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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 - 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 "10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 DFDL, 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 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan", organized by various dalits networks at New Delhi.

## **SW-TN 2011**

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March, organized by SANGAT, WERC and EKTA at Madurai.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April, representatives of the Basque government visited SW-TN, in connection with our ALBOAN project.

On 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan'

On 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> plan" organized by UNICEF in collaboration with Child Rights Trust at Planning Commission Auditorium, Ezhilagam, Chennai.

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

On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30-31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August, Fr. Kumar participated in the national level panel discussion on 'Understanding the Gender Implications of Taxation Policies" at Delhi.

On 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 & 21<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> August, SW-TN participated in the Organizing Committee (OC) of Peoples' Budget Initiative's (PBI) meeting at New Delhi

On 30<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25-26<sup>th</sup> November, Fr. Kumar participated in the conference on "Tax Policies and Development: Challenges and Emerging Opportunities" organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 10-12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March, SW-TN organized a state-level consultation on "Gender Budgeting and Marginalized Women in Tamilnadu" at Pastoral Centre, Chennai.

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> August, Fr. Kumar participated at the national consultation on "Improving Living Conditions of Children in urban slums", organized by CBGA at New Delhi"

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, Ms. Manjula, Researcher, left SW-TN

On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. Antony joined SW-TN as a researcher.

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

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

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

On 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January, Mr. Antony participated in a "Workshop on Inequality" organized by Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG) in Trivandrum, Kerala.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, SW-TN uploaded its new web page on "Tamilnadu Budget Portal" in its website [www.swtn.org](http://www.swtn.org), providing links to all possible Government budget documents.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan document.

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

On 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, Ms.Stella, Administrator, got relieved from SW-TN.

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> April, SW-TN, in collaboration with READ, organized a district level Training of Trainers (TOT) for the SC Panchayat presidents at Erode.

On 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> –May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, Ms. Krithiha joined SW-TN as researcher.

On 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August, Mr. Antony was a resource person in capacity building training for Dalit Para-legal workers on "Special Component Plan" in Trichy, Tamilnadu.

On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September Fr. Kumar participated in the National Consultation on 'Exploring Innovations to Promote Sustainability' organized by VANI at New Delhi.

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

On 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October, Fr. Kumar and Mr. Antony visited Pazhaverkadu Panchayat as part of Panchayat level Study among Irular tribes.

On 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December, AIM sent a formal communication accepting our request.)

On 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, SW-TN in collaboration with State Planning Commission organized "State Level Consultation on Tribal Sub Plan" at Ezhilagam, Chennai.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, Ms.Krithiha got relieved from SW-TN.

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

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December, Fr. Manu and Fr. Kumar participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

On 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February, Fr. Kumar, Mr. Antony and Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd) were involved in a Panchayat level study among Irular tribals in Pazhaverkadu.

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

On 18<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> June, Arul Mozhi Iyya, renowned healer with nature therapy shared his experience with SW-TN staff on the "*Art of Healthy Living*".

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

On 17<sup>th</sup> June, Ms. Sandra Delgado, ALBOAN, visited SW-TN.

On 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, Ms.Geetha, Ms.Anugraha and Ms.Shanmugapriya joined SW-TN as research staff.

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Fr. Kumar attended Young Scholar's conference on 'Government Finance and Public Policy Issues' organized by CBGA at New Delhi.

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

During 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> August, all the SW-TN staff participated in a process of evaluation and organisational review, facilitated by Fr. Manu.

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

On 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.swtn.org)) under the title Tamilnadu Budget Portal.

During 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> September, members of the Kanchipuram Makkal Mandram Commune visited SW-TN.

On 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October, Fr. Kumar and Ms. Kamatchi participated in the planning discussion at YWCA with the organizing committee members of the “15<sup>th</sup> Women Studies Conference” to be held at Madras University during January 2017.

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

On 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> November, Ms. Geetha left the organization.

During 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> September) and ALBOAN project (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September) were completed.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December, Ms. Dhivya Bharathy, MSW student of Loyola College joined SW-TN as an intern.

On 17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Kisan 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January, Fr.Kumar participated in the event.

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



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

On 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> January, Mr. Antony was the resource person for the Budget Training programme organized by Fr. Arulvalan of 'Salesians of Don Bosco' - 'Thurambar 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 11<sup>th</sup> February at Coimbatore, *on 12<sup>th</sup> February at Regency Hotel Erode*, on 18<sup>th</sup> February at Bharat Engineering College-Thiruvavur and *on 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> February, SW-TN extended our solidarity to Tamilnadu Dalit Women Forum to 'Stop Sexual Violence on Dalit Women in Tamilnadu'.

On 7<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Ms. Kamatchi participated in the 'Consultation on URBAN HOMELESSNESS - Right to Shelter and Adequate Housing' organized by Ecomwel at Asha Nivas, Chennai.

During 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March, SW-TN sent the six months report to ALBOAN.

On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March, CBGA requested our suggestions on how the new "Open Budgets India - Portal" ([www.openbudgetsindia.org](http://www.openbudgetsindia.org)) can be made more useful in future.

On 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June.

On 31<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> April, SW-TN and 'United Nations Women – South Asia' organized "Consultation on Gender Budgeting in Tamilnadu" at 'State Planning Commission', Ezhilagam – Chennai.

On 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> April, Fr. Kumar, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya gave insights on “Demystifying Budget” to Post Graduate students at Loyola College – Chennai.

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

During 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (19 months).

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

On 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July, Ms. Anugraha and Ms. Shanmugapriya took part in “Felicitation to Eight UPSC Dalit Winners” organized by PAALAM at Shastri Bhavan – Chennai.

On 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Ms. Shanmugapriya attended the general discussion on “Shrinking Democratic Space” organized by Ajitha Bhakthavachalam at LSS Hall, Loyola College – Chennai.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August at SWTN office).

On 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October, Fr.Kumar participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.HWPL.kr))’ to organize a Peace Conference at Chennai during January- February 2018.

On 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ICOSA, Chennai.

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13-15March 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, SWTN team presented a session on "**Understanding Budgets in TN**" for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students of MSW Department, held at Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.

On 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>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 15<sup>th</sup>November 2018, Ms.Kamatchi was the resource person for the "**Training Program on Gender Budgeting at Tiruppur** during 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

During 22<sup>nd</sup>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 9<sup>th</sup>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 10<sup>th</sup>December 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 13<sup>th</sup>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 15<sup>th</sup>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 15<sup>th</sup>December 2018, Mr.Britto Raj 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.