India", organized by Ford Foundation and the Centre for Budget Accountability (CBA) at New Delhi and was a panelist on "Current State of Budget Work in India".

On 24 November, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the CBA core committee meeting at New Delhi.

On 6 December, SW-TN, in collaboration with the Human Rights Forum for Dalit Liberation (HRFDL-TN), organized a Seminar at Chennai on 'Empowerment of Dalits in Actualising Opportunities and Government Interventions'. The seminar, addressed by many bureaucrats and legislators, attracted more than 250 participants, including dalit activists and researchers.

SW-TN 2004

During 16-18 January, Fr. Manu and two staff members represented SW-TN at the World Social Forum at Mumbai and collaborated with the NCDHR and the National Social Watch Coalition in organizing workshops.

On 23 February, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Consultation organised by Ford Foundation at New Delhi.

On 6 & 13 March, SW-TN, along with Dalit Panchayat Presidents Forum (DPPF) and Legal Resources for Social Action (LRSA), organised 2 day-long Consultations, at the SW-TN office and at Chengalpet respectively, for 10 Dalit Panchayat presidents to acquaint them with strategies for self empowerment.

On 8 March, Fr. Manu gave the keynote address on "Human Rights and Social Work" to the M.SW. students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore at their National Workshop.

On 12 March, Fr. Manu addressed the TNVRC session on Budget Advocacy.

On 27 March, SW-TN, along with DPPF and Rural Development Society (RDS), organised at Chennai a day-long consultation for about 30 dalit panchayat presidents.

On 2 June, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Core Group Meeting to plan for the registration of CBGA at New Delhi.

During 7-10 June, Fr. Manu participated at the FABC Conference, held at Seoul, South Korea, in his capacity as the Asia-Pacific Adviser of ICMICA.

During 11-13 June, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the National Convention on Right to Food and Work, at Bhopal, organised by the National Campaign on Right to Food.

On 21 June, Ms. Kamatchi joined SW-TN as Research Assistant.

On 23 June, SW-TN organised a consultation to discuss about lobbying points for dalits during the 2004 State Budget session.

During 25-26 June, Fr. Manu was the facilitator at the dialogue session among CRY, TAFRE and CACL, at Crenio Centre, near Chennai.

In July, SW-TN released the revised version of its monograph, "Special Component Plan – Dalit Hopes Betrayed?" (both in English and Tamil).

During 4-8 July, Fr. Manu, on the invitation of the Chennai Office of Action Aid International, was a member at the Field Review of Dalit Mannurimai Koottamaippu (Dalit Land Rights Federation) and presented the final Report, "DMK - Review Towards a Perspective Plan".

On 22 July, SW-TN organised a get-together of the members of the Tamilnadu Dalit Legislators Forum, along with a few bureaucrats and dalit activists, in view of the forthcoming Budget Session of the State Assembly.

During 23-30 July, Fr. Manu, in his capacity as Asia-Pacific Advisor, participated at the International Assembly of ICMICA, held in Poland.

In August, SW-TN initiated efforts towards setting up a 'Dalit Budget Desk' at New Delhi, as a collaborative venture by CBGA, NCDHR and SW-TN.

The August issue of CBGA's Budget Track carried an article by Fr. Manu, "Dalit Budgeting in Tamilnadu – Experiences in Budget Advocacy".

On 3 August, Action Aid Chennai Office invited Fr. Manu to be part of the group to evolve a Status Report of Children in Tamilnadu.

On 7 August, Fr. Kumar was a resource person on Dalit Budgeting at the Dalit Panchayat Presidents State Executive Committee Meeting at Trichy, Tamilnadu.

On 13 August, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the one-day Consultation on "MPLADS: Relevance, Efficacy and Contradictions", organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

On 16 August, SW-TN, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Madras, organized a National Seminar on "Special Component Plan – A development Strategy in empowering Dalit masses". The Seminar, co-sponsored by NCDHR and HRFDL-TN, attracted about 120 participants, including civil servants, students and activists. A memorandum was submitted to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

During 4-5 September, Fr. Kumar was a key resource person at the training workshop on 'Special Component Plan for Dalits', organised at Bangalore by the Dalit Mannurimai Koottamaippu. About 40 Dalit animators from the northern districts of Tamilnadu participated at the workshop.

During 8-9 September, Fr. Kumar was the main resource person at the workshop on Dalit Perspective Building, organized by IGSSS and participated by 30 NGO heads from different parts of Tamilnadu.

During 17-19 September, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the Seminar on 'SCP and Development of dalits in Tamilnadu', organized by ANITRA Trust at Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.

On 24 September, Fr. Kumar spoke on "Dalits and Food Security", at the 3-day workshop on "Dalits and ESC Rights", organized by Rural Development Society at Chennai. Members of NGO networks from the northern districts of Tamilnadu, involved in dalit mobilization, participated.

During 9-10 October, SW-TN organized, in collaboration with Vaanmuhil, a 2-day State-level Conference, at Tirunelveli, South Tamilnadu, on "Reservations in Private Sector". The participants numbered more than 350, consisting of University students, social activists, lawyers, members of political movements and intellectuals. Leaders of almost all the major Dravidian, dalit and Left parties and movements in the State addressed the Conference.

During 11-12 October, SW-TN organized a two-day consultation on Tribal Budget Analysis at Salem, Tamilnadu.

On 16 October, SW-TN was an active collaborator and participant at the high profile Conference, at Chennai, on "Government of India Budget on SC/ST Socio-Economic Development and Utilisation", organized by Thirukkulam Cinthanaiyalargal Maiyam. The Conference, which was addressed, among others, by Mr. P. Chidambaram, the then Finance Minister, Government of India, attracted more than a thousand participants, including Dalit intellectuals, activists, bureaucrats and legislators.

During 3-4 November, SW-TN, on the invitation of NCDHR and at the National Consultation on MDGs and Dalits at New Delhi, released its publication, "Millennium Development Goals & Dalits – The Missing Dimension".

During 10-13 November, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the International Seminar on "Governance, Democracy and Participation", at Loyola, Spain, organized by the International Jesuit Network on Development. Fr. Manu presented a paper at the Consultation, attended by 17 social centres from across the world and was chosen to coordinate the Working Group on Budget Control.

During 22-25 November, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Asian Civil Society Forum in Bangkok.

On 27 November, Fr. Kumar addressed the youth members of 'Dalit Renaissance' at Chennai on 'Special Component Plan for Dalits'.

During 29 November – 2 December, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the International Conference of the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) at Kathmandu, Nepal.

In December Dr. Packiaraj joined SW-TN as Mentor-cum-Research Guide.

On 14 December, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Strategic Planning Meeting of the National Social Watch Coalition, towards taking the Social Watch process at the State level.

During 20-21 December, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the International Conference of the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) at Kathmandu, Nepal.

In December, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the Consultation on Dalit Budgeting, organised by Paalam, Anithra Trust and the South Indian Dalit Writers and Artists Association.

On 28 December, Fr. Manu was appointed as the Coordinator of the Jesuit Tsunami Services in Tamilnadu. In return, JTS (TN) agreed to financially support the programme of SW-TN for the next two years.

During the year, SW-TN published the dossier, "White Papers and Black Truths" (in Tamil) as well as the publication, "From the Forum to SW-TN 2004".

SW-TN 2005

In January, SW-TN played a leadership role, along with Action Aid, Chennai Office and other major civil society organizations, in launching a "Citizens' Platform for the Tsunami Affected" to affirm the dignity of affected coastal communities and to identify ways to support their efforts to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

During 6–8 January, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the 'Budget literacy Training' organized by Sakshi at Hyderabad.

On 14 January, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the steering group meeting of CBGA, held at Pune.

On 15 January, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the meeting between the International Budget Partnership (IBP), Washington and the Indian Budget Groups, held at Pune.

On 20 January, Fr. Manu presented a concept paper on "Strategic Interventions towards Long-term Rebuilding of Coastal Communities in Tamilnadu" at the meeting of JTS (TN) at Dindigul, Tamilnadu.

During 3–4 February, Fr. Manu gave a presentation, entitled "Budget Advocacy & Marginalised Groups" at the National Workshop on 'Macroeconomic priorities and People's Perspective: Union Budget 2005-2006', organized by Peoples' Budget Initiative in New Delhi.

On 4 March, SW-TN organised a get-together of the members of the Tamilnadu Dalit Legislators Forum, along with a few dalit bureaucrats, panchayat representatives and activists, in view of the forthcoming Budget Session of the State Assembly.

During 13–18 March, Mr. Babu participated in the training of trainers programme on 'Combating Hunger – Fighting Against Violations of the Human Right to Food' organized by FIAN-Tamilnadu, in Kanchipuram.

During 12-13 April, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Methodology Workshop on 2005 Social Watch report, held at New Delhi.

During 18-19 April, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the National Consultation on Disaster Management, organised by Rejuvenate India movement and other organisations at Chennai.

SW-TN was elected as one of the conveners of the Chennai NGO Coordination Council, created to cooperate relief work in Chennai and mainly to get justice for the tsunami affected families in Kargil Nagar and Kannagi Nagar.

On 20 April, Fr. Kumar presented the concept note on livelihood rights and moderated the seminar on 'Planning and monitoring schemes on protection of livelihood rights by the Panchayats leaders', organized by Rural Development Society at Thiruporur, Tamilnadu.

On 27 April, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN as a founder member at the first Governing Body Meeting of CBGA.

During 18-31 May, SW-TN staff had their summer vacation.

On 15 June, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the State-level Consultation on CRZ law, organised by the Coastal Action Network at Chennai.

During 27-28 June, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the Civil Society Programme, organised by Ford Foundation at New Delhi.

During 5-7 July, Fr. Kumar presented a paper on Special Component Plan for Dalits as a plan strategy at the seminar organized by Social Awareness Society for Youth (SASY) at Chennai.

On 25 July, SW-TN released the Second Report of JTS (TN).

During 25-27 August, Fr. Manu was part of the team which conducted the 3-day Pilot Social Equity Audit done by Church Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA), Chennai.

During 14-15 September, Fr. Kumar was one of the resource persons introducing 'Special Component Plan' at the National Seminar on 'Globalization and its impact on the livelihoods of Dalits' organized by National Dalit Forum, at Chennai.

On 28 September, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the State Convention Against the Sethusamudram Project, organised by the National Fish workers Forum, at Chennai.

During 1-2 October, Fr. Kumar was a resource person on SCP at the workshop for SC Employees, at Tharangambadi, Tamilnadu

During 10-12 October, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the International Study Conference on Human Rights and Water, organised by the department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, at Chennai.

During 11-13 November, SW-TN, IBP and CBGA organized an Asian Consultation on "Government Budgets, Donor Aid and Natural Disasters" in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In the context of the Consultation, SW-TN released its research study, entitled, "Tsunami Funds: Where is the money coming from? Where is it going?"

During 28-30 November, Fr. Manu was part of the team that conducted the Social Equity Auditors Training Programme at Chennai. Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the training programme.

During 9-10 December, Fr. Kumar was a resource person on "Right to Work and government policy schemes relating to Economic Social and Cultural Rights", at the 2-day training programme organised by RDS/LRSA and SIGA at Chengalpet, Tamilnadu. 25 human rights activists participated in the training.

On 10 December, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the Consultation on the 2005 Right to Education Bill, organised by TAFRE at Chennai.

On 24 December, Fr. Kumar was the Guest speaker on "Special Component Plan" at the Family get-together of PAALAM at Coimbatore.

SW-TN 2006

On 22 February, SW-TN organized a Consultation, for leaders of movements and networks who were involved in the preparation of sectoral Manifestos.

On 28 February, Mr. Paulraj, Office Assistant, left SW-TN.

During 11–12 March, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the Public Hearing on Right Violations in Tamilnadu and participated at the Regional training of trainers programme, organized by FIAN-Tamilnadu at Coimbatore.

During 20-21 March, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the Consultation on “Water Crisis and Alternatives”, organised by PACT and the Tamilnadu Food and Livelihood Rights Campaign.

On 22 March, Mr. Francis Xavier joined SW-TN as Office Assistant.

On 24 March, Ms. Megala joined SW-TN as a part time Office Assistant.

During 25–29 March, Ms. Kamatchi was part of the team that conducted Social Equity Audit of Punarnirman, the joint tsunami response programme of People’s Action for Rural Awakening (PARA) and Dalit Bahajun Shramik Union (DBSU) in Andhra Pradesh.

During 6-10 April, Fr. Kumar was part of the team that conducted Social Equity Audit of Women’s Collective, Chennai.

During 24–26 April, Fr. Manu made a presentation on Gender Budgeting, entitled, ‘Power and Money to Women – Together for a Better World’, at the South Asian Workshop on ‘Political Participation of Women’, organized by the South Asian Gender Alliance (SAGA), in Colombo, Srilanka.

In May, SW-TN published the dossier (in Tamil), “Election Manifestoes and Demands of People’s Movements”.

On 23 June, Ms Kamatchi presented a paper on ‘Budget, Policy and Children in Tamilnadu’, at the seminar on ‘Globalization and its Implication for Child Rights’, in Chennai, organized by Tamilnadu Child Rights Protection Network

On 27 June, at the invitation of Member Secretary, Tamilnadu State Planning Commission, Fr. Kumar, on behalf of SW-TN, presented a brief about the significance of SCP in Dalit empowerment.

On 1 July, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the Dalits Movements Joint Action Committee meeting, to evolve a 'Dalit Manifesto' for the forthcoming Panchayat elections in the State.

During 12-13 July, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the workshop on "Negotiating Urban - Peri-urban Water Conflicts", organised by MIDS at Chennai.

During 17-21 July, Fr. Manu functioned as mentor to the Social Equity Audit team that audited CARE-India at New Delhi.

On 18 July, Fr. Kumar was a resource person on Right to Livelihood and Water at the workshop organized by District Forum for Dalit Liberation for dalit panchayat leaders at Chengalpet.

On 18 July, Fr. Kumar, on behalf of SW-TN, presented a concept note on SCP and its implementation to the Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (ADTW) Department, Tamilnadu Government.

On 22 July, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the programme organised by All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) to felicitate the newly elected women MLAs in Tamilnadu.

On 22 August, SW-TN organized a get-together of the members of the Tamilnadu Dalit Legislators Forum, along with a few bureaucrats and dalit panchayat representatives and activists.

On 26 August, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the meeting convened by the Vice Chairman of Tamilnadu Planning Commission for all the secretaries of key departments to discuss the policy issues and concerns related to the implementation of Special Component Plan.

During 30-31 August, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the National Convention on Land, Livelihood and Labour Rights organized by Ekta Parishad, at Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu.

During 4-5 September, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the Consultation on dalit land rights, organized by Dalit Mannurimai Koottamaipu, at Chennai.

In September, SW-TN was requested to be a part of the working group on Social Equity during Tsunami by the UNDP, in preparation for the Tamilnadu Government seminar, "Tsunami Recovery - The Past, the Present and the Future"

On 4 November, SW-TN, in collaboration with HRFDL-TN, organized a day-long State-level Consultation at Chennai towards preparing recommendations of programmes for dalit empowerment in the 11th Five Year Plan.

On 25 November, Fr. Manu participated in the National Workshop on "Empowering Panchayats for Managing Disasters", organized by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayat Raj Studies (Department of Political Science and Development Administration) and All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Ahmedabad, at Hotel Breeze in Chennai.

On 27 December, Fr. Kumar, on behalf of SW-TN, presented a paper on dalit budgeting at the meeting of the State Planning Commission 11th Five Year Plan Working Group on Welfare of SCs and STs.

SW-TN 2007

On 18 January, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN at the National Launch Function of Social Equity Watch at Delhi, where a booklet titled "An Introduction to Social Equity Audit", was released.

During 7-9 March, Ms. Kamatchi presented a paper on "Towards Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu – Perspectives for Gender Budgeting at the Provincial (State) level" at the International Conference on Gender mainstreaming Government Finances in South Asian Countries, organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

During March - August, Fr. Kumar accompanied Mr. Christudoss Gandhi IAS in organizing district level workshops in all the 30 districts of the State on the implementation of Special Component Plan for Dalits, involving district officials, SC/ST Associations and local dalit organizations.

On 9 April, SW-TN collaborated with the Secretariate of SOCIAL EQUITY AUDITS (SEA) in organizing a State-level Consultation at Chennai, geared towards launching Social Equity Audit at the state level. On the occasion, the Tamil version of "An Introduction to Social Equity Audit" was released.

During 10-12 April, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the Strategy planning Meeting on Dalit Budgeting and Advocacy on Dalit Economic Rights, organized by NCDHR at New Delhi.

During 23-25 April, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the training programme for young dalit researchers, organized by NCDHR at New Delhi.

During 30 April – 1 May, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN and was the main facilitator at the 2-day CCFD Dalit Partners Meet.

On 7 June, SW-TN collaborated with NCDHR & CBGA in organizing a national seminar at New Delhi on "Reclaiming Scheduled Caste Sub Plan", in which dalit activists from 10 states participated.

During 15-16 June, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the State-level Consultation on "Second Alternative Report on Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC) in India", organized by ICCW-TN at Chennai.

On 19 July, Ms. Kamatchi, on behalf of SW-TN, provided to ICCW-TN inputs on Child Budgeting Scenario in Tamilnadu to be incorporated into the Alternative Report on CRC.

On 27 July, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the capacity building for dalit panchayat leaders, organized by HRFDL at Chengalpet, Tamilnadu.

In September, SW-TN published the dossier, "Child Bondage Continues in Indian Cotton Supply Chain - Tamilnadu", (a Tamilnadu-focused compilation of the Report by the India Committee of the Netherlands and other organizations)

In September, SW-TN joined NCDHR and a few organizations, in filing a public interest writ at the Delhi High Court, on the non-implementation of SCP.

On 15 October, Mr. Krishnamoorthy joined SW-TN as researcher.

During 16-17 October, Fr. Manu and Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the World Food Day Conference on Right to Food at Madurai. On the occasion, SW-TN released the monograph, "Right to Food & Government Budgets".

In October-December, SW-TN collaborated with FIAN International in developing "Voluntary Guidelines On the Right to Food As a Human Rights Based Monitoring Tool", mainly focusing on Guideline 12, which deals with national budgetary resources linked to Right to Food in India.

In November, based on its draft version of "Towards Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu", SW-TN invited the Tamilnadu Women's Collective and Initiatives: Women in Development (IWID) to join SW-TN in the lobbying efforts towards Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu.

SW-TN 2008

On 1 February, SW-TN, in collaboration with Tamilnadu Women's Collective and IWID, organised the State level Consultation on "Towards Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu".

On 6 February, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi provided inputs about Gender Budgeting at the Press Meet on "State's Accountability on Rights to Health and Women's Health Care – Gaps and Challenges", organized by National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO-TN) at Chennai.

In April, SW-TN published the revised edition of the monograph, "Towards Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu".

In May, SW-TN has contributed significantly as part of the People's Collective for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the preparation of the NGO report to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – 'Divided Destinies Unequal Lives – Economic Social Cultural Rights and the Indian State'.

During 28–30 May, Fr. Manu made a presentation on "Using Budget for Human Rights Enforcement", at the National consultation on "USING BUDGET FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT" held in Shimla, organised collectively by CBGA, National Social Watch Coalition and others including SW-TN.

On 4 June, Fr. Kumar was the key resource person at the State level seminar organised by SAND TRUST at Chennai.

On 14 June, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN and presented key findings on "Government Schemes and Affirmative Action – Special Component Plan for dalits and dalit women" at the "Third Leadership Training Institute for Dalit Women in Tamilnadu", organized by the National Federation of Dalit Women (NFDW) at Viluppuram, Tamilnadu.

On 14 June, Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the Consultation on "Panchayat Government Finances: Devolution, Allocation and Utilization in Tamilnadu", organized by Human Rights Foundation (HRF) and other organisations.

In June, Mr. Babu Jesudoss left the organisation.

On 27 June, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi met the members of the Anna Institute of Management (AIM), exploring possibilities of organising programmes on gender Budgeting.

On 30 June, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi, along with Ms. Sheelu Francis of Tamilnadu Women's Collective, met Ms. Ramathal of Tamilnadu State Women's Commission to explore possibilities of a workshop on Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu.

During 7–8 August, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN and spoke on Special Component Plan for dalits and Women Component Plan at the "10th State Level Conference on Dalit Women and Livelihood", organized by the Tamilnadu Dalit Women's Movement at Arakkonam, Tamilnadu.

On 20 August, due to concerted efforts of SW-TN and like-minded organisations and Ms. Qudisia Gandhi IAS, the Tamilnadu State Women's Commission organised a workshop on Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu, in which secretaries from various departments, including the Chief Secretary as well as members of the State Planning Commission participated.

On 27 August, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the seminar on "Gender, Development and the Indian State: A Study of Multi-level Governance with a focus on Tamil Nadu", organized by the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Chennai.

In September, Fr. Kumar actively helped Cornerstone (a dalit organization) to organise a consultation on "Alternate Dalit Budgeting"

On 11 September, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi were resource persons on "Special Component Plan and Women Component Plan" at a seminar in Madras Christian College, for M.Phil and P.G. students.

On 12 September, Prof. Packiaraj, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Mr. Krishnamoorthy offered a session on Special Component Plan for Dalits for the M.SW students of Loyola College, Chennai.

During 17–18 September, Fr. Manu represented SW-TN and made a presentation on the learnings from dalit budget advocacy in Tamilnadu, at the National Convention on Union Budget 2009-10, organized by the People's Budget Initiative, at New Delhi.

During 20–22 October, Ms. Kamatchi and Mr. Krishnamurthy represented SW-TN at the international workshop on "The Role of Civil Society in Monitoring Government Budgets and Service Delivery: Exploring Methodologies for Action", organized by IBP, NCAS and CBGA at Trivandrum, Kerala.

During November–December, Fr. Manu undertook, as convener of an international team, the Capitalization Review of CCFD.

During 12-13 December, at the CCFD Dalit Partners meeting, the team led by Fr. Manu presented the "Revised Draft Report" of the Capitalization Review.

SW-TN 2009

In January, Mr. Babu Jesudoss rejoined SW-TN as researcher.

During 26-28 January, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the "South Asian Regional Workshop on Social Monitoring Tools" at Bangkok, organized by CBGA and Oxfam-India.

On 31 January, Fr. Kumar was a resource person on strategies for inclusion in the 11th Five year Plan at the workshop for dalit panchayat presidents, organized by Human Resource Development Foundation (HRDF) at Madhurantakam, Tamilnadu.

During 4-10 February, Fr. Manu facilitated as resource person for the DA3, (Dalit Ardhik Adhikar Andolan), dealing with economic rights of Dalits. Dalit activists from more than 10 states participated in this programme. Fr. Manu was a co-trainer of DA3 training programme at Haryana, organized by NCDHR.

On 24th February, SWTN organized a Panel Discussion on "Development Policy & Dalit Empowerment", in Loyola College at Chennai. During the session, SW-TN released the Recommendations of Thorat Committee report compiled, in a user-friendly way, a set of 4 volumes in Tamil and 3 volumes in English. About 200 students from Loyola and other neighbouring colleges participated.

On 29 March 2009, SWTN collaborated with "AMBU-PAALAM" in organizing a one-day consultation for disseminating the Recommendations, under the title, "Empowering Dalits during 11th Plan – Promises to be kept and Recommendations to be implemented".

