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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 Crenieo 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 - check 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, exploring possibilities of Aim 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. Qudsia 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 ICASA, 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 ICSA, 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.

SW-TN 2016

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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