On 1 July, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the consultation of Dalit Panchayat Leaders of Thiruporur Block on challenges faced by displacement, organized by DFDL at the Sathyabama University Campus, Chennai.

On 26 September, Mr. Krishnamoorthy represented SW-TN at the 'Field Study Reports on Bonded and Migrant labour in Tamilnadu' Releasing Ceremony, organized by the Unorganised Workers Federation at Chennai.

During 24 -26 October, Mr. Krishnamoorthy and Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the "People's Audit on Special Economic Zones" organized by the TN Campaign Against SEZ at Thiruvallur, Tamilnadu.

On 1 November, SWTN organized the State Level Consultation on "Budget and Policy for Inclusive Growth – Empowering the Marginalised" at Chennai. Mr. R.C. Gandhi IAS, Chairman and MD-Tamilnadu Energy

Development Agency, Mr.Panda – Special Advisor to the Union Planning Commission on SC, ST, OBCs and Mr. Kandasamy – Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare Pondicherry were present. About 70 participants from Dalit Movements, NGOs and research forums participated.

On 18 November, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the Regional Consultation on "Mid-term Appraisal XI plan on SCP/TSP" organized by Union Planning Commission at Hyderabad,

On 5 December, SW-TN organized a consultation at Chennai towards evolving a State-level Campaign on SCSP in Tamilnadu. Mr. Nicholas (Convener of Dalit land Rights Forum), Ms. Deepthi Sukumar (National Campaign Against Manual Scavenging) and Fr. John Kumar (SW-TN) were elected as the conveners of the Campaign.

On 22 December, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the meeting of the Tamilnadu State-level Campaign on SCSP, to plan the campaign at the districts level.

SW-TN 2010

On 6 January, SWTN, in collaboration with HRDF, Cornerstone, and DF DL, organized a district level Strategic Consultation and Training on SCSP Budget Monitoring, in which 35 panchayat leaders participated.

During January, SW-TN collaborated with the Tamilnadu Dalit Women's Forum in preparing case studies on land rights and right to food, to be presented to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Food Security, visiting Chennai.

On 12 February, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the state level Consultation on Child budgeting, organized by the Indian Council for Child Welfare – Tamilnadu, at Chennai.

During 16-17 February, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Babu were resource persons on 'Right to Food and Social Security' at the Training Workshop for human rights defenders, organized by HRDF at Madhurantakam, Tamilnadu

On 9 March, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the National Consultation on Special Component Plan, organized by NCDHR with dalit members of Parliament at New Delhi and provided inputs on "Action Forward on SCP".

On 22 March, Mr. Babu and Mr. Krishnamoorthy represented SW-TN at the public protest demanding proper implementation of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) in Tamilnadu, organized by the TN Campaign for SCP at Thiruvannamalai.

During 28-29 March, Mr. Krishnamoorthy and Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the two day regional consultation on "The Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food especially on the issue of Land Rights", organized by TNWF (Tamil Nadu Women's Forum) at Chennai.

On 30 March, Fr.Kumar facilitated as resource person at one day workshop on "Empowering Dalit Panchayats in Tirunelveli District", organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy at Tirunelveli.

On 31 March, Mr. Krishnamoorthy participated in the one-day discussion on "Right to Information in Tamilnadu", organized by HRF (Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation) at Chennai.

During 15-17 April, Fr. Kumar, Mr. Krishnamoorthy and Mr. Babu represented SW-TN at the National Convention of Budget Groups, hosted by the Centre for Rural Studies and Development (CRDS) at Hyderabad.

On 26 April, SWTN organized the meeting along with Dalit Mannurimai Koottamaippu, on "Dalit Budget Advocacy and Lobby", at Chennai. During the programme the budget critic booklet named "Aanaalum Thamizhnaattaip

Paaraattalam" ('Yet, Tamil Nadu could be appreciated') was released by 'Thudi' and distributed to political parties, Civil Society Forums.

On 28 April, the members of SW-TN joined in the public protest on "Proper Implementation of SCSP and TSP", organised by SCSP State-level Campaign at Chennai.

In June, Mr. Babu Jesudoss left the organization.

In July, Ms. Shanmuga Priya joined SW-TN as a researcher.

On 10 July, Fr. Kumar was a resource person at the one-day sharing on "Special Component Plan and Budget", organized by SOCO- Trust at Madurai.

On 27 July, Mr. Krishnamoorthy and Ms. Shanmuga Priya represented SW-TN at the seminar on "Environment, Socio-Economic Impact of Special Economic Zones: Resistance of the marginalised people", organized by MIDS at Chennai.

During 6-8 August, Mr. Krishnamoorthy represented SW-TN at the National Convention on the Right to Food and Work at Rourkela at Orissa.

During 11-12 August, SW-TN organized an Inter- State Consultation on 'Dalit Budgeting through SCSP Development Strategy', at Chennai. Mr. Christudoss Gandhi IAS and Mr. Panda of Union Planning Commission were active participants.

On 30 August, Fr. Manu facilitated as resource person on "Social Condition of Arunthathiar Children in Tamilnadu", organized by AHRF-TN, at ICSA, Chennai.

In September, Dr. Packiaraj left the organization, due to health reasons.

During 5-7 October, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Shanmuga Priya represented SW-TN at the National Convention of Budget Centres (India), and presented the papers on Dalit budgeting in TN, the programme organized by CYSD at Bhubaneswar. Ms. Shanmuga Priya presented a paper on SW-TN and Social Equity Budgeting.

On 11 October, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at the one day Consultation on 'Harmonizing Women's Right to Abortion and Prevention of Sex Selection/ Sex Selective Abortion', organized by EKTA and other women's organizations at Chennai.

On 20 October, Mr. Krishnamoorthy represented SW-TN at the meeting of the Dalit Land Rights Coalition, organized by Dalit Mannurimai Kootamaipu (DMK) at Chennai.

During 19-20 November, Ms. Kamatchi and Mr. Krishnamoorthy represented SW-TN at the National Convention on Union Budget 2011-2012, and SW-TN staff has acted as co-coordinator in this meeting, the programme organized by People's Budget Initiative at YMCA Tourist Hostel in New Delhi.

On 29 November, on the invitation of All India level Bank Officers (SC/ST/OBCs) Federation, Fr. Kumar presented a session on SCP and Dalit Budgeting.

On 30 November, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmuga Priya represented SW-TN at the workshop on "Right of the Children to Free and Compulsory Education act-2009", organized by UNICEF at Chennai.

During 7-9 December, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmuga Priya represented SW-TN at the state level consultation on "Right of the children to free and compulsory education act-2009", organized by UNICEF at Chennai.

On 8 December, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the "National Level Consultation on 12th Five Year Plan", organized by various dalits networks at New Delhi.

SW-TN 2011

On 12th January, Mr. Krishnamurthy participated in the workshop at Diaz Hall, University of Madras , organized by Center for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS), in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Contemporary Studies, University of Madras, on 'Budget Analysis of Chennai Corporation'.

During 24-25 January, Fr. Manu participated in the Core Group meeting of Social Equity Watch, held at Praxis, New Delhi

On 26th February, Mrs. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmuga Priya presented a session on 'Gender Budgeting' during "A Course on Gender and Development for Sri Lanka and Tamilnadu Women" held from 21st February to 2nd March, organized by SANGAT, WERC and EKTA at Madurai.

On 3rd March, Ms. Shanmuga Priya participated in the Southern State Consultation to "discuss framework for an alternative legislation on prohibition of child labor in all forms of employment" organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation in collaboration with MSSW – Department of Social Work at Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.

During 29-30 March, Mrs. Kamatchi participated in Asian Rural Women's Coalition's (ARWC) conference on "100 years of women's Resistance: Rights, Empowerment, Liberation" at Hotel Breeze, Chennai.

During 1-3 April, Fr. Manu participated at the Researchers Consultation on "Caste out of Development" and presented a paper on "Tamilnadu Dalit Discourse on Special Component Plan".

On 6th April, Ms. Lucie of ALBOAN visited SW-TN and interacted with the staff.

On 21st April, Fr. Manu presented a paper on "Perspective of Civil Society on Gender Budgeting in Tamil Nadu" in the workshop on Gender Budgeting for officials of Govt. of Tamilnadu at Anna Institute of Management. This was organized by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of India and the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), New Delhi in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SWNMP), Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

On 26th April, representatives of the Basque government visited SW-TN, in connection with our ALBOAN project.

On 1st May Fr. Kumar took charge as Director of SW-TN from Fr. Manu. Information about the takeover was duly announced through an official letter (of communication) to all the partners and stakeholders of SW – TN.

During 25th May to 1st June, Ms. Shanmuga Priya, at the invitation of Tamilnadu Dalit Women Forum joined the team visiting the war-affected zone of Sri Lanka to study on the condition of women and their livelihood in the context of resettlement provided.

On 20th June, Ms. Shanmuga Priya and Fr. Kumar participated in the National Budget consultation organized by CYSD in collaboration with CBGA at Bhubaneswar, focusing on 'strategies to influence 12th five year plan'

On 25th June, Fr. Kumar Participated in a seminar on "Public Spending and its Effectiveness: Selected Studies from Karnataka" (Health; Education: Water: Local Self-Govt.) organized by Centre for Budget & Policy Studies (CBPS) at Bangalore.

On 9th July, Mrs. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmuga Priya participated in the state level consultation on "What should Government of Tamilnadu do for Education?" organized by Human Rights Education and PWTN at LLA building, Mount Road, Chennai. In the consultation, documentary film on "Enakku Illaya Kalvi? (Don't I have education?)" was released.

During 24-25 August, Fr. Kumar and Mrs. Kamatchi Participated in a State level Consultation on "Priorities for Children for Tamilnadu in the 12th plan" organized by UNICEF in collaboration with Child Rights Trust at Planning Commission Auditorium, Ezhilagam, Chennai.

On 26th August, Fr. Kumar participated in the National Consultation on SCP and TSP organized by National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) at the Deputy Speaker Hall, Constitution Club, New Delhi. SW-TN was given an opportunity to critically comment on the study of "Implementation of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (Special Component Plan) and Tribal Sub-Plan at the Union level and in 5 states (Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh), undertaken by Centre for Budget Governance and Accountability with support from UNDP.

On 26th August, Mr. Krishnamurthy participated in "Evolving Basic Plan for the Local Government Election 2011" organized by SIRD at ICOSA, Chennai.

On 2nd September, Fr. Kumar participated in the Southern Regional Consultation of National Human Rights Commission at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore.

On 26th Sept, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Krishnamurthy attended in a Seminar on "The Draft National Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement Bill" 2011, organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) - Chennai.

On 24th October Fr. Manu and Mrs. Kamatchi attended the Methodology Workshop at New Delhi, in relation to the 18-months UN Women project on "Tracking State Budget with Intersectionality Framework for an evolution of Gender responsive Budgeting for Dalit Women in Tamilnadu: undertaken by SW-TN.

On 3rd November, Mrs. Sophia Dass joined SW-TN as Accountant

During 7-8 December, Ms. Shanmuga Priya participated in the National Convention on Union Budget 2012-13 organized by PBI and CBGA at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

During 17-18 November, Ms. Shanmuga Priya participated in the regional workshop on Govt of India – CRC Third and Fourth Periodic Country Report, organized by ICCW-TN and UNICEF at Hotel Beverly, Chennai.

During 15-16 Dec, SW-TN in collaboration with SOAS (Oxford University) organized an International Conference, at Chennai, where research findings of the two years project on "Caste out of Development" were presented.

SW-TN 2012

During 20-21 January, Ms. Shanmugapriya attended the 3rd and 4th Combined India Country Periodic Report on the implementation of UNCRC. The consultation was organized by South India Level Civil Society Forums for Child Rights and Education along with UNICEF at Bangalore.

On 21st January, Fr. Kumar along with Civil Society networks under the banner of "Tamilnadu SCP Campaign" met the Members of Parliament Committee for SC/ST Welfare visiting Tamilnadu and presented the demands and recommendations for effective implementation of Special Component Plan and timely sanctioning of education scholarships for Higher Education.

During 30-31st January, Fr. Kumar attended a two days Workshop on "Towards non-discriminatory inclusive growth, Learning from Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) Research" at New Delhi. It was centered around the issues of inclusive growth with a focus on marginalized groups such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Muslims who have been persistently lagging behind in various indicators of development.

On 12th March, Fr. Kumar presented a paper on "What it means to include the SCs and STs in policy-making, planning, allocating budget and formulating implementing programs that could empower them" at India International Centre, New Delhi. The seminar was organized by The Social Exclusion Thematic Action Group of Wada Na ToDo Abhiyan (WNTA) "What Happened to Your Promise?"

On 13th March, Fr. Manu presented a paper on "Gender Mainstreaming Public Policy Formulations and Budgetary Processes" at the National Consultation on "Gender, Sexuality & Development", organized by PRAXIS at Delhi.

During 15-16 march, Fr. John Kumar represented SW-TN as a resource person at the session on "Gender Budgeting and Gender Mainstreaming – Achievements and Challenges" during the Southern Regional Conference on "Achieving Convergence for Empowerment of Women", at Bangalore organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India and the Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation.

On 24-25 March, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN in a national workshop organized by Vikas Adhyayan Kendra (VAK), on "Dalit Emancipatory Politics Today: Issues & Challenges" at St. Pius College, Goregaon.

On 1st April, SW-TN in collaboration with Tamilnadu SCP Campaign organized a state level consultation at Loyola College for compiling demands of Dalit people to be submitted to the State Legislative Assembly which had been having its Budget sessions during that month. Besides people's movements, Civil Society forums, the

representatives of Communist Party (Marxist) especially its Dalit Empowerment wing called the Tamilnadu Untouchability Eradication Forum joined in the deliberations.

On 18th April, Fr. Kumar participated in Tamilnadu Adivaasi Amaippukkalin Koottamaippu(TAAK) Scheduled Tribes Federation's demonstration in Chennai, along with the Tribal people from all over the state demanding the State Govt. to implement "Forest Act 2006" to protect the forest and land rights of the tribal people who are the Forest Dwellers.

During 30th April and 1st May, Fr. Kumar participated and gave his critical comments on the presentations - 'Basic Capability Index', 'Gender Equity Index' and 'National Minorities Commission Report', in the meet organized by Social Watch India (as one of the Partners) at Delhi.

On 12th May, Fr. Kumar gave a speech on 'Special Component Plan' in a District level workshop on 'Government policies empowering the marginalized people', in Sattur, Virudhunagar district organized by Tamilnadu Untouchability Eradication Forum (TNUEF).

On 22nd June, SW-TN organized a state level Consultation to highlight the significance of Tribal Sub-Plan and its demands in collaboration with the Civil Society Forums (Tamilnadu Hill Tribals Federation, Tribal Integration Council, Tribal Organisation for Fifth Schedule Campaign, Human Resources Development Foundation and Human Rights Federation-Chennai) at ICOSA, Chennai. The Scheduled Caste representatives from many districts were invited to deliberate on their livelihood rights.

On 13th July 2012, Fr. Manu participated in the 'Civil Society Budget Advocacy: Ways Forward', consultation organized by CYSD at Bhubaneswar, Odisha to explore new ways and means of taking the initiatives forward with the effective use of Right to Information act's provisions.

During 26-27 July, Fr. Kumar participated in the third State level conference organized by Social Action Movement (SAM) at Salem and shared the need for civil society forums intervention-participation in the policy making of the state and Union Governments, and their budgetary allocation for the marginalized groups, and its progressive realization and maximum utilization through programs for the development of them.

On 7th August, Fr. Kumar participated in the organizing Committee meeting of the People's Budget Initiative (PBI) at New Delhi to plan out the Regional Conventions and the National Budget Convention, in view of the budget interventions for the year 2013-14.

On 30th August, Fr. Kumar participated in the national level panel discussion on 'Understanding the Gender Implications of Taxation Policies" at Delhi.

On 27th September, one day State-level consultation for the Scheduled Castes was organized by SW-TN in collaboration with the State Planning Commission, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department and the Civil Society Forums' representatives working with Scheduled Castes. Fr. Kumar as the working Committee member of State Planning Commission participated in the consultation along with the Additional Chief Secretary Mr. R.C Gandhi IAS, and "Basket of Schemes" was presented to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

During 28-29 September, State-level Scheduled Tribes Consultation was organized by Tamilnadu State Planning Commission in collaboration with Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department at the insistence of SW-TN and the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner of Govt. of Tamilnadu.

During 7-9 November, SW-TN organized the capacity building workshop and southern regional budget convention on the Union Budget of 2013-14 as one of the People's Budget Initiative partners along with the collaboration of other southern state level collaborators at YWCA, Chennai.

During 15-16 October, Fr. Kumar attended the Research Methodology workshop to take up a study on NREGA at Delhi.

During 15-17 November, SW-TN participated in a convention of civil society groups "Celebrating Civil Society Solidarity" organized by Open Space at the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore.

On 25th November, SW-TN joined the planning and organizing Committee of "Women's Coalition for Change" formed by Tamilnadu dalit Women's Forum to help organizing a state level conference highlighting the issues and concerns of the marginalized women from various sectors (Unorganized women workers, Tribal women affected by Special Economic Zones and Women Domestic workers) which was held in Anna Nagar, Chennai.

During 5-6 December, Fr. Kumar participated in the National Convention on Union Budget 2013-14, organized by Peoples' Budget Initiative (PBI) at New Delhi and contributed with suggestions for the process of influencing the policy priorities.

ON 20 & 21st December, Fr. Kumar participated to plan and evolve a renewed strategy for 'Joint Action Plan for Implementation of SCP and TSP' in the Union and State government levels organized by Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andolan - National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) at Delhi.

SW-TN 2013

On 14th January, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at a delegation to present "Peoples' Citizen Charter", to the National Finance Ministry, organized by PBI and CBGA at Delhi.

During 8-9 February, Fr. Manu was invited by the Centre on Dalit Studies, Hyderabad to help them to prepare a process documentation on their struggles around SCP in the State.

During 10-15 February, Fr. Manu participated in two evaluation sessions at Delhi and Chennai on the International Research Project "Caste out of Development"

During 14-15 February, Fr. Kumar presented a case study on Dalit Budgeting in Tamilnadu under the title, "While Showcasing Budget Work: Sharing Case Studies" at a Consultation on Transparency in National Level Budgets in South Asia Region" at New Delhi.

On 16th February, the status of SW-TN collaborative work on Fund Tracking Exercise at District level was presented in the meeting organized by People's Budget Initiative at New Delhi.

On 4th March, Fr. Kumar gave a presentation on "TSP and the gaps in its implementation" in the meeting organized by NCDHR at New Delhi on the occasion of release of the research study, "Legislate, Allocate and implement SCP-TSP".

On 18th March, SW-TN in collaboration with Paalam-Ambu conducted a Press Meet in the Press Club of Chennai, on the eve of Tamilnadu Annual Budget, to high light the gaps in the implementation of SCP and TSP in the state. Both vernacular and English news papers and journals covered the news widely.

On 25th April, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the release of Report on "Women Safety Audit at Semmancherry" (a new slum created by the Govt. of Tamilnadu as part of Tsunami Rehabilitation process) at the invitation of Manitha Neyam Trust at ICSA Chennai.

During 9-10 May, Fr. Kumar participated in the annual Get-together organized by NFI for the budget groups at the national level, in collaboration with CRSD at Hyderabad.

On 20th June, SW-TN participated in National Coalition on SCP TSP Legislation's one day conference on "SCP TSP Legislation (Bill): Mechanisms, Schemes and Strategies" at the Constitution Club, New Delhi.

On 3rd June, Ms. Manjula joined SW-TN as Researcher.

During 19-21 June, Fr. Kumar presented the findings of the research undertaken by SW-TN on "District Level Budget Tracking in Tamilnadu with reference to NREGS" at a workshop organized by CBGA at Delhi.

On 16th July, Mr. Doss joined SW-TN as a Researcher.

In July, Fr. Manu and Fr. Kumar contributed two separate research articles in the special issue of Budget Track on SCP & TSP, published by CBGA.

On 7th August, Fr. Kumar was a resource person in the capacity building training program for the Dalit Panchayat leaders of Cuddalore and Villupuram Districts organized by SW-TN, in collaboration with Tamilnadu Dalit Panchayat Leaders Federation (HRDF) and (HRF) at Cuddalore.

On 24th August, SW-TN participated in the Organizing Committee (OC) of Peoples' Budget Initiative's (PBI) meeting at New Delhi

On 30th August, Fr. John Kumar represented SW-TN as a Resource person to share the state level experiences on 'Gender Budgeting for Dalit Women from the view of Intersectionality" at the National Workshop on Gender Budgeting in India at Jaipur, Rajasthan, organized by BARC.

On 19th September, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Consultation that Reviewed & Highlighted the issues of concern in the NGO Report to be presented to the UN CRC Committee in Oct 2013 by India Alliance for Child Rights organized by Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) at ICOSA, Chennai.

On 24th September, Mr. Doss - Researcher, left SW-TN.

During 28-29 September, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) – CAPACITY BUILDING IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION" FOR WOMEN" organized by IWID at Hotel Breeze, Chennai.

On 4th October, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Manjula participated in the Southern Regional Convention on Budget

Advocacy, organized by CBGA, in collaboration with AP Budget Centre, in Hyderabad.

In October, SW-TN Published the monograph, "Caste-Blind GENDER BUDGETING & Gender-Blind DALIT BUDGETING - DALIT WOMEN DOUBLY EXCLUDED" as the outcome of its 18-months UN Women Research Project.

On 22nd October, Fr. Kumar participated in the "National Consultation on Future Strategies for Legislation & Implementation" organized by the National Coalition on SCP TSP Legislation (NACSTL) at YMCA, New Delhi.

During 24-25 October, Fr. Kumar represented SW-TN at the National Convention on "People's Expectations on Budgetary Priorities from the New Union Government", organized by People's Budget Initiative at India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), New Delhi. During the consultation, the findings of the research project on "fund flow and fund utilization in development schemes" in which SW-TN had participated.

On 31st October, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "National Conference - Reframing Budgets for Dalit Women in India" held at Constitution Club, New Delhi invited by All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch.

On 6th November, Fr. Kumar acted as a consultant at the State-level consultation, organized by NCDHR at Chennai, to take forward the National Campaign on SCP-TSP Act in the state.

On 9th November, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Manjula participated in the 14th conference of Dalit women organized by Tamilnadu Dalit Women's Movement" at German Hall, T. Nagar.

During 25-26th November, Fr. Kumar participated in the conference on "Tax Policies and Development: Challenges and Emerging Opportunities" organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

On 10th December, SW-TN joined in the Dharna (Demonstration) at Jantar Mandar, New Delhi on implementation of SCP-TSP Act, organized by the National Coalition on SCP-TSP Legislation.

During 17-19 December, Fr. Manu was a resource person at a 3-days workshop on Gender Budgeting, organized by EKTA, in collaboration with NGA, at Madurai.

On 28th December, Fr. Kumar contributed training inputs at the capacity building program for the Dalit Panchayat Leaders organized by Erode district unit of 'Tamilnadu Rural Labourers Movement's Central Trade Union' (TRLMCTU) in collaboration with "The Peoples' Federation for Livelihood Rights" & 'Rights Education and Development Centre' (READ).

SW-TN 2014

During 15-16 January, Fr. Kumar participated in a workshop on issues relating to inequality, organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

During 24-26 January, Fr. Kumar attended the national launch of Open Society Forum at Bangaluru.

During 10-12th February, Fr.Kumar and Ms. Manjula participated in the workshop on budget work-plan and strategizing the way forward, organized by NFI, in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance, at Trivandrum.

On 1st March, Fr. Kumar participated in a Seminar on Tribals (Irular Tribe in particular) and their livelihood organized by Jesuit Chennai Mission in collaboration with LISSTAR at Loyola College, Chennai.

On 4th March, SW-TN organized a state-level consultation on "Gender Budgeting and Marginalized Women in Tamilnadu" at Pastoral Centre, Chennai.

On 6th May, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Manjula attended a discussion on "How to take forward the status of 'third gender' based on the supreme court judgment on recognizing them" organized by BRAVOH in collaboration with Tamilnadu Women's Forum at Annanagar, Chennai.

During 14-15 May, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Manjula participated in the two days consultation on CEDAW at ICSEA organized by Initiatives for Women in Development (IWID).

During 11-12 July, Ms. Kamatchi was part of the "Workshop on Policy Development Framework" organized by IWID in the context of the 'TN Women's State Assembly II' and 'India's Women's Parliament II' at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

During 25-26 July, Fr. Manu was invited to be a panelist on budgeting for dalits, at the function to release the India Exclusion Report at Delhi.

During August, SW-TN presented a proposal to initiate 'Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu' to Ms.Mythili.K.Rajendran,

Director, 'Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women', Government of Tamil Nadu.

On 21st August, Fr. Kumar participated in the inaugural function of "End Bonded Labour Campaign", organized by the International Justice Mission at Loyola College, Chennai.

During August, SW-TN was invited for a Discussion at the Directorate of Social Welfare, Govt of Tamilnadu, towards preparing a draft proposal on "Institutionalizing Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" by the Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme, Govt of Tamilnadu.

"On 28th August, Fr. Kumar participated at the national consultation on "Improving Living Conditions of Children in urban slums", organized by CBGA at New Delhi"

On 30th August, Ms. Manjula, Researcher, left SW-TN

On 21st September, Fr. Kumar in collaboration with Irular Tribal organizations organized State level Consultation at SASY Tindivanam.

During September, SW-TN published "Irattai Purakanipuku Aalaagum Dalit Pengal", a Tamil adaptation of the earlier SW-TN publication "Caste-blind Gender Budgeting and Gender-blind Dalit Budgeting – Dalit Women Doubly Excluded".

On 7th October, Mr. Antony joined SW-TN as a researcher.

On 17th October, Fr. Kumar and SW-TN research staff participated at the Southern Regional Budget Convention, organized by AP Budget Centre at Hyderabad.

On 25th October, SW-TN organized a pre-Budget consultation for dalit panchayat Leaders, following a series of capacity programmes earlier.

On 5th November, Fr. Kumar participated at the roundtable on "India's Role in G20: Expectations and Concerns" organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

On 16th December, SW-TN organized a Civil Society Consultation at YWCA, Chennai to prepare a draft compilation of demands by Dalits and Gender Budgeting Perspective, for the Union Budget 2015-16.

On 17th December, Ms. Kamatchi presented a session on “Towards Social Equity Budgeting” focusing on Child Budgeting at a workshop organized by Little’s trust at Chennai.

SW-TN 2015

During 8th-9th January, Fr.Kumar and Mr.Antony participated in the "National Convention to prepare charter of demands towards Union Budget 2015-16", organized by CBGA in New Delhi.

On 19th January, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the 'Consultation to Plan for a Bill for Tamilnadu on SCSP & TSP' organized by the *National Coalition for SCSP – TSP Legislation in collaboration with National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ) – NCDHR, Human Resource Development Forum (HRDF), Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF)* at ICSA, Chennai.

On 20th and 25th January, Mr. Antony, representing SW-TN, along with Mr.Dayalan, Director, HRDF, presented district level demands of SC & ST Panchayats to Mr.P.Ravichandran, the District Planning Chairman, Thiruvallur District and to Mr.KanchiPaneerselvam, District Panchayat Union Chairman, Kanchipuram District respectively.

On 27th January, Ms. Kamatchi rendered a lecture on "Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" for about 100 women SHG members & PLF members organized by the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Govt of Tamilnadu at Maraimalainagar, Tamilnadu.

During 28th-29th January, Mr. Antony participated in a "Workshop on Inequality" organized by Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG) in Trivandrum, Kerala.

On 29th January, SW-TN uploaded its new web page on "Tamilnadu Budget Portal" in its website www.swtn.org, providing links to all possible Government budget documents.

On 3rd February, Ms. Kamatchi was invited by the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Govt of Tamilnadu to handle a session on "Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" for women BDOs. Following the request of SW-TN, SIRD Director agreed to make Gender Budgeting as one of the training components in their ongoing trainings.

On 18th February, Ms. Kamatchi attended the Seminar on "Make in India: Towards making indigenized micro financing for holistic empowerment of marginalized women in the battle against India poverty" at MIDS, Chennai.

On 20th February, SW-TN organized a review meeting with **its** regional implementing partners, namely Mr.Dayalan, Director, 'Human Resource Development Foundation' (HRDF), Mr.Bharathan, Director, 'Ambedkar Kalvi Centenary Movement' (AKAM) and Mr.Karrupusamy, Director, 'Rights Education and Development Centre' (READ).

On 23rd February, Fr.Kumar and Mr. Antony met Tmt.Kannegi Packianathan, I.A.S., Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department to know the action taken on the suggestions given by SW-TN & other Civil Society Organizations in the form of alternate basket of schemes which has been accepted and got printed in the Tamilnadu 12th Five Year Plan document.

On 3rd March, SW-TN organized a preparatory meeting towards the "State level Consultative Seminar on Tribal Sub Plan" at AICUF House, Chennai.

On 4th March, SW-TN, in collaboration with TN State Planning Commission, REEDA and PAALAM, organized a "State level Consultative Seminar on the Status of Tribal Sub Plan in Tamilnadu" at the Conference Hall of the State Planning Commission, Ezhilagam, Chennai.

On 11th March, Fr.Kumar and Mr. Antony met Thiru.Anil Meshram, I.A.S., Member Secretary, State Planning Commission and Thiru.Selvaraj, Head of Division, Rural & Panchayat Raj to review the follow-up action of the State level consultation on Tribal Sub Plan.

On 12th March, Mr. Antony was a resource person in an orientation programme to the field workers associated with implementing partners for Budget work in TN organized by SW-TN.

On 25th March, Fr.Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Tamil Book Release of publications, "*Locating the survivor in the Indian Criminal Justice Systems: Decoding the Law*" and "*A Guide for Survivor of Sexual Violence*", sponsored by British Deputy High Commissioner at an event organized by Lawyers Collective and coordinated by Tamilnadu Women's Collective at Hotel Taj Connemera, Chennai.

On 31st March, Ms.Stella, Administrator, got relieved from SW-TN.

On 6th April, SW-TN organized a "Budget Advocacy Meeting" to promote awareness on budgetary rights of marginalised people and budget making process, during which Ms. Kamatchi presented a brief talk on "Gender Budgeting for SC/ST Women in Tamilnadu" at ICSA, Chennai.

On 8th April, Ms. Kamatchi presented a lecture on "TOWARDS GENDER BUDGETING in TAMILNADU", organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GOI at Sriperumbadur, Tamilnadu.

On 18th April, SW-TN organized a "State Level Consultation on "Budget Advocacy–Accountability– Transparency" to evaluate the TN budget 2015–16 with reference to SCSP & TSP schemes and to find out ways to improve the budget transparency at state and district levels, at ICOSA, Chennai.

On 21st April, SW-TN, in collaboration with READ, organized a district level Training of Trainers (TOT) for the SC Panchayat presidents at Erode.

On 20th April, Mr. Deepankar, National Foundation of India, visited SW-TN and was briefed about the current advocacy efforts towards making Tamilnadu, an inclusive State.

During April 27th – May 2nd, Fr. Kumar participated in the workshop on 'Budget Advocacy and Communications' organized by National Foundation for India (NFI) in collaboration with International Budget Partnership (IBP) held at TERI Retreat, New Delhi.

During 8th – 22nd May, Mr. Antony along with three interns (Post Graduate students from department of Social Work, Loyola Collage, Chennai) participated in a training programme on Budget Analysis, organized by CBGA, at New Delhi.

On 10th May, Fr. Kumar was invited by Bhahujan Samaj Party to give input on Budget Advocacy for the Scheduled Castes in Tamilnadu at their state level seminar at Chennai.

On 25th June, Fr. Kumar participated in the consultative workshop for developing a training manual on 'Social Inclusion for Panchayat functionaries' held at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth and Development (RGNIYD).

On 27th June, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the meeting at Chennai, organized by Astha Sansthan, Rajasthan, in collaboration with Tamilnadu Women Forum, to explore the possibilities of starting a TN chapter of Astha Sansthan.

On 28th June, Mr. Antony visited Kalvoy village as part of village level study among the Irular tribes, undertaken with the help of Mrs. Sornalatha and Mr. Balaji.

On 1st July, Ms. Krithiha joined SW-TN as researcher.

On 4th July, SW-TN in collaboration with ASSET and PAALAM, organized "Training of Trainers (TOT) for Scheduled Tribes (ST) Panchayat presidents" at AICUF House, Chennai.

On 5th July, SW-TN organized, at the AICUF House, Chennai, a "Media Advocacy Meeting" for journalists and electronic media persons to advocate for ample media coverage on Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes concerns and create a media platform for SCs and STs to carry budget advocacy for the marginalized in Tamilnadu.

On 8th July, Fr.Kumar and Mr. Antony participated in a public hearing at Chennai, organized by the 'National Commission for Scheduled Castes' during the Commission's visit to Tamilnadu. During the public hearing, Fr.Kumar and Dr.Christodas Gandhi, IAS (Retd) presented to the Commission major concerns related to SCs in Tamilnadu.

On 14th July, SW-TN signed the petition by the Women's Coalition for Change, requesting Ministry of Women and Child Development to hold consultations and take in the views of women's groups and activists from across the country while compiling a 'Report on the status of women in India'.

On 21st July, Ms. Krithiha participated in the public hearing on Pension issues and social security schemes in Tamilnadu, organized by Pension Parishad at ICOSA, Chennai.

On 24th July, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi, Mr. Antony and Ms. Krithiha participated in the launch event of the book "Looking Away- Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India" by Mr. Harsh Mander at Loyola College, Chennai.

During 29th-31st July (2015), Ms. Kamatchi participated in the orientation TOT Course for Budget Groups on "Gender Responsive Budgeting", organized by National Foundation India and UN Women South Asia in collaboration with CYSD at Bhubaneswar, Odhisha.

During July - September, SW-TN facilitated Mr. Mathieu, an Intern from Canada working with CARITAS India to explore the realities of Dalit Women in Tamilnadu and their budgetary provisions.

On 12th August, Ms. Krithiha participated in the Seminar on "The Anatomy of Failure: An Ethnography of a Randomized Trial to Deepen Democracy in Rural India" organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

On 17th August, Mr. Antony was a resource person in capacity building training for Dalit Para-legal workers on "Special Component Plan" in Trichy, Tamilnadu.

On 21st August Fr. Kumar participated in a Round Table Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), organized by Mr. D. Osa I.A.S (Retd) and DHAN Foundation, at Chennai.

On 25th August, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Krithiha participated in the lecture on "Inequality, livelihood and agrarian crisis in India" by journalist Mr. P. Sainath organized by Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) at Loyola College, Chennai..

On 9th September Fr. Kumar participated in the National Consultation on 'Exploring Innovations to Promote Sustainability' organized by VANI at New Delhi.

On 12th September, Mr. Antony was a resource person in leadership training for the youth of Irular tribes in AHAL, Thiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu.

On 20th September, Mr. Antony visited Kunnappattu village as part of village level study among the Irular tribes, undertaken with the help of Mr. Kutti, Panchayat President.

On 21st September, SW-TN added a webpage on "Budgeting for Marginalized Women in Tamilnadu" under its TN Budget Portal, providing links to Annexures of State Planning Commission Annual Plan, on Special Component Plan, Tribal Sub Plan and Women Component Plan.

On 29th September 2015, SW-TN organized a 'Budget Advisory Group Meeting' to "identify newer ways of carrying out Budget Work in Tamilnadu towards sub state level budget transparency", in collaboration with PAALAM, REEDA, TUDI, HRDF, ASSET, READ and KALAM

During 17th-18th October, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony visited Pazhaverkadu Panchayat as part of Panchayat level Study among Irular tribes.

On 20th October, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony met Tmt. Santha Sheela Nair, IAS (Retd), Vice-Chairperson, State Planning Commission to present her the Analysis on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan 2015-16 and to request her for further action.

On 27th October, SW-TN organized a "Post-Budget Analysis on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan 2015-16" with the members of Budget Advisory Group, involving faculty members from the 'Centres for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy' from various Universities of Tamilnadu at AICUF House, Chennai.

On 4th November, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi had a meeting with Mr. Vidya Sagar, Faculty, Anna Institute of Management and forwarded the Requisition Letter to Mr. Mohan Varghese Chunkanth IAS and to Mr. P.W.C. Davidar

IAS regarding the 'Training to Policy Makers on Gender Budgeting'. (On 10th December, AIM sent a formal communication accepting our request.)

On 5th November, Fr.Kumar, Ms.Kamatchi and Mr. Antony met Tmt. Santha Sheela Nair, IAS (Retd), Vice-Chairperson, State Planning Commission to finalize the dates for State level consultation on Tribal Sub Plan and Special Component Plan for Dalits and to present her the guidelines on "Gender Budgeting". A requisition letter was also given to organize in collaboration with United Nations Women – South Asia; a Gender Budget Training for Policy Makers in Tamilnadu.

On 12th November, as a response to the requisition email sent by SW-TN, Mr.Rajasekaran, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Govt of Tamilnadu has circulated a letter to organize a Gender Budgeting Core Group Meeting with key officials to 'Strategize Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu'.

On 13th November, as a follow up of the above letter, Ms. Kamatchi, SW-TN had a discussion with Ms. Kanmani Hariharan, Deputy Director, Women Welfare and with Ms. Malathi, Asst Deputy Director, Women Welfare to plan for the core group meeting. On the same day, we also got the appointment to discuss the "Strategies to Institutionalize Gender Budgeting" with Mr.S.Krishnan IAS, Principal Secretary, Planning and Development, at the Secretariat.

During 26th – 30th October, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING - ADVANCED TOT COURSE for Budget Groups" organized by National Foundation India and UN Women South Asia at Lonavala, Pune.

On 29th November, SW-TN organized a preparatory meeting towards "State Level Consultation on Tribal Sub Plan" in collaboration with ASSET and Adivasi Solidarity Council at ICOSA, Chennai.

On 30th November, SW-TN in collaboration with State Planning Commission organized "State Level Consultation on Tribal Sub Plan" at Ezhilagam, Chennai.

On 30th November, Ms.Krithiha got relieved from SW-TN.

On 1st December, SW-TN in collaboration with State Planning Commission organized "State level Consultation on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan" at Ezhilagam, Chennai.

On 3rd December, Ms. Kamatchi was invited as a resource person to present a session on "Intersecting realities: Asking the budget question - DALIT WOMEN's RIGHT" at the "Learning Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting" organized by UN WOMEN South Asia at Cochin. [Click here](#) to browse through all the presentations.

On 12th December, Mr. Antony, along with Mr. John and Mr. Mylius from 'Confederation of Indian Industry' (CII), visited Pazhaverkadu to assess the damage due to torrential rain and flood.

During 14th-16th December, Fr. Manu and Fr. Kumar participated in the 10th Anniversary celebration of Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) at New Delhi and the National seminar on 'Recent Changes in India's Fiscal Architecture: Implications for Development Policy and Social Inclusion'.

On 16th December, SW-TN in collaboration with UN Women and TN State Planning Commission scheduled an "Orientation Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting". Due to heavy flood at Chennai, the workshop is re-scheduled in the month of April 2016.

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During January, SW-TN collaborated with the National Foundation for India (NFI) towards preparing the civil society Charter of Demands for Union Budget 2016-17. And SW-TN shared the Charter of Demands with the media in Chennai.

On 5th January, Mr. Antony and "Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd), met Mr. Anil Meshram IAS, Member Secretary, Tamilnadu State Planning Commission, and Dr. B.C. Archana Kalyani IFS, Director - Tribal Welfare, and presented the recommendations compiled during the State level consultations on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan, organised by SW-TN, in collaboration with the State Planning Commission during 30th November – 1st December 2015.

On 5th January, Fr. Kumar attended the meeting convened by 'Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability' (CBGA) at New Delhi, to discuss the major cross-cutting issues to be articulated in the presentations to be made to the Finance Minister as important concerns of Civil Society Organisations.

On 5th January, SW-TN was invited by Mr. Mohan Verghese Chunkath IAS, Director of Anna Institute of Management and Director General of Training, Government of Tamilnadu, to provide technical support for the workshop on Gender Budgeting to be organized by Anna Institute of Management during the year.

On 12th January, SW-TN, as a member of the Peoples' Budget Initiative (PBI), was as an invitee at a Pre-Budget Consultation, organised by the Union Ministry of Finance.

On 15th January, Ms. Kamatchi briefed Ms. Malathi Helen, Assistant Director, Women Welfare – Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme, Government of Tamilnadu about 'Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu'; and based on SW-TN inputs, Ms. Malathi Helen presented a paper during the "Gender Budgeting Workshop for Officers of State Government Departments", sponsored by Ministry of Women and Child Development during 18-20 January.

On 18th January, Ms. Kamatchi was interviewed on 'Gender Budgeting and Intersectionality' by Ms. Morgan Siegel, a student from the University of Freiburg in Germany and an intern with the UN Women, New Delhi.

During February, SW-TN, in collaboration with networks working with Scheduled Tribes and in consultation with Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd), prepared petitions to be submitted to the State Government, based on the recent Supreme Court Order on issuing land rights to tribals.

During 6th-8th February, Fr. Kumar, Mr. Antony and Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd) were involved in a Panchayat level study among Irular tribals in Pazhaverkadu.

On 27th February, SW-TN participated in 5th Women Panchayat Leaders conference organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF) in Chennai.

On 18th March, Mr. Antony presented a research paper titled "Atrocities on Scheduled Tribes on account of their Budgetary Rights enshrined through 'Tribal Sub Plan' – A case study on Irular Tribes in Kunnappattu Panchayat, Kancheepuram District" at a National level Seminar organized by the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Gandhigram Rural Deemed University, Dindigul.

On 29th March, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at a consultation at Chennai organized by 'National Dalit Movement for Justice' and 'Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation' (HRF) on "Constitution Amendments to Part IX, Schedule VII And Amendments to the TN Panchayat Act for Strengthening Panchayat Government".

During March, a process of an internal evaluation of the organization was initiated among the staff.

During March-April, Mr. John Milton, an MSW student at Loyola College was an intern.

During April, on the eve of Tamilnadu Assembly Elections, SW-TN studied the manifestos of all the major political parties viz-a-viz People's Demands, specifically the demands of the marginalized groups.

On 11th April, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony had a meeting with Mr. P. Annamalai, IAS, Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department and presented the reports of 'State level Seminar on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan & Tribal Sub Plan' held on 30th November and 1st December 2015.

On 10th May, an article prepared by SW-TN on "Election Manifestos of Political Parties versus SC & ST People's Demands" appeared in 'The Tamil Hindu' daily newspaper.

During June, Fr. Manu and Prof. Packiaraj, guided the staff in a process of evaluation-cum-planning, towards effective research. Based on the deliberations, an annual strategic plan was articulated.

During June, SW-TN enabled two activists from the Narikuravar community to articulate their concerns during the State level consultation, organized by State Planning Commission. Ms. Kamatchi along with Mr. Christodas Gandhi participated in the consultation.

On 4th June, Arul Mozhi Iyya, renowned healer with nature therapy shared his experience with SW-TN staff on the "*Art of Healthy Living*".

On 6th June, the Audited statement for the year 2015-16 was completed and the same was forwarded to ALBOAN.

On 17th June, Ms. Sandra Delgado, ALBOAN, visited SW-TN.

On 18th June, Ms.Kamatchi represented SW-TN in the planning meeting organized by TN Women's Forum on 'Right to Education' for SC and ST girls at Chennai.

On 20th June, Fr. Kumar gave a lecture on the "Jesuit Preferential Option for the poor" to the staff of Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET), as part of their annual orientation programme.

On 23rd June, SW-TN organized an 'Evaluation & Planning Meeting with Implementing Partners' to plan strategies for budget work in Tamilnadu. They chalked out the course of action plan for the year 2016-17.

During 24th - 25th June, Ms. Kamatchi along with Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS, participated in the consultation to draft the "CHILD RIGHTS POLICY", organized by the Tamilnadu Commission for the Protection of Child Rights at Chennai.

During 26th - 30th June, Mr. Antony participated in a National Capacity Development Programme on 'Public Policy, Governance and Advocacy' in Trivandrum organized by Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG) in partnership with Trancivic International.

During July, SWTN took one more effort to organise a workshop on Gender Budgeting for all the Departmental Secretaries, to be co-organised by UN Women, New Delhi, State Planning Commission and SW-TN.; but, due to organisational hurdles at the government level, the effort did not bear fruit.

On 1st July, Ms.Geetha, Ms.Anugraha and Ms.Shanmugapriya joined SW-TN as research staff.

On 12th July, Fr.Kumar, Ms.Kamatchi and Mr.Antony were resource persons at a training session on Budget Analysis, organized by 'Peace and Justice Forum of the Presentation Sisters' in Chennai.

On 19th July, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN at a State level Consultation on the National Education Policy, organised by Tamilnadu Women's Forum and made a presentation on "Budgetary Rights of Children to ensure 'Right to Education' of Dalit and Adivasi children in TN."

On 23rd July, Fr. Kumar attended Young Scholar's conference on 'Government Finance and Public Policy Issues' organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

On 25th July, Fr. Kumar was requested by Mr. ArockiaRaj, Caritas India, to help undertaking Social Equity Audits in a few dioceses of Tamilnadu.

During 28th – 29th July, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Pre-BRICS International Consultation at New Delhi, organized by Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), People's Budget Initiative (PBI) and OXFAM India and sponsored by the European Union.

On 30th July, SW-TN in collaboration with HRDF and AWARD organized a Consultation in Chennai, to capacitate Scheduled Castes women leaders to contest in the forthcoming Panchayat Elections.

On 31st July, SW-TN organized a one day Consultation on 'New Education Policy 2016' in Chennai, in collaboration with PAALAM, 'Ambedkar Kalvi Centenary Movement (AKAM)' and 'Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy'

On 10th August, Ms. Geetha, Mr. Antony and Ms. Kamatchi went as visitors to observe the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly Discussion when demands of 'Social Welfare and Nutrition Meal Programme' were discussed.

During 17th - 28th August, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the workshop on forced migrants, organized by Loyola Institute of Social Science Training And Research (LISSTAR) in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at Loyola College, Chennai.

On 19th August, all the SW-TN staff participated in a process of evaluation and organisational review, facilitated by Fr. Manu.

On 29th August, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony were the resource persons at budget training for tribal representatives, held at Makkampalayam, Erode District.

On 30th August, Ms. Shanmugapriya and Ms. Anugraha and Mr. Chellapan IAS (Retd) visited Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly at Secretariat as an observer for the 'Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare' Department budget discussions.

On 31st August, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "State Consultation on UN Human Rights Council - Universal Periodic Review III - Indian CSOs Stakeholders Report" organized by Working Group on Human Rights in India (WGHR), held at ICSA Paripurna, Chennai.

During September, Ms. Kamatchi uploaded all the recent Tamilnadu Budget Documents into our website (www.swtn.org) under the title Tamilnadu Budget Portal.

During 10th - 12th September, SW-TN team visited a Tribal Village, Sholur Kokkaal, Nilgiris District. We witnessed the success of SWTN advocacy along with the efforts Mr.Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd) in the achievement of Tribals gaining the public land resources for undertaking agricultural activity.

During 13th - 15th September, Fr. Kumar attended in the 'Annual Meeting of the State and National Budget Groups in the country' organized by NFI at Manesar, Delhi.

During September – November, Mr. Marco Osario, sponsored by ALBOAN, worked as an intern in SW-TN.

On 17th September, Ms. Anugraha, Ms. Shanmugapriya, Ms. Geetha and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the District Level Consultation on “Improving the Sexual Health of Adolescent Girls through Education, Advocacy and Social Mobilization”, organized by Centre for Women Development and Research (CWDR) held at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

On 26th September, Mr. Antony was the resource person for budget training for the Panchayat leaders organized by SW-TN in collaboration with ‘Human Rights-KALAM’ in Thirunelveli.

On 28th September, members of the Kanchipuram Makkal Mandram Commune visited SW-TN.

On 29th September, Fr. Kumar was the resource person for budget training for Panchayat leaders organized by SW-TN and in collaboration with Rights Education and Development Centre (READ), Erode district.

On 30th September, Fr. Manu facilitated the annual evaluation-cum-strategising session, undertaken by the SW-TN staff.

During October, SW-TN reinitiated the conversation with UN WOMEN to trigger the process of GRB consultation with Tamilnadu State Planning Commission.

During October, Ms. Shanmugapriya and Ms. Anugraha prepared the Tamil Nadu Budget work sheet on ‘Overview of budget for the fiscal years 2012 to 2016, Department wise expenditure, Department wise plan allocation 2016 – 2017, Budget overview 2016 – 2017 and SCSP/ TSP Plan allocation on Rural Development’.

On 1st October, Mr. Antony was the resource person for budget training on Special Component Plan to the field level coordinators organized by Dr. Ambedkar Cultural Academy at Madurai.

On 5th October, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the planning discussion at YWCA with the organizing committee members of the “15th Women Studies Conference” to be held at Madras University during January 2017.

During 6th - 11th October, Fr. Kumar initiated a process of cross-learning on Budget Analysis at the Pathey Budget Centre, Gujarat.

On 22nd October, Mr. Antony was the resource person for budget training on Tribal Sub Plan to the Uraly and Sholakar tribal representatives organized by SW-TN in collaboration with PARAN at Kadambur, Erode District.

On 24th October, Fr. Kumar participated in a Consultation on "Grassroots Entrepreneurship among socially marginalised" organized by Fr. Manu, Director-Loyola Institute of Social Research (LISOR) at Loyola College, Vettavalam, Thiruvannamalai.

On 25th October, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony submitted a memorandum to the National Commission for Scheduled Caste visiting Tamilnadu, requesting them to conduct review meetings with the state Government officials regarding the proper implementation of Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-plan (TSP) in Tamilnadu.

On 26th October, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony were resource persons at a budget training on Tribal Sub Plan to the Irular representatives organized by SW-TN in collaboration with Adivasi Social Service Education Trust at Nellikuppam.

On 14th November, Fr. Kumar gave a seminar on 'Public Policies of the State Government', to the coordinators and animators of Lok Manch, organised by the Jesuit Tribal Ministry (JESIM) at Tindivanam.

On 16th November, Mr. Antony and Ms. Kamatchi were resource persons at the Regional Training of Trainers on 'Know your Rights: Budgets simplified on Scheduled Castes Sub Plan, Tribal Sub-Plan and Gender Budgeting' organized by 'Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF)' and 'National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) on behalf of *Institute on Budget Policy and Advocacy*' in Chennai.

On 19th November, Ms. Geetha left the organization.

During 24th - 25th November, Ms. Shanmugapriya and Fr. Kumar attended the "Consultation on People's Budget Initiative: Developing a Roadmap" and "A Round Table on Civil Society Engagement on Tax Issues in India" organized by PBI and NFI at New Delhi.

On 26th November, Mr. Antony and Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd) were the resource persons in the 'District level workshop on SCP in TN' organized by SW-TN in collaboration with 'Human Rights-KALAM' at St. Xavier's college, Palayamkottai.

At the end of November, SW-TN joined in the national level collective attempts of both NCDHR and NFI in lobbying for the Charter of Demands of the marginalised during the oncoming Union Government Budget 2017-18.

During December, auditing for NFI Project (1st March – 30th September) and ALBOAN project (1st April – 30th September) were completed.

On 3rd December, Fr. Kumar participated in the follow-up consultation on "Entrepreneurship among socially marginalised" organized by Fr. Manu, Director - Loyola Institute of Social Research (LISOR) at Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA).

During 8th - 9th December, Ms. Kamatchi represented SW-TN in the consultation on "Innovations in Gender Responsive Budgeting: Sharing experiences from the Asia Pacific" organised by UN Women and National Institute of Financial Management, Government of India held at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

On 15th December, Ms. Dhivya Bharathy, MSW student of Loyola College joined SW-TN as an intern.

On 17th December, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony, along with Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd) were resource persons at the training session on 'Status of SCP in TN' organized by SW-TN in collaboration with 'Centre for study on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies' Bharathidasan University, Trichy.

On 30th December, Fr. Manu was interviewed on Gender Budgeting & Intersectionality by Dr. Diego De Merich, 'Research Associate from Institute for Intersectionality Research and Policy, Canada' and 'LSE Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science'.

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During 5th- 7th January, Ms. Shanmugapriya and Ms. Anugraha participated in the "Capacity Building Workshop on Budget Analysis and Advocacy", organized by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and 'Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance' (ISDG) at Bodhigram, Kerala.

On 8th January, Mr. Antony was the resource person for the "Budget Training programme" organized by 'Action for Human rights And Liberation' - AHAL Study Centre, at Keezhpennathur, Thiruvannamalai, to capacitate Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes leaders of AHAL.

On 9th January, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Mr. Antony participated in the Tamil Book Launch event on "Declaration on Caste Annihilation" written by Mr.P.S. Krishnan IAS (Retd); translated by T.Neethirajan; published by 'Untouchability Eradication Front-Tamilnadu' and SOUTH VISION BOOKS.

On 10th January, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the discussion to cross-learn the best models of activism with 'Ms.Kaushal Panwar, Professor, Delhi University' facilitated by 'Tamilnadu Dalit Women Forum' for Women activists, held at Choolaimedu, Chennai.

On 21st January, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the South India Regional Consultation on 'Organizing for Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action', organized by *National Commission for Women (NCW)*, *Mahila Kisaan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM)* and *UN Women*, held in Chennai. The 'Report on Rural Distress of women farmers in TN' was released. We were invited by "Vivasaya Urimaikana Pengal Koottamaippu" - Tamilnadu chapter of MAKAAM. *(Fr.Manu Alphonse, Mentor of SW-TN and currently associated with Loyola College, Vettavalam, Thiruvannamalai is initiating programme for "Entrepreneurship among the socially marginalized" and emphasizing 'Organic farming by women farmers'. In this regard, SW-TN got the entire list of members of TN- MAKAAM for future collaboration).*

During 22nd - 24th January, Ms. Kamatchi participated in "The XV National Conference of Women's Studies - Women in a Changing World: Restructured Inequalities, Countercurrents, and Sites of Resistance" at the University of Madras in Chennai; And on 24th January, Fr.Kumar participated in the event.

On 25th January, SW-TN in collaboration with 'Adivasi Social Service Education Trust' (ASSET) organized a "Budget Training for Irular Tribals" at Kalvoy Panchayat, Kancheepuram. Mr.Antony was the key resource person for capacity building sessions.

On 26th January, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony were the resource persons for the Budget Training programme organized by 'Jesuit Irular Mission' (JESIM) at Thindivanam.

On 27th January, Fr. Kumar participated in a Consultation on "Opening Up the Access to Budget Data in India" organized by 'Centre for Budget Governance Accountability' at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The Consultation was followed by a panel discussion to plan the beta version of the Open Budget Portal.

On 29th January, Mr. Antony was the resource person for the Budget Training programme organized by Fr. Arulvalan of 'Salesians of Don Bosco' - 'Thurumbar Liberation Movement', held at Gingee, Thiruvannamalai.

During February, SW-TN research team browsed through the Union Budget documents with the marginalized perspective.

During February, SW-TN organized a series of "District Level Research Dissemination meetings" targeting Scheduled Castes leaders; for which Fr. Kumar, Mr. Antony and Mr. R. Christudos Gandhi were resource persons; held on 11th February at Coimbatore, *on 12th February at Regency Hotel Erode*, on 18th February at Bharat Engineering College-Thiruvavur and *on 19th February at Bharat Educational Institution -Thanjavur*.

During February, SW-TN re-initiated the conversation with 'UN Women - South Asia', towards planning a collaborative Consultation on 'Gender Budgeting for Bureaucrats in Tamilnadu'.

On 2nd February, SW-TN in collaboration with PAALAM and 'Dr. Ambedkar Academy', organized a Seminar on 'Budgeting for Dalits and Special Component Plan' at Anna Nagar East, Chennai. Most of the participants were retired Dalit (Scheduled Castes) Bureaucrats, involved in the empowerment of the SCs. At the end of the seminar, Charter of Demands was collated.

On 4th February, SW-TN extended our solidarity to Tamilnadu Dalit Women Forum to 'Stop Sexual Violence on Dalit Women in Tamilnadu'.

On 7th February, 'Governing Body Meeting of SW-TN' was organized at Chengai Jesuit Mission office, Loyola College Chennai. The following members had a discussion with SW-TN team: Mr. R. Christudos Gandhi, Prof. Dr. Victor Louis Anthuvan, Ms. Beulah Azaria, Fr. Jebamalai and Ms. Semmalar.

On 22nd February, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the 'Consultation on URBAN HOMELESSNESS - Right to Shelter and Adequate Housing' organized by Ecomwel at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

During 22nd - 23rd February, SW-TN in collaboration with 'Ooty Pandaiya Pazhangudi Peravai' organized a pre-budget planning consultation with the 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups' (PVTG) at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. R.Christudos Gandhi IAS (Retd) and 'Ms. Archana Kalyani IFS, Director of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamilnadu' discussed issues and concerns of the Tribals. A basket of alternate schemes for the empowerment of PVTG-STs were collated after a daylong session.

On 24th February, Fr.Kumar participated in a National Level Consultation on "Future Strategies to address changes in Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan (SCSP – TSP) in the changing political context" organized by 'The National Coalition on SCP TSP Legislation' at New Delhi. As a follow up of this consultation, Fr.Kumar jointly anchored the responsibility to provide inputs for refining the Indicators for National Development Goals developed by the 'Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI)' for the implementation of *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDG).

On 27th February, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the seminar on "The Union Budget 2017-18: Implications for the Economy" organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Chennai.

On 28th February, Mr.Devaneyan-Thozhamai was deputed on behalf of SW-TN to participate in the Panel Discussion on "India's Investment in Nutrition: States' Role and Response" organized by CBGA at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

During 27th -28th February and March 3rd, SW-TN team along with Mr. R. Christudos Gandhi and Prof.Dr.Victor Louis Anthuwan were the resource panel for the "WORKSHOP ON BUDGET ANALYSIS" for the students; Organized by Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai.

On 28th February, Ms. Kamatchi and Mr. R.Christudos Gandhi were the resource persons for the 'Special Address on GENDER BUDGETING' organized by Centre for Women Studies, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai.

During March, SW-TN reprinted about 450 copies of "*GENDER BUDGETING HANDBOOK for Government of India - Ministries / Departments State Governments/ District Officials Researchers/ Practitioners; By Ministry of Women and Child Development; October 2015*"; for disseminating amongst the key stakeholders to initiate Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu. We also forwarded the soft copy of the same document to all Department Secretaries, key MLAs and media, in Tamilnadu through email.

During March, SW-TN browsed the key Tamilnadu Budget documents with the marginalized perspective. And we have uploaded all the Budget documents of Government of Tamilnadu in our Budget portal for wider dissemination.

On 2nd March, SW-TN sent the six months report to ALBOAN.

On 10th March, Fr.Kumar, Ms.Kamatchi, Ms.Anu and Ms.Priya participated in the Short film release and screening of "Go, Get Education!" (Tamil); based on 'A Forgotten (Scheduled Caste Women) Liberator – The Life and Struggle of Savitribai Phule', held at Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

On 25th March, SW-TN team was in the chief guest panel for the Women's Day Celebration organized by 'Adivasi Social Service Education Trust' (ASSET) at Kalvay Panchayat, Kancheepuram.

On 28th March, CBGA requested our suggestions on how the new "Open Budgets India - Portal" (www.openbudgetsindia.org) can be made more useful in future.

On 29th March, SW-TN sent a consent letter to 'Initiatives Women in Development' (IWID) to extend support to IWID trainings and awareness programmes towards TAMILNADU WOMEN STATE ASSEMBLY.

On 30th March, SWTN signed a contract with National Foundation for India for Internship Project on "Training in Tracking and Digitalizing Budget Data –Aspects and Dimensions of Budget Advocacy" for the period of 16th May to 10th June.

On 31st March, Fr.Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi actively participated in a "Discussion on Tamil Nadu State Budget 2017-18" organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), chaired by Mr.S.Krishnan IAS, *Principal Secretary, Planning, Development Special Initiatives, Government of TamilNadu.*

On 11th April, SW-TN and 'United Nations Women – South Asia' organized "Consultation on Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" at 'State Planning Commission', Ezhilagam – Chennai.

On 18th April, SW-TN in collaboration with PAALAM, 'Adivasi Social Service Education Trust' (ASSET) organized "State level Consultation on Tribal Sub Plan" at State Planning Commission, Ezhilagam - Chennai.

On 19th April, SW-TN in collaboration with PAALAM, AKAM, Dalit Panchayat Presidents Federation (HRDF-Tamilnadu) and Rights Education and Development Centre (READ); organized "State level Consultation on Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan" at State Planning Commission, Ezhilagam – Chennai.

On 20th April, Ms. Akila - Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist at UNICEF visited SW-TN for preliminary discussion on "Implementing Child Budgeting in Tamilnadu". There was an open invitation to take issues and concerns collectively along with UNICEF to the State Government, with regard to the rights of marginalized children.

On 27th April, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya gave insights on “Demystifying Budget” to Post Graduate students at Loyola College – Chennai.

On 10th May, Mr. Antony Sebasthiraj, Researcher got relieved from SW-TN.

During 18th-19th May, SW-TN in collaboration with Indian Social Institute (ISI), PAALAM and Siddhartha Trust organized CONCLAVE OF SOUTHERN STATES on “Scheduled caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan Innovation” at ISI – Bangalore; to compile and forward the demands to the Union and State Governments.

On 2nd June, SW-TN extended online solidarity to ‘Tamilnadu Dalit Women Forum’ to oppose “Genetically Modified Mustard” at Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) - Arakkonam.

On 6th June, SW-TN signed a contract with National Foundation for India (NFI), to implement the Project on “Budget Work in India: Advancing and promoting Transparent, Accountable and Inclusive Governance” for the period of 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2018 (19 months).

On 20th June, SW-TN Financial Audited Statement for the year 2016-17 was completed.

On 23rd June, Ms. Kamatchi went as a visitor to observe the Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly proceedings during the discussion on ‘Demands of ‘Social Welfare and Nutrition Meal Programme’.

On 24th June, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya had a discussion with the Post-Graduate students of Loyola College – Chennai to facilitate the students who were about to pursue their internship at ‘Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability’ (CBGA), New Delhi.

On 5th July, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya took part in “Felicitation to Eight UPSC Dalit Winners” organized by PAALAM at Shastri Bhavan – Chennai.

On 17th July, Ms. Kamatchi participated in a seminar on “A Conjectural History of Cultural ideas on Women and work in India” organized by MIDS (Madras Institute of Development Studies) at Adiseshiah Auditorium, Chennai.

On 18th July, Ms. Kamatchi, Ms. Sophie, Mr. Xavier, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya went as visitors to Tamilnadu State Assembly during the budget session on “Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare”.

On 22nd July, Ms. Anugraha participated in a consultation on “National Food Security Act (NFSA) – Dalit and Tribal Perspective” organized by Lok Manch in collaboration with ASSET, READ, AHAL, Vidiyal at ‘Loyola ICAM College of Engineering and Technology’ (LICET) – Chennai.

On 28th July, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the discussion and press meet for “Conducting Panchayat Election in Tamilnadu” organized by Dalit Panchayat Presidents Federation (HRDF-Tamilnadu) at ICSA, Chennai.

On 29th July, Ms. Kamatchi participated in Tamilnadu State level (third) Consultation on “Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016” organized by ‘IWG–Interim Working Group, Tamilnadu (Trafficking for Labour and Sexual Exploitation)’ at ICSA, Chennai.

On 8th August, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya gave insights about Post-Matric scholarship and basic training on budget for Mr. Stalin Kumar – Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of opposition party- DMK. As an outcome, he raised issues and concerns of SC/ST students particularly regarding Post-Matric scholarship.

On 26th August, SW-TN in collaboration with AKAM organized a consultation on “National Education Policy – on SC’s Higher Education” at ‘Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR), Loyola College Chennai.

On 31st August, Ms. Kamatchi participated on “Convene Post-UPR (Universal Periodic Review) III CSO strategy Consultation in Tamilnadu” organized by Working Group on Human Rights (WGHR) in India and the United Nations at ICSA – Chennai.

On 1st September, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in a state level consultation on “People’s Commission on Shrinking Democratic Space (PCSDS)” organized by Mr. Henry Tiphange at AICUF House – Chennai.

On 2nd September, Ms. Shanmugapriya attended the general discussion on “Shrinking Democratic Space” organized by Ajitha Bhakthavachalam at LSS Hall, Loyola College – Chennai.

On 2nd September, Fr. Kumar presented a paper on ‘State Policy Budget and the plight of SC/ST children’ for a Round Table on “Public Policy and the Child in Tamil Nadu” organized by The Hindu Centre, in collaboration with UNICEF at The Hindu office – Chennai. (Ms. Kamatchi was also a participant.)

On 5th and 6th September, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in a Southern Regional conference on “Juvenile Justice Act – 2015 and ‘Protection of Children from Sexual Offences’ (POCSO) Act – 2012” organized by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) at Tamilnadu State Judicial Academy – Chennai.

On 14th September, Ms. Anugraha as a follow up of the consultation on “National Education Policy (NEP) on SC’s Higher Education”, forwarded the recommendations to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which has to be submitted as a Memorandum to the ‘TSR Subramanian Committee’ constituted for drafting the New National Education Policy.

On 15th September, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Anugraha participated in the International conference on “Current Trends in Finance and Economics” organized at Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) – Chennai.

On 19th and 20th September, Fr. Kumar participated in the Convention on “Re-launching PBI in its new form” organized by People’s Budget Initiative (PBI) at YMCA Auditorium, New Delhi. (As SWTN was requested to identify members for Alliances and Networking, Ms. Hemashri – one of the Ward Counselors of Chennai Metropolis was given a brief about the Convention on 30th August at SWTN office).

On 19th September, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the press meet organized by ‘All India Kissan Sangharsh Coordination Committee’ as part of “Kissan Mukti Yatra” - supporting the Farmer’s demands, held at SBOA School – Chennai.

On 27th September, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi attended the workshop and “Launch of *SDG Watch – TN*” organized jointly with the collaboration of *Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF)*, *Arunodhaya Centre for Street and Working Children*, *Legal Aid for Women Trust (LAW Trust)*, *Social Need Education for Human Awareness (SNEHA)*, *Action aid India*, *Christian Children's Fund of Canada*, *Wada Na Todo Abhiyan*, *Hope Puducherry* and *READ India*, held at Vestin Park – Chennai.

During 14th-16th October, Fr.Kumar participated in the 5th National Convention of the ‘National Campaign for People’s Right to Information’ (NCPRI), organized by Odisha Soochana Adhikar Abhiyan, a State-level network of RTI activists; Co-organized by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.

On 24th October, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the ‘Child Thematic consultation of *SDG Watch Tamilnadu*’ Organized by Action Aid in collaboration with ‘Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation’ (HRF) at Action Aid-Regional office, Chennai.

On 24th October, Fr.Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the planning meeting coordinated by Ms. Jancy, Nagercoil and Sr. Clare, ICM for ‘The Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light’ (www.HWPL.kr)’ to organize a Peace Conference at Chennai during January- February 2018.

On 25th October, Fr.Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the "Consultation on SDG Goals and Indicators focused on Dalits and Adivasi" organized by 'Social Awareness Society for Youths' (SASY) in collaboration with 'Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation' (HRF), held at Tindivanam. Fr. Kumar was the resource person to share insights on 'History of SCP and TSP'.

On 26th October, Ms. Kamatchi presented a Session on "Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" during the 'District Level 3-Days Training Programme on GENDER BUDGETING; organized by Department of Women's Studies, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore; Sponsored by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

On 27th October, Fr.Kumar was the resource person in the 'Local Governance Thematic consultation of SDG Watch Tamilnadu' Organized by HRDF at 'Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation' (HRF) office, Chennai.

On 23rd November, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the special lecture on 'Equality after Right to Education - Universal Schooling and the Post-Welfare State' by Mr. Krishna Kumar, Former Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), held at Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.

On 4th December, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya were the Resource persons for the meeting on "Budgeting on SC/ST children" organized by 'Social Awareness Society for Youths' (SASY) in collaboration with National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR), held at ICSA, Chennai.

On 6th December, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Anugraha attended the release of Documentary film "Jaathigal Irukudhadi Papa - III" (Caste exist child) organized by Quaide Milleth International Academy of Media Studies (QIAMS), held at Nungambakkam, Chennai.

On 27th December, 'Tamil Nadu Women's Forum' organized a meeting to campaign against World Trade Organization (WTO) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) that violate and infringe the rights of women. We extended our online solidarity for the campaign.

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SW-TN 2018

During 7-8 January 2018, SW-TN organized a gathering of representatives from Civil Society forums and like-minded bureaucrats from all the six southern states, titled "**II South India Conclave meet**" at Pondicherry to evolve alternate programs for Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan. At the end of the meet, Fr.Kumar, Mr.Christudos Gandhi along with key participants took appointment with the Honorable Chief Minister (of Union Territory Pondicherry) Mr.V.Narayanasamy and also the Lieutenant Governor Ms. KiranBedi; and we submitted the copies of memorandum prepared. This Conclave is the second of this kind organized and the first one was at Bangalore, Karnataka.

During 23-24 January 2018, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "**Capacity Building Training on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Goals**" jointly organized by EKTA, Women 2030 and 'Human Rights and Research Foundation' (HRF) held at ICSA, Chennai.

During 29-30 January 2018, Fr. Kumar made a visit to Vaalpaarai region before concluding the tribal study undertaken at the request of the 'Tamilnadu State Planning Commission'. It was also an occasion to introduce a group of civil society actors who showed interest in the empowerment of *Kadar Tribal groups who live in the deep jungles, not much cared for by the state government.*

On 2nd February 2018, Fr. Kumar participated in a Press Conference to release '**A critique on Union Government Budget 2018-19**', organized by 'National Coalition for SCP/TSP Legislation, SASY and NCDHR-TN unit', with the Dalits and Adivasis perspective, held at Chennai Press Club. Besides that another critical note about Tamilnadu Government's delayed budget allocation for Higher education scholarships for SC/ST students were also circulated.

During 8th - 9th February 2018, SWTN in collaboration with PAALAM organized a "**Civil Society Consultation on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in Tamilnadu**" during which we had a fruitful discussion with Thiru. RittoCyriac, IFS (Director of Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamilnadu) held at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai. The tribal representatives were all from the western districts of the state. This was organized in view of preparing a draft budget with recommendations to be circulated among the ministers, the Directors and the Secretaries of the State Government prior to the annual budget for 2018-19.

On 15th February 2018, Fr. Kumar along with other Jesuits engaged in Migrant and Tribal Missions, and gave a presentation on *Social Watch's core thrust work - Budget advocacy and policy priority - with State Government and*

Civil Society Forums at a gathering in Chennai Mission Office, when the 'Mission Procurator - Fr.Klaus and Judith from Germany visited Chennai Mission office.

On 21st February 2018, Fr. Kumar along with Mr. R.C. Gandhi I.A.S (Retd) presented their tribal research study undertaken at the request of the State Planning Commission of Government of Tamilnadu to enquire into the living conditions ***Kadar tribes of Valpaarai, Coimbatore District in Tamilnadu***. This socio-economic profile study was done to impress the state government to initiate relevant programs to improve their socio-economic conditions along with education and health care programs.

During 22-23 February 2018, at the request of 'Peoples Education and Action at Kodaikanal', Fr. Kumar along with Mr. R.C.Gandhi I.A.S (Retd) conducted two days seminar on "**Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan, Tribal Sub-Plan and Forest Rights Act-2006**" for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribal groups of Kodaikanal region; it was both awareness building cum training in strategic intervention for demanding from the state government, their budgetary entitlements and regaining land titles to the Tribals who are the original inhabitants/dwellers of that forest region.

On 26th February 2018, Ms. Shanmugapriya gave an insight on "**SDG process by Tamilnadu State Planning Commission**" in the meeting of Children Thematic Group on 'Finalizing SDG Indicators and Evolving Action Plan for Monitoring' organized by Arunodhaya in collaboration with SDG Watch-Tamilnadu, held at ICSA, Chennai.

On 28th February 2018, Fr. Kumar participated in a Symposium organized by Loyola Institute Business Administration, where the discussion on 'RAMRAJYA' – aspiring for a welfare state addressing inequalities from the point of view of base of the pyramid.

On 8th March 2018, at the invitation of Peoples Education and Action at Kodaikanal (PEAK), Fr.Kumar along with Mr. R.C.Gandhi I.A.S (Retd) conducted one day seminar on "Forest Rights Act-2006" for the tribal groups of Kodaikanal region; it was both awareness building cum training in strategic intervention for regaining land titles to the Paliar Tribals who are the original inhabitants/dwellers of that forest region.

During 13-15 March 2018, Fr. Kumar was invited to participate in the '**National Budget Governance Conclave**' Organized by National Foundation for India (NFI) at New Delhi. This was the Silver Jubilee function where a National seminar on the future of Budget Advocacy work was organized to discuss through presentations of papers by experts from different sectors and thematic areas. In this strategic meeting Fr. Manu presented a paper envisaging newer challenges and the ways and means to face and address them squarely.

On 19th March 2018, SWTN team presented a session on "**Understanding Budgets in TN**" for the 1st year students of MSW Department, held at Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.

On 21st March 2018, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in the book release on "**Data Speaks: Child Rights in Tamil Nadu**" organized by HRF (Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation), held at Vestin Park Hotel, Chennai.

On 23rd March 2018, Ms. Shanmugapriya participated in a Press release on "**Study Document on Learning Opportunities in Government schools**" organized by Samakalviyakkam - Tamilnadu, held at Chennai Press Club, Chepauk, Chennai.

On 28th March 2018, Fr.Kumar presented a paper on "Working of SC/ST Sub-Plan in Tamil Nadu" during the One-day Seminar on '**Status of SC and ST Sub-Plans in the Post-Planning Commission Period**' organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

During April 2018, we collected resourceful information on "**Tamilnadu SDG Report 2018**" from the State Planning Commission to work on SDGs and Budgets for Education, Health and the sectors like Dalits, Tribals and Women.

On 16th April 2018, a news article on "**A women's Special in the Budget: Gender Budget Statement, a first for Tamilnadu, appears as the last chapter of the document**", was flashed in 'The Hindu' daily newspaper; based on the inputs shared by Ms. Kamatchi, on the recent analysis of the 'Gender Budget Statement of TN Government'.

On 20th April 2018, **Fr. Kumar** participated in discussion on "**Issues being faced by Civil Society Forums in the country especially in the State of Tamilnadu**" organized by the '**Civil Society Solidarity Forum**' at ICOSA, Chennai; Members of NGO networks involved in civil society interventions discussed on strategies, how in solidarity along with various workers' movements, and Trade Unions we could negotiate, struggle and press our demands for labour sector to surmount challenges.

On 23rd April 2018, **Fr. Kumar** participated in the **SMART-POA 2018-'The Strategic Multi-Actor Round Table to strengthen the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Rules'** in Tamilnadu and release of the *Status Report* of its implementation in Tamilnadu during 2016 & 2017 by Human Rights Foundation, at Chennai.

On 24th April 2018, **Fr. Kumar** SW-TN organized an **Inter-active session on Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes empowerment in the changing conditions of India and the State of Tamilnadu** addressed by Mr. P.S Krishnan (Former Secretary, Government of India (Retd) at Institute for Dialogue with Cultures and Religion (IDCR), **Loyola college**.

On 9th May 2018, Fr. Kumar participated in a **Regional Conference On Affirmative Action** organized by **Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)** - "**Emphasizing the need for Inclusive growth**" that was held at ITC

Grand Chola, Chennai; this was to urge companies to pay special attention to the issues and challenges of the marginalized in the Indian context, so that India rapidly transforms into a vibrant, inclusive and dynamic economy.

On 15th June 2018, Ms. ShanmugaPriya and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the process of '**Discernment on Chennai Mission**', meeting organized by JCMC (**Jesuit Chennai Mission Committee**) with the collaborators and co-workers at PAATHAI centre, Vallam, Chengelpet.

During July 2018, the recent Tamilnadu Budgets (2018-19) were uploaded into our Website under the webpage "TN Budget Portal"

On 5th July 2018, Fr. John Kumar and Mr. BrittoRaj participated in the Book review on "**Excluded and Victimized City makers: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Dalits among Dalits**" organized by Loyola Institute of Social Science Training And Research (LISSTAR) at Loyola College, Chennai.

On 12th July 2018, Ms. Kamatchi presented a session on "**Data and Institutions in Tamilnadu**" in release of "**Women and SDG – A Tamilnadu Score Card – 2018**" organized by SDGWatch Tamilnadu at Hotel Vestin Park, Chennai. The Key information data presented and contributed by us on 'TN SDG Government Order' was very useful to the participants.

On 12th July Fr. Kumar along with Mr. Xavier Raj had participated in a consultation organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) **Affirmative Action Sub Committee** which invited us to join as a Member of the Affirmative Action Sub-committee for this year 2018.

On 25th July Fr. Kumar and Mr. Xavier Raj had a Skype discussion sharing with Ms. Sandra and her colleague in ALBOAN, how we are dealing with **Corporate Social Responsibility**; in this first level meeting, it was only a sharing or exchange of information of what's being done in this regard as they are interacting with the corporate in the respective countries at different levels.

During 26–27 July 2018, SW-TN in associated with IITS (Indian Institute Of Tamil Studies) organized "**A State level Tribal Civil Society Consultation**" in Taramani, Chennai where more than 50 representatives from various Scheduled Tribes of Tamilnadu participated.

On 28th July, Fr. John Kumar and Mr. BrittoRaj attended a Seminar on "**SC STs Sub-Plan: A view on Constitutional Rights**" organized by LOK MANCH, held at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. One of the sessions on SCSP and TSP was moderated by Fr.Kumar.

During August 2018, we worked on the “**Study for Impact Evaluation of Budget Work**” conducted by National Foundation India (NFI), New Delhi.

On 3rd August, Ms. Kamatchi, Ms. Anugraha and Mr. BrittoRaj participated in Consultation meeting on “**Access to Child Care, Education and Nutrition Services in the Relocation settlements of Perumbakkam and Navalur in Kanchipuram District and Gudapakkam in Thiruvallur District: An Assessment**” organized by Information and Resource Centre for Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC) at ICSA, Egmore, Chennai.

On 18th August, Fr. John Kumar and Mr. BrittoRaj participated in the open talk on “**Chennai’s Land Transformations and Implications for its Resilience**” organized by Citizen consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG) held at Madras School of Social Work (MSSW), Egmore, Chennai.

On 21st August 2018, Ms. Kamatchi shared through mail, the broad Framework of ‘**SDG 5 chapter**’, being drafted by "Government of Tamilnadu through Nathan Associates" to Gender Thematic Group of TN SDG Watch - to carry forward the process of drafting a status report of Women in Tamil Nadu.

On 23rd August 2018, Ms. Kamatchi uploaded in our website, the recent Reports of “**Consultation of Tribal Sub Plan**” organized by SW-TN in collaboration with TN State Planning Commission.

On 1st September 2018, SW-TN team along with Fr.Manu Alphonse had a meeting at our office with **Mr. Anselmo Lee, Senior Advisor of ‘Asia Development Alliance’**, ‘Asia Democracy Network’ and Korea International Cooperation Agency; he shared with us about Global networks efforts in taking forward the SDG Goals and as a follow-up of the discussion, he extended his invitation to the “World Human Rights Cities Forum 2018” to be held at South Korea.

On 5th September 2018, Fr. John Kumar and Mr. Britto Raj attended a seminar on “**International Migration on Indian Nurses**” organized by Bangkok Research Center, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Bangkok / Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) - Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Loyola Institute of Social and Training and Research (LISSTAR), held at LISSTAR, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai.

On 6th September 2018, Fr. John Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi had a discussion on ‘**Decentralizing SDG**’ at our office with Dr.K.Deepamala, Director & Head-Development Initiatives, and Confederation of Indian Industry – SR (CII – Affirmative Cell).

During 25–26 September, Fr. John Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi, Ms. Malarvizhi and Mr. Britto Raj participated in the Annual CEO Forum, organized by SDG Watch Tamilnadu at Vestin Park Hotel, Egmore, Chennai.

On 30th September 2018, Fr. John Kumar, Dr. Christudoss Gandhi IAS (Retd) attended a seminar on '**Social Economic Cultural Development of Marginalised Tribal Groups in Tamilnadu**' held at Mel Kalvay, Guduvancherry, Chennai. This was co-organised by Adhivasi Social Service and Education Society (ASSET) and Social Watch TN (SW-TN).

On 4th October, Ms. Malarvizhi and Mr. Britto Raj participated in report release meeting on "**Access to Child Care, Education and Nutrition Services by the Urban Homeless Children in Greater Chennai Corporation: Assessment**" organized by Information and Resource Centre for Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC), held at White Party Hall, Chetpet, Chennai.

During 18-20 October 2018, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the "**World Human Rights Cities Forum 2018**", "**International Human Rights Cities Network (HRC- Net) Workshop**" and "**Asia Human Rights Cities Network – Localising SDGs and Peace in HR Cities**". Ms. Kamatchi was one of the resource persons in the panel discussion on "Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Democracy and Human Rights Cities" and in the 'Discussion on Inclusiveness' at Gwangju, South Korea.

On 25th October 2018, Ms. Kamatchi Participated in the programme on "**Gender and Governance at the Grassroots - A Consultation on Municipal Budgets and Services from the Lens of Adolescent Girls and Women**", organized by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability at Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, Delhi.

On 26th October 2018, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Consultation on "**The Future of Fiscal Transparency and Accountability in India**" organized by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability at Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, Delhi.

On 24th October 2018, SafaiKarmachariAndolan (SKA) launched the #**Stopkillingus protest** under the banner '**Nation unites against sewer deaths**'. Ms. Malarvizhi, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Christudoss Gandhi participated and extended our solidarity to this protest for the rights of manual scavengers; near ValluvarKottam, Nungambakam.

During 28–29 October 2018, SW-TN in Collaboration with PAALAM and Andhra Pradesh Partners organized the **III South Indian Conclave** at SundaraiahVignanaKendramu, Baghlingampalli, Hyderabad. Fr. Kumar, Mr. R.C. Gandhi IAS, Britto Raj participated and contributed at this Conclave discussions and deliberations that have been compiled in the form of a memorandum to be submitted to the respective State Governments and the Union Government on the eve of General Elections in May 2019.

On 31st October 2018, Mr.Britto Raj and Ms.MalarVizhi Participated in the protest of Violence of Silence- Speak up with Marginalized, organized by Social Work Department at Chepauk, Chennai.

On 15th November 2018, Ms.Kamatchi was the resource person for the "**Training Program on Gender Budgeting at Tiruppur** during 14th – 16th November 2018"; Organized by 'Bharathiar University – GB Program' with the funding support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi; its aim is to integrate gender perspective at all levels of development.

On 17th November 2018, Founder Member and Director Rev.Fr.Manu Alphonse passed away due to a massive heart attack. SW-TN team determined to continue his legacy with vigor to make his dream come true.

During 22nd November 2018, Fr.Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. MalarVizhi attended "**A Regional Colloquium on Sustainable Development, in lines of Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**" organized by CII (The Confederation of Indian Industry) with diverse audience pertaining to different industries and sectors to suggest way forwards in discussion with the policy makers to the Government and would be bringing in the change to build a stronger and empowered tomorrow.

On 9th December 2018, SW-TN along with Ex. AICUF members, organized a "Solemn Commemoration **Honouring of Noble Man Fr.Manu Alphonse**", at B.Ed Hall Loyola College, Chennai.

On 10thDecember 2018, SW-TN in association with 'Centre for Dalit And Subaltern Studies' (CDSS) and 'Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development' (RGNIYD), Sriperumpudur jointly organized a **National Seminar on "Right to Participate In Public Life: Understanding Fact Finding As an Instrument"** and Fr. Kumar as a chairperson leaded a Technical Session on the topic "Learning from the field".

On 13th December 2018, Mrs. Kamatchi was invited as a resource person to deliver lecture to the participants on the topic "Towards Gender Budgeting for Marginalized women in Tamilnadu" in the forum of "**Refresher Course in Women Studies- Gender Sensitization**" organized by Human Resource Department of Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore.

On 15th December 2018, Ms.Malarvizhi participated in the Planning meeting of '**One Billion Rising 2019**'organised by 'Tamilnadu Women's Forum' and 'Society for Rural Education and Development' (SRED), at Annanagar (West), Chennai.

On 15th December 2018, Mr. Brittoraj participated in the State Level Consultation on “**Decentralization / Affirmation of Local Governance**” organized by “Federation for Strengthening Local Government in Tamil Nadu”, held at ICOSA, Egmore, Chennai.

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On 3rd January 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated in a group discussion on "**Drafting Civil Society recommendation to National Child Rights Policy of Government of India**", organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF) at YWCA, Chennai. SW-TN is one of the signatory organization in the same.

On 10th January 2019, SW-TN along with Paalam, AKAM, ASSET, NAWA and Adivasi Foundation organized a "**State Level Consultation on Tribal Sub Plan**" at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

On 11th January 2019, SW-TN along with Paalam, HRDF, AKAM organized a "**State Level Consultation on Scheduled Caste Sub Plan**" at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

On 21st January 2019, SW-TN extended its support for "Dialogue with Mr. P.S.Krishnan: A crusader for Social Justice Mr. P.S. Krishnan IAS (Retd), who was delivering a lecture on a "**Roadmap for Social Justice for the oppressed**"; The logistics was arranged at the hall in the Institute for Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR), Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Chennai.

On 25th January 2019, Ms.Kamatchi participated as a Resource person for State Level Three Days **Training Program on Gender Budget** at Department of Women Studies, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore. This training programme is envisaged for urban local body official and few other participants from NGOs, Academics and ICDS with the funding support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi.

On 22nd January 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the Planning meeting organised by Tamilnadu Women Forum at Anna Nagar, Chennai, in SRED office for "**One Billion Rising**" (OBR) programme to be held on 9th February 2019; to discuss issues related to violence against Dalit women in India and the importance of local governance and women participation in the development of Panchayat Raj.

On 4th February 2019, Fr. Kumar and Mr. BrittoRaj contributed through compilation of research document to the 'Stakeholder consultation' organized by CII in view of a "**State-wide research to understand the Socio-Economic Situation of Tribal Groups in Tamil Nadu through Evaluation of their Livelihood Ecosystem**".

On 6th February 2019, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the "**Consultation of all relevant stakeholders to develop policy guidelines to protect women in spinning mills and textile industries**", Organized by 'Tamilnadu State Women's Commission' at Hotel Vestin Park, Egmore.

On 9th March 2019, SW-TN extended its support to prepare **Alternate People's Election Manifesto** along with "Samam Kudimakkal Iyakkam" with several other like-minded human rights organisation in Tamilnadu.

During 11th-12th February 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the **National Consultation on Gender Responsive Budgeting - Transformative Financing for Gender Equality and Women's Rights**; organized by NFI, Oxfam, IWWAGE & CBGA. As an outcome of this Consultation, they released a WOMANIFESTO for Lok Sabha Elections 2019 and also started a GRB portal: <http://www.feministpolicyindia.org/>.

On 21st February 2019, SW-TN extended Solidarity in '**Collective Civil Society Effort**' to analyse the **Tamilnadu State Budget 2019-2020** and immediately engage with stakeholders, opinion leaders and decision makers during the budget session itself, organised by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF).

On 5th March 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi and Mr. BrittoRaj participated in the "**Seminar on Social Work and Sustainable Goals opportunities and challenges**" organized by Social Work Department, Loyola college, at LS Hall Loyola College, Chennai.

On 5th March 2019, Ms. Kamatchi was a resource person on "**Women's Charter of Demands in the lens of Budget Allocation and Implementation**" during the one-day consultation on 'Balance for Better: A Stocktaking by Women's Networks in Tamilnadu'; organized by HRF at ICSA.

On 9th March 2019, Fr. Kumar represented the programme on "**CII Regional CSR Experience & Impact Summit - Reviving Innovative and Successful Models for Sustainable Tomorrow**" at Hotel Residency Coimbatore.

During 12th March 2019, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Malarvizhi attended the meeting on the **Release of Election Manifesto 2019 for women** on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration organized by Anaithu Pengal Kootamaipu at Purasaivakam, Chennai.

On 13th March 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the presentation of the research study on "**The experiences of women survivors of violence in shelter homes**" at ICSA, Chennai.

On 14th March 2019, Ms. Priyadharshini, Intern, participated in the '**Unorganized Labours Meet**' organized by 'Unorganized Labours Federation' at Chennai Press Club, Chepauk.

On 15th March 2019, SW-TN staff participated in the protest against the Pollachi sex scandal and showed our solidarity towards the sexual violation against women, organized by Dravidar Kazhagam, Anaithu Pengal kootamaipu at Chepauk, Chennai.

On 15th March 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated in **People's Election Manifesto** release by Puthiya Kural held at Periyar Thidal, Egmore, Chennai.

On 20th March 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in **One-Day National Workshop on "Evidence Based Policy Making - Indian Experience with National Database on GDP, Manufacturing and Employment"** organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.

During 22-23 March 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated on the two days workshop on **"Budget Training"** organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF) at Chennai.

On 26th March 2019, Mr. BrittoRaj participated in the **'Endowment Lecture on New Approaches to Fiscal Federalism'** organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Chennai.

On 10th April 2019, Ms. Sandra Delgado, Alboan visited our organization and discussed on the current and future programmes of SW-TN.

On 15th April 2019, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Kamatchi, Ms. Sophia, Mr. Britto raj and Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the **'Workshop on Social Media'** organized by the Action Aid at Shenoy Nagar, Chennai

On 26th June 2019, a **State-level Consultation on National Education (Draft) Policy 2019** from SC/ST Perspectives was organized by Social Watch –Tamilnadu (SW-TN) at IDCR for the Civil Society Collectives, especially for those who have been actively participating in our regular discussions from the Northern districts of Tamilnadu. Critics have been collated and sent to the National level nodal agency invited the Citizens Critic on New Education Policy. (SDG 4)

On 2 July 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the **'Roundtable on Marginalised communities and Digital IDs'** with Dr. Usha Ramanathan at HRF, Ekkatuthangal, Chennai.

During 9th-10th July 2019, Mr. BrittoRaj participated in the Two days Trainings on **"Gram Panchayat Development Plan (South Zone)"** organized by the HRF along with SAND Trust and ISM-WDRRC at Pillar Campus, Pillar Saalai, Madurai.

On 13th July 2019, in memory of Fr. Manu, a seminar on **New Education Policy** was organized by Social Watch – Tamilnadu along with few civil society organizations at Thoothukudi.

On 16th July 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the **Prevention of Atrocities against SC/ STs Act Status Report of Tamilnadu** organised by HRF at Vestin park, Egmore, Chennai.

On 17th July 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi extended solidarity by participating in "Forum for Children Participating Planning meeting organised by Arunodhya at LISSTAR, Loyola College, Chennai.

On 17th July 2019, Mr. Christudoss Gandhi along with Ms. Kamatchi made a presentation on **Gender Budgeting** to Ethiraj College students.

On 18th July 2019, Ms. Kamatchi and Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the CII Regional Summit on "**Quality & Sustainable Education - Realizing Full Human Potential through Inclusive and Holistic Education**" organized by CII at Taj Coramendal, Chennai.

On 20th July 2019, a State Level Consultation on National Education Policy 2019 (Draft) from SC/STs Perspective – '**Dialogue with Members of Parliament (MP)**' was organized by Social Watch – Tamilnadu in collaboration with the other Civil Society Organizations; at Loyola College, Chennai. Two Honorable members actively participated in the Discussion (Dr.K.Jayakumar, INC Tiruvallur MP and Mr.D.Ravikumar, DMK Villupuram MP) and promised to take it forward to represent the matter at the forth coming session in Parliament of Indian Union States.

On 20th July 2019, Fr. Kumar extended solidarity in organizing and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the **CHENNAI DIALOGUE on WOMEN RESERVATION BILL** at Loyola College, Chennai; led by "SHAKTI", a non-partisan inclusive collective of women who have joined hands across region, caste, creed, and ideology to enable more women in politics to become MPs and MLAs, has garnered the support of over 270 organizations and eminent persons for the Women's Reservation Bill to be tabled.

On 22nd July 2019, SW-TN sent "**Civil Society's recommendation towards National Education Policy (draft) 2019**" to the School Education Department through their official portal.

On 23rd July 2019, Mr. Brittoraj participated in the Launch event of 'CASTE MATTERS' Book by Suraj Yengde; Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Adyar, Chennai. On 5th August 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi and Mr. Brittoraj extended solidarity by participating in the Protest on "**Justice for Unnano Sexual case**" organized by All Women Federation at Purasaiwakkam, Chennai.

On 6th August 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Public Lecture on '**Social Theory Today- Euro Centricism and De Colonial Theory**' organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Chennai.

On 8th August 2019, Ms. Malarvizhi participated in the "**Remaking Landscapes, reshaping palates**", a lecture Seminar organized by MIDS at Adyar.

On 12th August 2019, Social Watch – Tamilnadu and Abhithi Foundation organized a **'Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting'** at Pondicherry.

On 1st September 2019, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the **'Communal Harmony'** programme organized by 'Tamilnadu People Platform for Unity' – a forum voicing out the burning issues of Tamilnadu, at Kamarajar Arangam, Chennai.

On 6th September 2019, Mr. Brittoraj participated in the seminar on **'Structural Change in Tamilnadu'** organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.

On 6th September 2019, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi assisted in organizing and participated in the Talk on **'Secularism Today'** by Rev. Fr. Cedric Prakash organized by Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai.

On 20th September 2019, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Brittoraj participated in the CII - Regional Conference on Affirmative Action "Understanding the fortune at the bottom of the pyramid" organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) held at Taj Coromandel, Chennai.

During September 30 to October 3, Ms. Kamatchi presented a session on **'Gender Budgeting'** under the theme of **'Reimagining Local Governments and Human Rights – Human Rights Cities'**; programme organized by 'World Human Rights Cities Forum' at the Kimdaejung Convention Center in Gwangju, South Korea.

On 23rd October 2019, Mr. Brittoraj participated in the Book Launch: **"In Search of Education (Nationalistic Education Vs Society Driven Education) A Response to the Draft National Educational Policy 2019"** by Jawahar Nesan organized by 'Tamilnadu Murpoku Ezhuthalar Kalaingar Sangam' held at Madras School of Social Work, Chennai. (SDG 4)

On 23rd October 2019, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi were invited as 'Special Invitees' by CII for the Regional Summit on Water Resource Management on **"Towards water secure South India"** at Taj Coromandel, Chennai. (SDG 6)

On 24th October 2019, Mr. Britto raj attended the seminar on **'Urban Waterlines'** by Karen Coelho organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai. (SDG 6)

On 15th November 2019, **Fr. Manu Alphonse's First Anniversary Commemoration** was celebrated with a meaningful memorial lecture on the topic **"Increasing Inequality and its Impact on the Excluded"** by a renowned speaker **Mr. P. Sainath**, Founder-Editor of a National Daily News Paper and Director of the People's Archive of Rural India (PARI) at Lawrence Sundaram Hall, Loyola College, Chennai. This function was, besides a Memorial to Fr. Manu, it was to celebrate the life and works of the Eminent Jesuits: like Fr. Claude D'Souza and Fr. Ambrose Pinto who had been involved with people and their concerns on social justice at the Grassroots and the youth for more than three to four decades during their active life with students and peoples' organisations. The event was

jointly organized by Social Watch - Tamil Nadu (SW-TN), Loyola Institute of Social Sciences Training & Research (LISSTAR), All India Catholic University Students Federation (AICUF) and 'Social Activists and Associates at Ashirvad, Bengaluru'.

During 17th - 23rd November 2019, Mr. Brittoraj and Ms. Malarvizhi participated in one week training program on the **"National Capacity Development Program On Governance, Sustainable Development and Advocacy"** organized by National Centre for Advocacy Studies (NCAS), Institute for Sustainable Development & Governance (ISDG) and Bodhigram held at Bodhigram, Kerala.

During 19th - 20th November 2019, Fr. Kumar actively participated and also moderated a session in the **Jesuit Social Action** General Body Meeting (GBM) at Maduralaya, Dindigul. In this meeting along with all the directors of works in various social projects and Commission Members along with the lay collaborators, Jesuits articulated how they want to take forward Universal Apostolic Priorities, along with Assistency level, Province level and Ministry level apostolic priorities.

On 25th November 2019, Fr. Kumar participated in the **Memorial Commemoration of Mr. P. S. Krishnan, the Legend of Special Component Plan for Dalits in India** – at New Delhi. Fr. Kumar paid tribute to him as representative from Tamilnadu state, as Mr. Krishnan had been a long time associate with civil society forums of Tamilnadu.

On 27th November 2019, Ms. Kamatchi and Fr. Kumar participated in the **State Level Consultation on Labour Rights**; Organized by Tamilnadu Labourers' Rights Federation at ICSA, Chennai.

On 4th December 2019, Thozhi Hemashree, Ex. Counselor and currently deputed as Kolathur Area development officer in communist party visited our office for an indepth understanding on "Budgets for Schedule Castes" and reaching "Sustainable Development Goals" to the marginalized.

On 9th December 2019, Fr. Kumar moderated a session on **'Education System – Challenges towards Millennial'** during the "Conference on Constitutionalism among Youth in Contemporary India" organized by Loyola College, Chennai.

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On 23rd January 2020, Ms. Kamatchi was invited as a resource person for the "**The State Level Training Programme on GENDER BUDGETING to Police Personnels**"; Organized by Department of Women's Studies, **Bharathiar University**; In Collaboration with 'Inservice Training Centre', Coimbatore; Funded by **Ministry of Women and Child Development** (MWCD), New Delhi.

On 7th February 2020, Ms. Malarvizhi and Ms.PriyaDharshini participated in the '**Seminar on Dalit Empowerment Reality and Challenges Today**'; organized by Department of Social Work, 'Madras School of Social Work (MSSW)', Chennai.

On 7th February 2020, Mr.Britto participated in the Book Launch event of "**Half Day for Caste? Education and politics in Tamilnadu, 1952-55**" by D.Veeraraghavan; organized by 'Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Madras' and Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) at Adyar, Chennai.

On 28th February 2020, SW-TN in association with PAALAM and 'Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation' organized a "One Day **Consultation on LOCAL GOVERNANCE – Training for the newly elected SC/ST Panchayat Presidents**" at AICUF, Chennai.

During 4 - 6 February 2020, all the researchers in SW-TN participated in the "**Training programme on Research Methodology**" organized by Dean of Research & LISSTAR at Loyola College Chennai.

On 10th February 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated consultation on "**Promoting Social Cohesion and Inclusion in Social Media**" organized by 'International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and Facebook; at Vidya Sagar, Kotturpuram, Chennai.

During 17-18 February 2020, Ms.PriyaDharshini participated in the two days '**Conference on PEACE & JUSTICE: A SUBALTERN PERSPECTIVE**' organized by Loyola College, Chennai.

On 13th March 2020, Mr. Britto Participated in "**National Seminar on Union Budget 2020-21**" organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

During Covid, Social Watch – Tamilnadu extended its support by providing and coordinating **Relief to SC/ST hamlets** at Nandivaram Guduvancherry, Chengalpattu District - Paandur Village, Tiruporur Taluk, Vandalur Taluk, Thirukazhukundram.

During May-June 2020, Ms.Kamatchi actively participated in the Online Lecture series on "**Bring Home the Constitution Law**" organized by Centre for Law and Human Rights Studies .

On 29th May 2020, Ms. Kamatchi took part in Webinar on "**Policy vs. Paranoia: India's Budgetary Response to COVID-19: A Conversation with several States**" organized by Centre for Budget Governance Accountability.

On 29th May 2020, Ms. Kamatchi joined the Online Discussion on "**Kerala's Covid Response: Integrating Labour, Gender and Decentralisation**" organized by Action Aid – India.

On 2nd June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi got involved in webinar series on "**The Future of Migrants - The Big Questions: Home or Cities**" organized by 'Jesuit Resource and Response Hub (JRH) Reaching the Unreached'.

On 2nd June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in webinar on "**Migrants Workers Crisis: Parliamentarian's Response**" organized by 'Tamilnadu Alliance – a focal point of CSO in Textile Sector'

On 3rd June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi joined the talk on "**Continuing Hate Politics against Blacks in America**" by Ms. Jeevitha, Political Analyst – Merrillville, Indiana.

On 3rd June 2020, Ms.Kamatchi participated in the Talk by Mr. Devasagayam IAS (Retd) on "**Governance during the time of Covid-19**", organized by 'Madras School of Social Work – P G Department of Social Entrepreneurship'.

On 3rd June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the dialogue on "**Migrant workers distress- The unanswered questions and ways forward**" with a focus on Southern States (Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka) organized by Participatory Research In Asia.

On 3rd June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi was part of the webinar on '**Globalization and Dalits**' - organized by 'Dalit Students Federation'

On 4th June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the webinar on "**Way Forward: Covid 19 and Indian Agriculture**" organized by 'Focus on the Global South', 'Rosa Luxemburg Stifting –South Asia', 'Foundation of Agrarian Studies' and Living Farms.

On 4th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the webinar series on '**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COVID – Responsive Municipal Budgeting during Covid 19**'; organized by International Budget Partnership South Africa, SALGA and Dullah Omar Institute.

On 6th June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi was part of the conversation on "**How many George Floyds lay dead in our backyards? CASTE – The CONVERSATION we DENY**" - Radhika Ganesh Young People for Politics in conversation with A.Kathir, Writer Human Rights Activist, Founding Executive Director - Evidence

On 7th June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Consultation on '**Environment and Self Governance**' organized by Poovulagu and Swaraj Abhiyan.

On 8th June 2020, Ms.Kamatchi extended solidarity in the National Webinar on '**World Ocean Day 2020**' organized by Environment Management Division, Entomology Research Institute (ERI), Loyola College, Chennai.

On 10th June 2020, Ms. Kamatchi joined the Online protest against '**Caste and Religious Discrimination – Dalit and Muslim lives Matter Too**'; organized by People's Watch Tamilnadu.

On 10th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the Webinar on "**Reflections from the States during Covid Crisis: 1. Re-opening of schools, 2. School Fees, 3.Digital Learning**", organized by 'Right to Education Forum'.

On 11th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the Conversation with Thozhar G.Selva, CPI-M on "**Anand Teltumde's REPUBLIC OF CASTE: Thinking Equality in the Time of Neoliberal Hindutva**" organized by All India Democratic Women's Association Tamilnadu.

On 12th June 2020, SW-TN joined the webinar on "**Elections during the Pandemic**" organized by Asia Democracy Network – ADN.

On 12th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the webinar on '**Impact of Covid 19 on Child Labour – Need to protect Child Rights more than ever**' organized by Tamilnadu Child Rights Watch (TNCRW), Campaign against Child Labour (CACL-TN), Shout for Freedom (SFF).

On 13th June 2020, Fr.Kumar was invited for the Online Discussion on "**Corona Virus and Communal Virus**" with Ms.Jothimani Member of Parliament – Congress, Mr.N.Ram Hindu News, Prof.Jawahirulla – ManithaNeya Makkal Party and Prof.Arunan; organized by Tamilnadu Platform for People's Unity.

On 13th June 2020, SW-TN was part of the webinar series on MIGRANTS – '**Labour Law and Governance Change in India: A Decent work perspective**' organized by Jesuit Resource and Response Hub (JRH).

On 13th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the Talk by Thol.Thirumavalavan Member of Parliament, DPI party; on '**Environment and Rightist Politics**' organized by Poovulagu.

On 15th June 2020, SW-TN was part of An Online Panel Discussion on the Theme – **CHALLENGES TO INCLUSION-COVID 19**; Organized by Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR)

On 18th June 2020, SW-TN joined the webinar on "**Covid-19 and Global Citizenship Education (GCED) / SDG Target 4.7 in Asia and the Pacific Region**" organized by Asia Development Alliance (ADA) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

On 18th June 2020, SW-TN participated in '**A Discussion on STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ROLE IN G20 – Preparing Civil 20 (C20) for Post Covid 19 Development Policy Advocacy**' organized by Heinrich Boll Stiftung India and VANI –Voice of Voluntary Sector.

On 20th June 2020, SW-TN participated in the Special Lecture on "**Thiruvalluvar's Perspective on Sustainable Development Goals**" organized by Mylai Tamil Sangam.

On 24th June 2020, SW-TN joined the Discussion on "**Covid-19 & Vulnerable Communities (India, Bangladesh, Malaysia and USA)**" organized by ASIA CENTRE.

On 27th June 2020, Ms.Kamatchi was invited as the Resource Person as the Voice of Community Advocates to share the way forward for GENDER BUDGETING; in the programme on "**KURAL 2020- The Voice of Tamilnadu Changemakers**" organized by Yein Udaan and AuxoHub.

On 3rd July 2020, SWTN along with PAALAM, AGAM, ST, Irular Association; organized a **Meeting for Irular Tribes Panchayat Presidents** at AICUF House, Nungambakkam, Chennai. There were representations across many districts in Tamilnadu. Mr. Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) was the key resource person.

On 6th July 2020, SW-TN actively took part in the webinar on '**Impact of Covid-19 on Dalits – Voices from the Ground**' Organized by National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR).

On 8th July 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the Online Conversation on "**Whose Personal is Political Enough**" by Dalit Feminist Semmalar with Radhika Ganesh; organized by Young People for Politics.

On 9th July 2020, SW-TN participated in the webinar on "**Covid-19 Pandemic and Local Government**", organized by the Korea Association of Human Rights Studies (KAHRS) in partnership with the Asia Development Alliance (ADA) and the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA) with the support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

On 11th July 2020, SW-TN participated in the online conversation on '**CASTE – CONVERSATIONS WE DENY**' organized by Young People for Politics.

On 14th July 2020, SW-TN participated on the '**Overcoming systemic vulnerabilities and financing challenges for a fairer and sustainable future: Intentional Collaborative Actions to Address Hunger, Unemployment and Healthcare in the Context of Covid-19**' organized by High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

On 14th July 2020, SW-TN participated on the '**Well-being of Vulnerable DWD communities in Covid-19: Mitigation Measures for Transformative Development**' organized by Asia Dalit Right's Forum.

On 16th, 23rd and 30th July 2020, SW-TN participated in the Webinar series on **Migration** organized by UNICEF and THOZHAMAII.

On 19th July 2020, SW-TN actively participated in the "Online Talk on "**Understanding and Approaching Reservation Policy**" by Dr.R.Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd), Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Tamil Nadu, jointly organised by Indirar Scientist & Professors Group, AKAM & International Professors Federation.

On 20th July 2020, SW-TN joined the online Discussion on "**Making Digital Education Inclusive**", organized by 'Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy'.

On 22nd July 2020, SW-TN participated in the '**Hate Speech in Southeast Asia: New Forms, Old Rules**' organized by Asia Centre.

On 22nd July 2020, SW-TN joined the online Lecture of Mr.Sainath on '**LOCK DOWN EFFECT ON RURAL INDIA**' organized by Department of Sociology and Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) of Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai.

On 2nd August 2020, SW-TN actively participated in the online **DEBATE on NEW EDUCATION POLICY** organized by 'National Human Resource Development (NHRD) – Coimbatore Chapter'.

On 2nd August 2020, SW-TN extended solidarity to the protest voice against '**The new draft Environment Impact Assessment Bill**' organized by Poovulagu and Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) Tamilnadu.

On 6th August 2020, SW-TN was part the Webinar on '**Migration Policy – during Pandemic and Beyond**' organized by UNICEF, Thozhamai and Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College.

On 6th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the Discussion on '**Universal Ratification of ILO Convention 182**', organized by Peace Trust.

On 8th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the GENDER TALK on "**The Prajnaya Gender Talks: Surveillance during COVID-19 and Women at the Margins**", organized by Prajnaya.

On 10th August 2020, SW-TN was part of the 'The Pandemic and Equity Webinar Series 5th Edition' on "**The Pandemic, Lockdown and Democratic Freedoms**" organized by Centre for Equity Studies in Collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg-Stiftung and NewsClick.

On 12th August 2020, SWTN was part of the 'Responsive Governance Special Virtual Session' on "**AtmaNirbharta in India's States: Stressed Government Finances and Long-Term Implications**" organized by Accountability Initiative.

On 12th August 2020, Fr.John Kumar facilitated the Conference on '**Local Governance and Social Justice for SC & ST Panchayat Presidents**' jointly organized by Social Watch – Tamilnadu, Social Awareness Society for Youth – SASY, Human Resource Development Forum – HRDF, National Adivasis Solidarity Council – NASC, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights - NCDHR

On 13th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the Online Speech by Dr.Ram Puniya on "**Hindu Nationalism and Growing Threat to the Freedom of Religion or Belief**" organized by 'Citizens for the Constitution'.

On 14th August 2020, Fr.John Kumar participated in the Virtual Seminar '**Addressing Socio Environmental Concerns through CSR**' organized by Confederation of Indian Industry –CII.

On 17th August 2020, SW-TN extended its Solidarity in protesting against "**New Education Policy**", organized by People's Watch – Tamilnadu.

On 20th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the Book Launch and Panel Discussion on "**India Tomorrow: Conversations with the Next Generation of Political Leaders**" organized by Centre for Policy Research.

On 21st August 2020, Fr. John Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi, participated in the Webinar on “**Decentralised Public Financing for WASH: Current Situation and Needs During and Beyond the Pandemic**” organized by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), IRC and WaterAid India.

On 26th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the Webinar on Janta Parliament - ‘**Citizens and politicians to come together to deliberate policies for a post-Covid future**’ organized by Aruna Roy and Medha Patkar.

On 27th August 2020, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the ‘Kural Mini Series – **The Voice of Tamilnadu’s Changemakers**’ – National Education Policy 2020 – Voices from our School discuss on-ground realities and concerns about Vocational Skilling & Multidisciplinary Learning; organized by Yein Udaan and AuxoHub.

On 27th August 2020, SW-TN participated in the webinar on “**A Critical Analysis of NEP 2020**” organized by Loyola College.

On 28th August 2020, SW-TN in collaboration with Adhivaasi Social Service Education Trust (ASSET) initiated and extended support to evening study centres for Tribal children in Kottamedu, (Off- Guduvancheri) Kattankulathur Block, Chengalpet District.

On 2nd September 2020, SW-TN was part of the planning meeting for the programme on ‘**If we do not rise**’ organized by All Women Federation.

On 3rd September 2020, SW-TN joined the webinar on ‘**Freedom of Speech and The Indian Judiciary**’ organized by “The Foreign Correspondents’ Club of South Asia (FCC)”.

On 3rd September 2020, SWTN participated in the Book Launch Event of ‘**Making Sense of Indian Democracy**’, organized by Centre for Policy Research (CPR).

On 4th September 2020, SWTN joined the ‘**National Consultation of Sustainable Development Goals**’ organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation.

On 4th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on “**Preparing Schools to Reopen during Covid-19: Improving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**” jointly organized by Right to Education Forum and WaterAid.

On 4th September 2020, SWTN extended its solidarity to Online **Justice Seeking Platform to Release the Muslim Prisoners who are suffering for more 10 years**; organized by Tamilnadu Platform for People’s Unity (TNPPU).

On 5th September 2020, SW-TN extended solidarity to the programme on '**If we do not rise**' organized by All Women Federation.

On 8th September 2020, SW-TN participated in the Webinar on **Education in 21st century & National Education Policy 2020**; organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi, SRDF and P.G Department of Sociology, Nitishwar Mahavidyalaya, B.R.A.B.U

On 8th September 2020, SWTN was part of the planning meeting for '**New Education Policy Webinar Series**'; organized by Abhithi Foundation and People's Watch – Tamilnadu.

On 8th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on "**Delayed and Denied: Injustice in COVID-19 Relief**" organized by National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR).

On 10th September 2020, SWTN was part of the webinar on "**National Education Policy – Issues and Perspectives**" organized by Indian Christian Women's Movement, YWCA, NCHRO- Goa unit, Council for Social Justice and Peace – Goa.

On 11th September 2020, SWTN participated in the "**30 Year Review of the SCs & STs (PoA) Act – Tamilnadu Scorecard : The Elusive Search for Justice**"; Organized by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF).

On 11th September 2020, SWTN extended solidarity to the '**Launch of Status Report-QUEST FOR JUSTICE**' organized by National Dalit Movement for Justice – NDM (NCDHR) and National Coalition for Strengthening SC & ST PoA Act – 1989.

On 12th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on "**SDGs and Protecting the Poor – Role of CSOs**" organized by 'Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers' and International Justice Mission in collaboration with Kerala Forum of SDGs.

On 13th September 2020, SWTN joined the meeting on "**Shrinking Democracy and Suffering People**" organized by SAVE THE NATION.

During 14-18 September 2020, SWTN extended solidarity to the series of protest events against '**New Education Policy Webinar Series**'; organized by 'People's Watch – Tamilnadu' and Abhithi Foundation.

On 15th September 2020, SWTN joined the **Commemoration of Mr. Nizamuddin, Consumer Rights Activist** – organized by People’s Watch – Tamilnadu.

On 15th September 2020, SWTN participated in the ‘Webinar on **Universal Access to Education – Revisiting Public Provisioning for Children during Covid-19 and Beyond**’ organized by Centre for Budget Governance Accountability (CBGA).

On 15th September 2020, SWTN extended solidarity in ‘**Commemorating the Person and Mission of Swami Agnivesh**’ organized by **Civil, Secular and Minority Rights Organisations**; led by Indian Christians For Democracy.

On 17th September 2020, SWTN participated in webinar on “**What if Periyar had drafted the National Education Policy 2020**” organized by Dialectics.

On 17th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on “**Some Mothers are More Equal Than Others: India’s Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act 2017**” in partnership with South Asia Centre; organized by CASI PENN.

On 18th September 2020, SWTN joined the discussion on “**What the US Election could mean for India**” organized by ‘Chennai International Centre’.

On 18th September 2020, SWTN was part of the ORF's Fellows Seminar Series, featuring a recent paper by Aditi Ratho, “**Gender-Responsive Budgeting in India, Bangladesh and Rwanda: A Comparison**” organized by Observer Researcher Foundation.

On 18th September 2020, SWTN participated in the Lecture in memory of Justice Hosbet Suresh on “**The Supreme Court in Decline: Forgotten Freedoms and Eroded Rights**” organized by ‘Centre for Study of Society and Secularism’.

On 19th September 2020, SWTN joined an Interactive session on ‘**Jesus the forgotten Feminist**’ organized by Women Theologists.

On 19th September 2020, SWTN participated in the Online Consultation on ‘**Disaster Rights, Shrinking Democracy, Marginalized People**’; organized by ‘Tamilnadu ExAicufers Forum’.

On 21st September 2020, SWTN extended solidarity to the '**Farmer's Protest: Nailing Modi Govt Lies on New Bills**' organized by Communist Party.

On 22nd September 2020, SWTN joined the Online meeting on "**Regional People's Assembly on 'Discrimination Based on Work and Descent (DWD)' – Bangladesh, Malaysia, India, Nepal, SriLanka, Pakistan**" Organized by Social Justice DWD Task Force – Global Call to Action against Poverty and Asia Dalit Rights Forum.

On 25th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on "**Agriculture Development in Odisha**" organized by 'Think Tank Odisha', Bhavan Centre for Communication & Management, Bhubaneswar.

On 28th September 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on '**Periyar and Feminism**' organized by "Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions –IDCR", Loyola College.

On 28th September 2020, SWTN extended solidarity in the protest against '**New Agrciulture Bill**' organized by All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committe.

On 30th September 2020, SWTN joined the online '**Policy Dialogue on Accountability in Nutrition**' organized by Centre for Policy Research.

On 4th to 8th October 2020, SWTN extended its solidarity to **Rise voice against the Brutal Death of Scheduled Caste Girl at Hathras- UttarPradesh**, organized by Tamilnadu Women's Collective, People Watch – Tamilnadu, Swaraj Abhiyan Tamilnadu, in association with like-minded CSOs. Various Stakeholders like Political Party Leaders, Retired IAS officers, Member from United Nations were part of the protest.

During 7th to 10th October 2020, SWTN was part of the **10th World Human Rights Cities Forum** (Online) under the theme of "**The Future of Human Rights Cities - Local Memories and Global Sharing**" in Gwangju, South Korea; hosted by KOICA, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Human Rights; co-organized by UCLG, Raoul Wallenberg Institute.

On 8th October 2020, SWTN participated in Discussion on '**Civil Society's Vicous Silience on Violence against Dalit Women**', organized by Tamil Roasters.

On 9th October 2020, Fr. Kumar both as Co-ordinator of Social Action of Jesuit Chennai Province and as representative organising events of solidarity with **Stand for Stan Swamy**, participated in a National Level Consultation on line organised JESA Secretary from ISI, New Delhi and contributed suggestions.

On 10th October 2020, SWTN in association with Loyola IDCR organized a Zoom meet on '**Indian Constitution: Human Rights Perspectives**', Fr.Kumar was one of the speaker.

On 11th October 2020, SWTN extended solidarity to '**World Girl Child Day**' programme organized by Tamilnadu Women's Collective.

On 12th October 2020, Fr.Kumar took the lead and organised the **National Solidarity Protest** event in front of Loyola College, on behalf of Jesuit Chennai Province along with all the units of Loyola College campus; Hundreds of staff and students joined in their manifesting their solidarity with Jesuits and fraternities all over the nation.

On 16th and 29th October; 4th November 2020, SWTN was part of the **General Body Meeting – Social Action Commission** of Jesuit Chennai Province.

On 17th October 2020, SWTN along with IDCR Loyola, organized the webinar on '**Periyar and Feminism**'.

On 20th, 27th October; 3rd, 10th, 17th November 2020, SWTN participated in the "Learning Series (1,2,3,4,5) on **Monitoring Governments Budget Execution in Covid Times**" organized by International Budget Partnership.

On 21st October 2020, SWTN extended **Solidarity to the protest against arrest of Fr.Stan in the Bhima Koregaon Case**, organized by PUCL, People's Watch – Tamilnadu, Jesuit Madurai Province along with other stakeholders.

On 24th October 2020, SWTN joined the webinar on "**Educating the Nation - Will the National Education Policy 2020 Deliver?**" organized by Centre for Study of Society and Secularism.

On 24th October 2020, SWTN extended solidarity to '**World Girl Child Day**' programme II; organized by Tamilnadu Women's Collective.

On 24th October 2020, SWTN participated in the **Lecture on the Lecture on 'Human Rights'** by Henri Tiphagne organized by Pachaiyappa's Study Circle.

On 24th and 25th October 2020, **SWTN along with PAALAM, Irular Tribal Foundation organized a Consultation for "Irular Panchayat Presidents"** at AICUF House, Nungambakkam, Loyola, Chennai.

On 28th October 2020, SWTN joined the webinar to RELEASE the **INDIA INEQUALITY REPORT – On Women's Backs**; organized by Oxfam India.

On 29th October 2020, SWTN participated in a Virtual Lecture on "**Women and Work in India: Designing Policy when Power Matters**" organized by Center for The Advanced Study of India, CASI – University of Pennsylvania.

On 31st October 2020, SWTN hosted the Zoom meet for IDCR Loyola for the Book Review on "**CASTE- The Origins of Our Discontents**".

On 5th November 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on '**Dalit Feminism Thought: From Margins to Center**' – in partnership with South Asia Center and the Penn History Department; organized by Center for The Advanced Study of India, CASI – University of Pennsylvania.

On 5th November 2020, SWTN joined the webinar on "**Promoting Democracy in Asia and Beyond- Accelerating the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the SDG 16**" organized by Kathmandu Democracy Forum.

On 6th and 7th November 2020, SWTN was part of the '**SDG CONVENTION 2020**' organized by SDG WATCH TAMILNADU headed by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF).

On 7th November 2020, SWTN participated in the webinar on "**National Education Policy through a Marxist Lens**" organized by Dialectics.

On 8th November 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom meeting for a Discussion on '**Pallar Youth Development**' a sub community of Scheduled Castes; Key Speaker was Mr.R.Chrisudoss Gandhi IAS (Retd).

On 10th November 2020, SWN co-organized the "**Commemoration Gathering in memory of Mr.P.S.Krishnan**" along with South Vision Books.

On 13th November 2020, Fr. Kumar participated in the Meeting of All Core Team members and Nodal Jesuits from various provinces of Asian Assistency planning, organising and campaigning for Stand for Stan Swamy who has been imprisoned for more than a month.

On 15th November 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom meeting along with Jesuit Chennai Province – **The Sprituality and Dialogue Commission**; In Collaboration with the **Dalit Commission** – organized the webinar session of a **Revisit to the Book CASTE MATTERS**, Authored by Suraj Yengde.

On 17th November 2020, **SWTN organized the Virtual 'Commemoration of Second Anniversary of Rev.Fr.Manual Alphonse'**.

On 18th November 2020, Ms. Kamatchi, SWTN was invited as a Resource Person for the Webinar on '**Gender Budgeting – Planning and Allocation for Gender Needs**' organized by Tamilnadu State Development Policy Council, Government of Tamilnadu; to present a session on "Gender Budgeting for marginalized women in TamilNadu" to the Key Bureaucrats in Tamilnadu including the the Vice Chairperson of Tamilnadu State Development Policy and Secretaries of Department of Finance, Government of Tamilnadu.

On 23rd November 2020, **SWTN along with Social Equity Alliance organized a webinar on "SOCIAL BUDGETING for Marginalized Women"**; Ms. Kamatchi, SWTN was the Speaker.

On 23rd and 24th November, SWTN was part of the **National Pre-Budget Consultation** Organized by Feminist Policy Collective to draft the key Charter of Demands for the Financial Year 2021-22.

On 30th November 2020, SWTN was part of the General Body Meeting – **Finance Commission** of Jesuit Chennai Province.

During December 2020, SWTN along with PAALAM, published a compilation on "**UNDISCLOSED FACTS of SC/ST**" and circulated among Thousands of Stakeholders.

On 2nd December 2020, **SWTN along with Ashirvad- Centre for Social Concern- Bengaluru; organized in fond memory of Fr.Manu Alphonse SJ; the Second Memorial Lecture and Dialogue** on "**DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA**" with Aruna Roy, Nikhil Dey and Babu Mathew as Key Note Speakers.

On 4th December 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom meeting for Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) to Discuss on "**Regularising Temporary Tribal Teachers**".

On 6th and 13th December 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom Discussion on **Ambedkar and Feminism** by Dr.V.Geetha, Feminist Writer- in English and Tamil in respective dates.

On 10th December 2020, on the request from Provincial of Jesuit Chennai Province, Fr. Kumar organised a solidarity campaign demonstration for Stan Swamy at Valluvar Kottam. Hundreds of participants from Civil Society Forums and Loyola Jesuit fraternities actively participated showing their solidarity.

On 14th December 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom Discussion with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) on **BUDGET ADVOCACY** - for the activists at Pondicherry.

On 22nd December 2020, SWTN hosted the Zoom webinar on “**Initiating Actions to Defend Post Matric Scholarship**” – Dialogue with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) to discuss COURSES OF ACTION Forums can undertake.

On 30th December 2020, SWTN hosted the zoom webinar, co-organized with South Vision Books the “**First Memorial Lecture for P.S.Krishnan**”. Fr.Kumar talked about the valuable contributions of Mr.P.S Krishnan to the marginalised of India.

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On 5th January 2021, SWTN co-organized along with Abhithi Foundation, a programme on **“Young Women Leadership for Gender Equality”** at Madukarai, Pondicherry.

On 12th January 2021, SWTN participated in the “State Level Virtual Workshop on UN Human Rights Mechanisms with a Special Focus on **Universal Periodic Review (UPR) with specific reference to children**” Organised by ‘Forum for Promotion of Child Participation (FPCP) Tamilnadu and Pondicherry’.

On 15th January 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the Virtual **Commemoration Program – 100 Days incarceration of Fr.Stan SwamySJ** and the brutal face of the Indian State; organized by People’s Union for Civil Society Organizations.

On 17th January 2021, SWTN hosted the zoom webinar on **“Rejecting Casteism in the Church”** organized by ‘Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions’(IDCR).

On 19th January 2021, Fr.Kumar had a semi virtual discussion on **“People’s Democracy and our role in Elections”** along with Prof.Arunan, Mr.Udayakumar – Tamilnadu Makkal Otrumai Medai and Mr. Haris.

On 20th January 2021, SWTN was part of the webinar on **“Budget 2021: The Macroeconomic Battles Ahead”** featuring Jahangir Aziz, Rathin Roy and Yamini Aiyar; Organized by Centre for Policy Research.

During 20–22 January 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the “Three Days Consultation demanding **REPEAL of UAPA** Statewise sharing from AP, Assam, Chhatthisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Telangana & Uttar Pradesh – Persecution by Prosecution”; Organized by People’s Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) and over 100 Organizations.

On 22 January 2021, SWTN participated in the Webinar on **Revisiting Public Provisioning for Child Nutrition During and Beyond the Pandemic**; organized by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability and CRY – Child Rights and You.

On 23rd January 2021, SWTN hosted the scussion on **“Nature and Spirituality”** organized by ‘Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions’ (IDCR), Loyola college , Chennai.

On 24th January 2021, SWTN hosted the zoom Webinar on “**Rejecting Casteism in the Church**”, organized by TNBC Commission for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and Spirituality Dialogue Dalit Commissions of JESUIT CHENNAI PROVINCE.

On 29th January 2021, Fr.Kumar along with other Jesuits with Catholic Fraternity - led the **Protest against extended wrongful custody of Fr.Stan Swamy – ‘People’s Voice for justice, Human Rights and Democracy’** held at Chepauk, Chennai.

On 30th January 2021, SWTN along with Christudass Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized an online **Discussion with Scheduled Tribe Teachers across the State.**

On 3rd February 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on ‘**Privatising India’s Public Sector – Impact and Implications**’ organized by India International Centre.

On 4th February 2021, SWTN participated in “**The Budget Dialogue - A Discussion on Union Budget 2021-22**” organized by ‘Centre for Budget Governance Accountability’.

On 8th February 2021, SWTN participated in “**The 15th 5-Institute Budget Seminar 2021: ‘The COVID-19 Budget: Unpacking the Union Budget 2021-22’**”; organized by Centre For Policy Research, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), India Development Foundation (IDF), National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).

On 14th February 2021, SWTN extended virtual solidarity to ‘**ONE BILLION RISING - A Global Campaign against Violence on Women and Girls: Tamil Nadu - RISING GARDEN**’; Organised by: EKTA Resource centre for Women; In Collaboration with: Media Research Forum, ISM - WDRC, Vidiyal, TN Women’s Collective, One Stop Centre, Special Cell for Women ,Manitham Trust, Annai Institute of Vocational Training, MMS, TNSF, DEEPAM, WWSS, Gandhigram University, Department of Communication – MKU, Lady Doak College, N.M.S.Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Railway Childline - Madurai, Ms.Phavalam, Dr.Janet Vasanthakumari, Ms.Epsibai, Ms.Meenakshi, Dr.Rani Chakaravarthy, Ms.Vasuki (Srilanka) , Ms. Sumi Kerison (Sri Lanka).

During 15-19 February 2021, SW-TN co-organized two programmes - “Five Days National Level Online Training Programme (I-Forenoon Programme & II – Afternoon Programme) on **GENDER BUDGETING**” along with Department of Women Studies-Bharathiar University, **Tamilnadu State Resource Centre for Women** and **Ministry of Women and Child Development**. Due to our prior network, we brought in resource persons from **United Nations WOMEN** and **Centre for Budget Governance Accountability**.

On 20th February 2021, SWTN participated in the Virtual Discussion on “**Nature and Spirituality – perspectives from Jainism and Christianity**” organized by ‘Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions’ (IDCR), Loyola college , Chennai.

During 22-24 February 2021, SWTN participated in the Online National Workshop on Gender Budgeting, sponsored by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India; Organized by UGC Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work and Center of Excellence; U.P Higher Education Council, Govt of Uttar Pradesh; Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow.

On 23rd February 2021, Ms.Kamatchi was invited as a Resource Person to handle the session on “GENDER BUDGETING – International, National, State Experiences” during the ‘**State Level Three Days (23rd to 25th) Virtual Training Programmes on Gender Budgeting for Officials in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports**’; Organized by Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore; Funded by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

On 25th February 2021, Fr.Kumar along with Dalit Collective for Justice (DCJ), Tamilnadu National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ-NCDHR), New Delhi; released “**Dalit and Adivasis Election Manifesto 2021 - Tamilnadu**” and ‘SCP/TSP model Draft Bill’ at Chennai Press Club. We have submitted the Manifesto to the following Political Party Leaders:

1. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, VCK President Dr.Thol. Thirumavalavan,
2. Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Treasurer of DMK T.R.Balu;
3. Tamil Nadu state President of CPI Mr.Mutharasan *and*
4. Environment Activist Mr.Udayakumar.

On 4th March 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the Human Rights Council 46th Session - Side Event on “**Protection for Human Rights Defenders in Asia: At the Frontlines of Movements for Human Rights and Democracy**”; Organized by FORUM-ASIA and ‘CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation’.

On 5th March 2021, SWTN participated in the Webinar on “**Financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) : Challenges for Developing Countries**”; organized by ‘United States India Educational Foundation (USIEF)’.

On 6th March 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on “**15th Finance Commission and the Future of Center-State Fiscal Relations**”; organized by Centre for Policy Research.

On 8th March 2021, Ms.Kamatchi rendered a virtual talk in the Webinar on "**Gender Budgeting and Local Governance**" organized by Institute of Grassroot Governance.

On 11th March 2021, Ms.Kamatchi made two presentations on "Gender Budgeting–International and National Experiences" and "Gender Budgeting: Tools and Techniques State Initiatives" in the '**State Level Three Days Virtual Training Programme on Gender Budgeting for Officials in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports** on 10th to 12th March' Organized by Department of women's Studies- Bharathiar University, Coimbatore; Funded by Ministry of Women and Child Development-New Delhi.

On 17th March 2021, SWTN participated in the 'Virtual Side Event of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women' on "**Advancing Women's Leadership in Public Finance Management**"; Organized by International Budget Partnership, IDI and UN Women.

On March 19th and 20th 2021, Fr. Kumar participated in two meetings organised by CBGA and NCDHR on **strategic planning for visualising the ways and functions in the context of 'New Normal' days after Covid** where many things have to be done through webinars and consultations; He also visited the farmers protesting against the 'Draconian Farm laws' endangering the life & livelihood prospects of farmers.

On 20th March 2021, SWTN hosted the Zoom Virtual Discussion on "**Nature and Spirituality – perspectives from Buddhism and Jainism**" organized by 'Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions' (IDCR), Loyola college , Chennai.

On 30th March 2021, SWTN participated in the Virtual Orientation meeting on **SDG Training**; Organized by 'ELSAH – Empower Leadership SDGs and Human Rights', Korean Association of Human Rights Studies, Asia Development Alliance, Global Call to Action Against Poverty and Action for Sustainable Development.

During 2020-2021, Social Watch - Tamilnadu along with PAALAM, published four dossiers on

- i. "**UNDISCLOSED FACTS of SC/ST**"
- ii. "Arasiyal Katchikalin Paarvaiku Pattiyal Enathavarin Korikkaigal 2020-21" ;
- iii. '**Analysis of SCSP, TSP 2020-21**' ;
- iv. "Puthiya Aatchi Amaikkapattapin - Pattiyal Enathavarkaga, Tamizhaga Arasidam Alikkapatta Korikkaigalin Thoguppu(2021)" and
- v. '**A Critical Analysis of GOI Schemes for SC- DAPSC - 2021-22**'

Please do access our compilation in this link <https://www.swtn.org/swtn/Publications/293>

On 9th April 2021, SWTN participated in A Series of Lectures and Interactions on **CASTE and GENDER** organized by Prajnya Equality Colloquium Series – The First session was on “Do Dalit Women Matter? Equality, Human Rights and Caste” by Director - All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch.

On 16th April 2021, SWTN participated in the Book Launch Event of “The **Dravidian Model** – Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamilnadu”, Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies.

On 16th April 2021, SWTN participated in the second session on “**Gender and Caste on Silver Screen: A Documentary FilmMaker’s View**” organized by Prajnya Equality Colloquium series.

On 18th April 2021, SWTN participated in the Online Discussion of Grounded-Voices on “**Reservations as a Means of Resistance in Fascist and Neo-Liberal Times**” during Social Justice Week; Organized by National Alliance of People’s Movements.

On 19th April 2021, SWTN participated in the Virtual webinar on “**Beyond Victimhood** – Less Told Stories of Malayali dalit Women Heroes”; Organized by Kerala Council for Historical Research, Kerala.

On 20th April 2021, SWTN hosted along with our Guide Mr.RChristodas Gandhi IAS Rtd Additional Chief Secretary, Government Of Tamilnadu; the “**Discussion on UGC Communique: Curriculum for B.A History**”.

On 22nd April 2021, from Social Watch - Tamilnadu, Rev Fr John Kumar (Director), Ms.Nivetha S R (Field Coordinator) along with Fr Williams (Director) Jesuit Migrants Service (JMS) and Mr.Albert Jeyakumar (Field Coordinator, JMS) **visited 5 Irula settlements in Thiruvallur district to assess their needs** and form a nodal centre at the district. (The Jesuit Chennai Province has been recently bifurcated from Madurai Province. The Jesuits have been serving the underprivileged people through their ministries and Social Action centres for many decades. After the evolution of the Chennai Province, the nearby districts such as Thiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Villupuram etc are concentrated to do welfare activities for the SC & ST population.)

On 22nd April 2021, Fr. Kumar participated in the webinar organised by Loyola Jesuits on “**Healing the Broken World: Ignatian Leadership Perspectives**” by Fr. Francis P. Xavier SJ.

On 23rd April 2021, SWTN participated in the ‘**Series of Interations on CASTE and GENDER**’ – An Overview on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Caste; Organized by Prajnya Equality Colloquium Series.

On 25th April 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the '**Prayer for Fr.Stan Swamy on the even of his 84th Birthday – To be a String in your Lute**'; Organized by Jesuits and actively participated by his friends and family members.

On 26th April 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to 'Fr.Stan Swamy's 84th Birthday through his writings from prison; Organized PUCL, friends and co-travellers.

On 28th April 2021, SWTN participated in A (Virtual) **Special Lecture on WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN INDIA – The State of Gender Equality**; Organized by Gender Impact Studies Center (GISC) and IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute

On 29th April 2021, SWTN was present in the Webinar and Report Launch: **Commemorating World Press Freedom 2021 – Confronting the regression of media freedom in SE Asia**; organized by Asia Democracy Network (ADN).

On 30th April 2021, SWTN actively participated in Online Series of Lectures and Interactions on Caste and Gender by Semmalar Jebaraj on "**Dalit Women's movements: A Journey towards Gender Justice**".

On 2nd May 2021, SWTN was part of the 'Online - Grounded Voices Conversation 15', **Workers' Rights: Struggles against the Pandemic and Labour Laws Dilutions** (Part 1 of 5-part series) | Domestic, Care, Beedi, Sex work & Home-Based Sector; organized by National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM).

On 4th May 2021, SWTN extended solidarity on the 'World Press Freedom Day' – **Celebrating Journalism: Reporting without Fear**; Organized by Asia Centre.

On 4th May 2021, Fr.Kumar as a member of Jesuit Chennai Province - Disaster Management Committee, participated and deliberated regarding **Reach-Out Program for the poor** and the marginalised families suffer hunger during the Covid lock downs. The meeting was convened to chalk out courses of action both in Loyola Campus and in our social action centres of the Province.

On 5th May 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on Intersectional Histories? Reflections on the History of work from and **Urban Slum in Kerala**; Organized by 'Kerala Council for Historical Research' KCHR.

On 5th May 2021, SWTN was present in the Online Programme on 'Social Beneficial Legislations' – **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace** (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal Act 2013); organized by Hindustan College of Arts and Science and Management Labour Academy.

On 13th May 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the Panel Discussion on '**Understanding India's Covid Crisis**'; organized by "Center For The Advanced Study on India – University of Pennsylvania".

On 14th May 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on **Interstate Migrants mired in the second wave of the pandemic in India**; Organized by LISSTAR – Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research.

On 17th May 2021, SWTN team listened carefully the webinar on 'Covid 19 Second Wave – **Preventive and Control Measures**'; organized by The Corona Coordinating Committee (CCC) of the Jesuit Chennai Province and the Jesuit Madurai Province.

During 17-21 May 2021, SWTN was part of the Online Five Days Webinar on 'How to Globalize the May 18 Spirit – **Emphasizing Democracy, Human Rights and SDGs in Asia**'; Organized by THE MAY 18 GWANGJU FOUNDATION, South Korea.

On 18th May 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized a Virtual Discussion in "**TRIBAL TEACHER ISSUES**".

On 18th May 2021, Fr.Kumar had a meeting with the National level the Nodal Jesuits to discuss about zonal and regional **campaigns for Release of Fr. Stan**, with prayer and vigil.

On 24th May 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on "**Managing Covid Funds: A Global Scorecard of Accountability**"; organized by International Budget Partnership.

On 26th May 2021, SW-TN extended solidarity to '**Farmers Black Day Protest**'; organized by All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC).

On 26th May 2021, SW-TN participated in the Book Discussion on '**The Dravidian Model -Interpreting the Political Economy of Tamilnadu**'; by Dr VS Sambandan Chief Administrative Officer, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy – Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS)

On 27th May 2021, SWTN and Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized a **Discussion with 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups- PVTG'**. The key concerns discussed were: 1. What schemes to propose for the coming budget? 2. Proposals for PVTG schemes. 3. Issues in implementation of PVTG schemes. 4. Running of Tribal schools by tribes. Ms. Usha, Joint Director of Tribal Welfare Department actively responded to the key concerns raised by the people. All the key Recommendations discussed were submitted to Tribal Welfare Director, Government of Tamilnadu.

On 27th May 2021, SWTN participated in the **Tribute Ceremony in Memory of Fr.Suresh**; Organized by AICUF and Leads.

On 30th May 2021, SWTN hosted the zoom meeting along with Christudas Gandhi for **Revenue SC/ST Representatives - to Prepare a Representation on our Demands** to the new Government.

On 4th June 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the “**ECO--SYSTEM RESTORATION** Webinar” organized by ‘Tamilnadu Women’s Collective’.

On 4th June 2021, SWTN participated in the Online Conversation on “**Keeping Children Safe**” by Tullir – Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse; organized by Prajnya.

On 5th June 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the “International Webinar on **World Environment Day**”, Organized by Jesuit Chennai and Madurai Provinces in Collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).

On 5th and 12th June 2021, SWTN hosted a Online Discussion along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) and Prof.Dr.Chandrasekaran; To prepare a **Memorandum of Representation on SC Issues in Agricultural University**.

On 14th June 2021, Fr. Kumar has been included in the Special Committee appointed by the Provincial of Jesuit Chennai Province, to look into and discuss with the experts on the issues and concerns with regard to fixing the salary scale for the lay collaborators-co-workers, assistants, animators and field co-ordinators who are appointed or employed in the Social Action Centres.

On 17th June 2021, Following the request of Ms.Pooja from ‘International Budget Partnership – India Chapter’, SWTN agreed for the Virtual Discussion on “**Budgetary and Implementation Issues around Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs and STs in Tamilnadu**”.

On 19th June 2021 (Forenoon), SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized an Online Discussion on “**SC/ST Issues at Agricultural University**”.

On 19th June 2021 (Evening), SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized an Online Discussion on “**SC/ST Issues at Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE)**”.

During 19th – 26th June 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the 8 Days Protest Webinar on “**Continuing Torture in Prisons; Torture against Children; Torture against SC/ST; Torture against Women and Transgender; Against Saathankulam; Against UAPA & NIA; Govt Roles and Responsibilities in creating a State without Torture...**” ; Organized by People’s Watch – Tamilnadu, Social Democratic Party Of India (SDPI)- Tamilnadu, Tamil Nadu Muslim Munnetra Kazaghham (TMMK) Party and JAACT TN State Committee.

On 24th June 2021, SWTN participated in the ‘**Book Discussion on the Age of Pandemics (1817-1920): How they Shaped India and the World**’; organized by LISSTAR (Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research).

On 24th June 2021, Fr.Kumar along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized a **Online Discussion with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)** – On Concerns in Implementation of PVTG schemes, Running of Tribal Schools by Tribes, New Proposals of Schemes – And facilitated the grassroots to present their Demands to Director Tribal Development.

On 27th June 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) hosted a DISCUSSION with “**Tamilnadu State Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Revenue Officers Association (TNSC-ST ROA)**”; To prepare our DEMANDS to the New Government.

On 27th June 2021, Fr. Kumar Participated and spoke about the great person who conceived the ‘TRIBAL SUB-PLAN in the Indian History specialised planning and strategizing the growth and empowerment of Scheduled Tribes. The family of Mr. Bhupinder Singh IAS (Retired) organised a PRAYER MEETING WEBINAR on the 27th June 2021, TO CELEBRATE THE BRILLIANT LIFE AND SELFLESS SERVICE OF DR. BHUPINDER SINGH. The homage paid to the great soul had been appreciated and acknowledged.

On 28th June 2021, Fr.Kumar and Dr.Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) met the following Secretaries of various welfare departments: Mr. Manivasan, Ms.Maithyly, Mr.Jawahar, Mr.Samayamoorthy and Mr.Abraham at Secretariate, Chennai.

With regard to the advocacy steps, we met the newly appointed secretaries of the govt. and ministers taken charge, representations submitted; some of which they have willingly accepted and assured to look into, awaiting the budget session next, hope fully in mid-August. Also training some of the (newly) elected representatives about the emerging issues and concerns relating to marginalised sectors to be raised in debates.

On 1st July 2021, SWTN was part of the Inaugural Session on “**Towards Deepening Dialogues, Diversity and Democratic Values**”; organized by National Alliance of People’s Movements.

On 2nd July 2021, SWTN participated in the webinar on “**Youth Participation in the Contemporary Politics**”; Organized by Tamilnadu AICUF.

On 2nd July 2021, SWTN participated in the Online **Conference on Environmental Protection: CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** presented by Rev.Fr. Dr.S.Ignacimuthu, SJ Director of Xavier Research Foundation’ Organized by Abhithi Foundation and Social Equity Alliance.

On 3rd July 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the **Protest webinar against CAA**; Organized by Tamilnadu People’s Platform for Unity.

On 3rd July 2021, SWTN along with Christudos Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) hosted an **Online Discussion on ‘Kaanikkaarar – Scheduled Tribes Development’**.

On 3rd and 4th July 2021, SWTN participated in the **Webinar to Stand against NEET, New Education Policy and to shift EDUCATION as STATE RIGHT**; organized by Federation for Protection of Education – Tamilnadu & Pudhucherry.

On 3rd July 2021, SWTN participated in the **Discussion on BAIL, JAIL, THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND ‘THE UAPA – a tool to criminalise dissent, deny liberty and destroy democracy’**; organized by People’s Union for Civil Liberties.

On 3rd July 2021, SWTN joined the webinar to WELCOME THE NEW TAMILNADU DGP & Head of Police Force Dr. Sylendra Babu IPS; Organized by People’s Watch – Tamilnadu to address the importance of Human Rights in Policing, the expectations of common people and the need for polic training to be imparted during his tenure of the next two years.

On 4th July 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized a **online discussion for Development of Irulars (Scheduled Tribes) in Plains**.

During 5th – 8th July 2021, SWTN payed **Respect to Fr.Stan Swamy through the Online Condolence Meets**, Organized by People’s Watch – Tamilnadu, Social Democratic Party Of India (SDPI)- Tamilnadu, Tamil Nadu Muslim Munnetra Kazagham (TMMK) Party and JAACT TN State Committee; other meets organized by South Zone Province, Makkal Otrumai Medai, Tamilnadu Women’s Collective.

On 5th July 2021, Mr. Sindhanai Selvan, Honourable Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) visited our office to discuss about **Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan** with Fr. John Kumar and Mr. Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd).

During 5 -10th July 2021, SWTN participated in the "**Nammalvar and the Seed of Sustainable Development and Ecological Justice**", organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy & Dept of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.

On 9th July 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the 'Official Side Event – **LEAVE NO WOMEN BEHIND: DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**' – Release of Global Report- Covid 19: Impact on women with multiple discrimination; Organized by High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, Global Call to Action Against Poverty, Awaz Foundation Pakistan and Faces of Inequality.

On 10th July 2021, Fr. Kumar organised a web-consultation along with all the Social ACTION Units of Jesuit Chennai Province to facilitate the initiative taken by the Communication Commission for an interactive action for need assessment.

On 10th July 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) hosted the '**First Online Discussion on SC/ST Issues at Anna University**'.

On 10th and 14th July 2021, at SW-TN we had a meeting with Thiru. Sinthanai Selvan. MLA Floor Leader, VCK Party and requested to raise our association demands to the government in the coming budget session.

On 12th July 2021, Fr. John Kumar participated in the MEDIA wing consultation; Organized by Jesuit Chennai Province.

Due to our consistent research and advocacy along with PAALAM on Post Matric Scholarship, our network partners have shared their report on "**SC, ST Engineering Admissions Drop by 50% in TN**" to 'The Hindu' Newspaper, dated 13th July 2021.

On 16th July 2021, Fr. Kumar along with his counter-part in Jesuit Madurai Province, the Social Action Commission Co-ordinator, chalked out the course of action with regard to the 'Pilgrimage for Justice' commemorating the heroic death and modern day martyrdom of Fr. Stan Swamy who had been allowed die in prison/under judicial custody. This was done by the National Investigative (NIA-instituted by the fascist regime of Hindutva ruler Prime Minister Modi) particularly incarcerate the human Rights defenders who stood all along to defend the rights of the marginalised

Scheduled Castes and Tribes in India; they were all falsely accused and imprisoned, in the name of national security, by framing false accusations sedition and kept in prison for months and years together without any proper trial in court.

On 17th July 2021, SWTN participated in the Online Discussion on **“Is NEET necessary in Tamilnadu?”** – Launch of Survey Report of 42000 People; Organized by Federation for Protection of Education – Tamilnadu & Pudhucherry.

On 21st July 2021, a detailed program of action had been charted out by Jesuit Chennai Province, as per the suggestions and recommendations given by Fr. Kumar and Fr. Santhanam, to be carried out by many teams and institutions, as **PILGRIMAGE OF JUSTICE FOR STAN** (by carrying the urn consisting the ashes of Fr. Stan with a reverential care and veneration through all over Tamilnadu state - over a period of 30 days (the whole month) start from 3rd July to 3rd August. Fr. Kumar accompanied to a few places esp. to Fr. Stan’s native village and Trichy, where they had the final state level function.

On 22nd July 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized the Third Virtual **Discussion with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups** (PVTG).

On 22nd July 2021, Fr. John Kumar, Director of SWTN and Coordinator of Social Action Commission of Jesuit Chennai Province released the Plan Book of PALAVAI; during the Grand Office Opening and Launch of Monthly Newsletter of Palavai at Appampettu, Gingee.

On 24th July 2021, Fr. John Kumar presented a paper on “Decent Work, Informal Economy and State Budgets – An Analysis” at the Two Days Regional Workshop on **‘Strategizing Deficits against Decent Work in the Informal Sector in India’**; Organized by National Centre for Labour (NCL) (An Apex Body of Independent Unorganized Labour Organizations in India) at Bengaluru.

On 24th July 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized the THIRD online DISCUSSION with **“Tamilnadu State Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Revenue Officers Association (TNSC-ST ROA)” - To prepare our DEMANDS to the New Government.**

On 25th July 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized the Second Discussion on **“Ensuring Growing Participation of SC STs at Anna University”**

On 25th July 2021, Fr. John Kumar participated in the Commemoration Event for Fr. John Suresh, Fr. Stan, Fr. Antonyraj, Fr. Sirpi Sivanandham, Fr. Packianathan, Fr. Jeevaraj, Prof. Balamurugan and Fr. Antonysamy; Organized by Thudi Iyakkam, Naangal Maanavar Iyakkam, Adavu KalaiKuzhu, LEAD IAS Academy and Nilaathamma Kuzhu, at Ramapuram, Chennai.

On 26th July 2021, Fr. Kumar in collaboration with Loyola Institute of Social Sciences Training and Research had prepared, a questionnaire for Pilot study to be initiated in the villages of the rural districts of Jesuit Chennai Province for the purpose planning out strategic action plan in the months and years to come to serve and reach out to the marginalised groups.

On 29th July 2021, SWTN received signed audit statement for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

On 3rd August 2021, Fr. John Kumar payed respect to Homage to Fr. Stan Swamy SJ at St Mary's Cathedral Trichy – Martyr for Justice, Trichy Diocese.

On 3rd August 2021, SWTN participated in the Web Policy Talk – **A Panel Discussion on The Future of Labour Codes: Impact and Way Forward from Trade Union Perspectives**, Organized by IMPRI Center for Work and Welfare (CWW), IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi, Indian Social Institute (ISI), New Delhi, and Counterview.

On 3rd August 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the Kindle Book Release on “MalaKuzhiyil Madiyalaama Maanudam” [on **Manual Scavengers**]; Organized by South Vision Books.

From August 2021, SWTN initiated and supported the '**Evening Study Centres for School Children of Marginalized Communities** whose education was affected by the Covid-Pandemic Digital Gap.

On 7th August 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized an **Online Discussion on “SC/ST Issues at Agricultural University”**.

On 7th August 2021, SWTN participated in the 'Dalit Intellectual Collective – Book Discussion Series' on “**Caste Panchayats and Caste Politics** in India”; Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies.

On 7th August 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the Online Discussion on '**Prisoners of HAQQ of the Indian Regime – Keeping Father Stan Swamy's Legacy Alive**'; Organized by 'Justice for All – Jesuit Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace' and 'Save India'.

On 7th August 2021, SWTN network through Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) – '**Confederation of Indian Affirmative Industries** (CIAI)' members gave representations on **innovative schemes and implementation of Public Procurement Policy in this year's budget** to Dr. Manivasan. IAS Principal Secretary, Department of Adi Dravidar Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamilnadu.

On 7th August 2021 Fr. Kumar as being Province Co-ordinator of Social Action has taken responsibility to recruit, train and arrange for placement for field animators and coordinators in different zones of Chennai Province. In relation to that he has been identifying and guiding individually the qualified people, initiating them with training and orientation. He interviewed a few candidates with social and political sciences background and appointed immediately one and the other two he had directed to join in as staff at Social Watch later date, initially as probationary to be trained planned /envisaged to be placed on the field later.

On 8th August 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized the Second online discussion for **Development of Irulars (Scheduled Tribes) in Plains**.

On 9th August 2021, SWTN network through Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) – "Nilgiris Adivasis Welfare Association, Kotagiri (NAWA-Tribes)" facilitated the **Inauguration of TRIBAL HELPLINE** by Honourable Minister Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, Adi Dravidar Welfare, Hill Tribes and Bonded Labour Welfare.

On 10th August 2021, Thiru.Sinthanai Selvan, Member of Legislative Assembly, VCK Party Floor Leader – visited SWTN to discuss along with Dr.R.Christodass Gandhi IAS (Retd) to raise demands of '**Confederation of Indian Affirmative Industries**' to the government in the coming budget session.

On 12th August 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to the "**Youth Beat Covid-19 CDWD Youth Conclave**" - Musical Experience by Youth Artists from Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD).

On 14th August 2021, Thiru.Sinthanai Selvan, Member of Legislative Assembly, VCK Party Floor Leader – visited SWTN to discuss with Fr.Kumar and Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd)

On 15th August 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) Organized the First Discussion with "**Pachaimalai Malayali Tribes**".

On 17th August 2021, SWTN participated in the 'Panel Discussion on Tamilnadu State Budget 2021-22' organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies.

On 21st August 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized an Fourth Online Discussion on “**SC/ST Issues at Agricultural University**”.

On 21st August 2021, Fr.Kumar presented a session on “**Government Schemes for Tribals in Tamilnadu**” during the seminar on ‘World Tribal Day’; Organized by Integrated Centre for Tribal Research Resource and Rehabilitation (ICTRRR), Villupuram.

On 23rd August 2021, SWTN participated in the National Webinar on ‘**Tamilnadu Budget and Perspectives of the Marginalized**’ with Inaugural address by Dr.Thol. Thirumavalavan, Member of Parliament and Concluding Remarks by Prof. Jean Dreze, Government of TN Economic Expert Committee; Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies.

In the recent months, (during COVID-19 lockdown – 15 to 20 months), Fr.Kumar has initiated review of the process (on the second week of August 2021) about the reach-out to the rural districts where children of the marginalized who suffer learning disability because of digital divide. This has been done in association with Jesuit units at the field and also along with the other solidarity groups who willingly taken-up evening study centres (in collaboration with civil society networks) on behalf of Social Watch at the grassroots.

On 1st September 2021, SWTN extended solidarity in the ‘Report Launch: Internet Freedoms in Cambodia: A Gateway to Control’ Organized by Asia Centre.

On 1st September 2021, Ms. Kamatchi article on “Pengaluku Thevai Thani Budget” highlighting the ‘GENDER BUDGETING PROCESS in TAMILNADU and the way forward towards **Budgeting for Marginalized Women in Tamilnadu**’ was published in the Tamil Monthly Magazine ‘**Pengalin Kural**’.

On 2nd-3rd September 2021, Ms. Sophie participated in the ‘**Training Programme for Accountants**’; Organized by Jesuit Chennai Province at Loyola College.

The new researcher Ms.Rajeshwari joined our organization on 3rd September 2021.

On 4th September 2021, SWTN participated in the Virtual Consultation on “**The Status of Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools in Tamilnadu**”; Organized by Center for Child Rights Development (CCRD) and ROOTS.

On 7th – 8th September 2021, SWTN participated in the “Asia Democracy Assembly – **Confronting Democratic Regression and Reclaiming Civic Space**”; Organized by Asia Democracy Network.

On 20th September 2021, SWTN extended solidarity to **SUSTAINABILITY SERIES on Women & Sustainability** by Sheelu Francis – Tamilnadu Women’s Collective; Organized by Nammalvar Multiversity.

On 20th September 2021, SWTN participated in the Lecture Series on “**Peace and Gender**”; Organized by Prajnya and Sansristi.

On 20th September 2021, Ms.Kamatchi was requested by Prof.N.Manimekalai to give suggestions for the “**Second Consultative Workshop on Formulation of STATE POLICY FOR WOMEN**”; organized by Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment along with UNICEF, UN WOMEN and ‘Inter Agency Expert Group –SDGs’.

On 25th September 2021, SWTN along with EKTA organized an Online Discussion on “**Holistic Policy and Budget for Women in Tamilnadu**” to invite more suggestions from stakeholders – to forward to Government’s Policy Formulation Team.

On 23rd September 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized the Fourth Virtual **Discussion with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups** (PVTG).

On 23rd September 2021, Fr.Kumar as the committee member of the Jesuit Chennai Province ‘Salary Fixation’ has joined in the meeting with other Jesuits of the committee through contribution in arriving at a consensus among the Unit heads of Jesuit Social Action centres in the districts.

On 24th September 2021, SWTN shared its opinion to the Survey of Xavier Network on Child Safeguarding Training.

On 30th September 2021, SWTN actively participated in the “CSO Forum – How can we foster **open and inclusive budgets in times of crisis** and beyond”; Organized by International Budget Partnership.

On 2nd October 2021, SWTN along with Mr.Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized the fourth Online Discussion with State **Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Revenue Officers Association** (TNSC-ST ROA); to prepare Demands to the New Government.

On 3rd October 2021, SWTN along with Mr.Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd) organized the **Fifth** Online Discussion on “**SC/ST Issues at Agricultural University**”.

SWTN supported the marginalized school children through **study centres**; coordinated by Abhithi Foundation, Pondicherry and ASSET, Guduvancherry.

On 5th October 2021, SWTN hosted the AGAM Cadres Online Meeting on '**Post Matric Scholarship**'.

On 5th October 2021, both the Provincials of Madurai and Chennai Province with their extended consult members had come together to discuss the ways of collaborating together in some of the common issues and concerns of the state of Tamilnadu, affecting the marginalized groups.

On 5th and 6th October 2021, Fr.Kumar along with SWTN team coordinated the GENERAL BODY MEETING of Social Action Commission at Dhyana Ashram.

On 7th October 2021, Ms.SriLakshmi, new researcher joined SWTN.

During 7-10 October 2021, Ms.Kamatchi virtually participated and extended solidarity to the "**11th World Human Rights Cities Forum**" held as hybrid event at Gwangju, South Korea for productive discussion on how to overcome challenges such as climate crisis and Pandemics by finding solutions based on Human-Rights Approaches.

On 13th October 2021, SW-TN forwarded a **requisition letter to Dr.JeyaRanjan, Vice Chairperson, State Development Planning Council** (erstwhile State Planning Commission-SPC) and Mr. Deenbandhu IAS (Retd), Member, SPC through Mr. Christudos Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary, GoTN); and Consultant of SW-TN with following requests:

1. To Organize Collaborative Consultation along with SW-TN on Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, Tribal Sub Plan and Gender Budgeting. SW-TN volunteered to bear the complete expenditure of the consultation. But we wanted the invite to go through SPC to all concerned departments. We should create a pressure across departments to allocate and implement proper utilization of SCSP and TSP Funds.
2. Discussed Issues on Post Matric Scholarship
3. Suggested to Evaluate any two departments on Implementation of SCSP/ TSP schemes
4. Insisted the utilization of SCSP/ TSP fund in Highway Department for laying good roads in SC, ST habitation
5. Recommended to increase the State Specific Schemes for SCs and STs in Department of Agriculture.
6. Raised the concern on Reduced Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by 3% of SC Students (from 42% to 39%)
7. Emphasized to expand the Budget Making Team – To present a Budget without Fiscal Deficit
8. Recommended a process, where the State can avail loan only after being tabled in Legislative Assembly for gaining consensus.

On 20th October 2021, Fr.John Kumar, Ms. SriLakshmi and Ms. Rajeshwari along with ASSET team visited three villages: Kalavai, Kolathur, Sembakkam located near **Guduvancheri**.

On 22nd October 2021, Ms. Kamatchi sent an RECOMMENDATION MAIL to Drafting committee of State Women Policy, Govt of Tamilnadu on the title "**Intersectional Planning and Programme for Women**". (*Most of the suggestions placed were incorporated in the draft policy released on 15th December 2021*)

On 6th November 2021, SWTN along with Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized an **Sixth** Online Discussion on "**SC/ST Issues at Agricultural University**".

On 7th November 2021, SWTN along with South Vision Books released writings of Fr.Kumar on "Kizhaku mugavaiyin 200 varuda varalaaru" in Kindle.

On 7th November 2021, SWTN and AHAL Centre jointly organized a **Youth Empowerment Seminar to the college going Youth of Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram Districts** at AHAL Centre, Kilpennathur to guide the college going youth to avail Government and Private Scholarship; to help with Carrier Guidance Opportunitie; to enlighten them to prepare for competitive exams.

On 14th November 2021, SWTN along with Mr. Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) organized 3rd ANNA UNIVERSITY meet for SC/ST stakeholders.

On 20th November 2021, Remembering Fr.Manu with Gratitude, SWTN organized the Third Ninaivendhal through zoom meet.

On 22nd November 2021, Ms.Kamatchi was invited as a Resource Person to present an **Overview of GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING** – as part of the 8-Week Online Induction Training Programme for Assistant Section Officers; Organized by 'Andhra Pradesh – Human Resource Development Institute'.

On 25th November 2021, following the Online Orientation held last month, we invited the 'Good Shepherd Health and Education Centre – Karamadai & Valparai' for a "**Training session on GENDER BUDGETING**" at ICSA, Egmore.

On 27th November 2021, SWTN supported PARAN to organize a hybrid programme on '**Budget Rights for Women**'.

On 28th November 2021, SWTN along with network partners associated with Mr. Christudas Gandhi IAS (Retd Additional Chief Secretary) – had an gathering meet with **TN SC/ST Commission Members**.

On 29th & 30th November 2021, SWTN along with PAALAM, AKAM, ASSET, NAWA, ADIVASI FOUNDATION; organized A State Level "**CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION ON TRIBAL SUB PLAN**" at Dhyana Ashram, CHENNAI.

On 4th December 2021, SWTN and Jesuit Migrants Ministry External (JMMEEx), Kasthambadi jointly organized the **ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING FOR MIGRANTS** at Vadalur, Cuddalore District.

On 16th December 2021, Ms. Rajeshwari and Ms. SriLakshmi visited Pandur Village, Melkalvoy village, Thaylathoppu along with Ms. Sornalatha, Director & Mr. Balaji, Assistant Director, ASSET, Guduvancheri.

On 28th December 2021, Ms. Rajeshwari participated in '**The Review Meeting on the implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other traditional Dwellers** (recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006) in the Nilgiris Constituency' at Thamizhagam, Ooty. Chief Guest - Thiru. A Raja, Member of Parliament, Minister of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare and Collectors of Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Erode also participated to plan for empowering the Tribal People by Forest Rights Affairs.

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