# MADURAI MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL

# **SERVICE SOCIETY**

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Annual Report for the Period

April 2019 - March 2020

# MADURAI MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT April 2019 to March 2020

**Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society** has stepped in to the **52<sup>nd</sup>**Year of its service to identify and uplift the downtrodden, economically marginalized people of our target area belonging to our **Catholic Arch Diocese of Madurai.** I am happy to present to the committee the development and Rights based activities report for the financial year April 2019 to March 2020. The impacts created through economical and right based activities have brought a remarkable change among the target People. I assure that in future the Vision and Mission of the Society will be realized through the Economic and Scientific interference of the target community.

#### **Through Peoples Organization:**

Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society has broaden its activities for the upliftment of the community comprising with 9 Regional Offices at Melur and Madurai Central in Madurai District, Aruppukottai, Virudhunagar and Srivilliputhur in Virudhunagar District, Theni and Palayam in Theni District, Nilakkottai and Kodaikanal in Dindigul Districts. We have a predictable number of 1140 Groups with total members of 15264, which encompass of 115 Groups with Small& Marginal Farmers and 1,025 Women's Groups.

#### Savings:

During this Financial year 2019 – 2020 the total saving amount from 15,264 members has accumulated to the tune of Rs. 44, 33,592/- (Forty four Lacks Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Two Only) This amount is being revolved as internal lending within the group members. Through the member's saving a total number of 13860 members has availed a loan amount of Rs. 33, 74,670/= to start any small entrepreneur business for their livelihood and economic development activities. The members also utilize this Loan amount for their children's Education, Housing, Medical, Agriculture, Rearing of Cow and Goat, Petty shop, vegetable vending, sale of Clothes, tea shop and hotel, mutton shop, fancy store, handmade Napkins and Carom Board etc.

# Bank Loan:

Around **468** members from **38 Villages** in **9 Regions** have benefited through revolving loans from the Nationalized / Private Banks and State Corporation to the tune of Rs. **1, 81,43,000/-.** The members utilize this amount for their livelihood and prompt repayments are made.

# ICICI Bank Ltd. Credit Linkage Program:

During the Year 2018 September 15<sup>th</sup> an Agreement has been signed between Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society and ICICI Bank Ltd, under Credit & Linkage Program to support the Economic development activities of our group members and is being implemented in the 4 Districts of MMSSS operational areas with the following intention.

- To uplift and empower the target people of Madurai, Theni and Dindigul Districts under the direction of Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society MMSSS.
- Eligible groups are identified and their performances are graded by the Bank Personnel and MMSSS Staff.
- The required documents of the Groups are verified and are recommended to the Bank to avail the Loan and we encourage them to involve in entrepreneurship business for their economic development.
- The repayments of the loan amount are directly deposited in to the group members Bank Accounts.
- During the Year 2020 out of 47 groups from 16 Villages have availed a loan amount to the tune of Rs.65, 03,900/= thereby 564 members are benefitted.
- The Bank charges a minimum Bank Interest of paisa **0.90** (paisa) only.

# **Credit Unions:**

The Credit Unions are the **Economic Dream of Target People** promoted with a **Vision** of **"People's Money - for the People"** there by making people economically self-contained.

No. Of	Total	Total No.						
Credit	No. Of	Of		Contribution of Shares				
Unions	Groups	Members						
			Membership	MMSSS	Groups	SWEA	Other	Total
21	199	1241	63,000	7,16,175	27,48,700	9,54,530	50,000	45,32,405

During this Financial Year around 352 beneficiaries have availed Loan to the tune of Rs. 43, 02,264/- and are prompt in their repayments. An amount of Rs. 1, 03,121/- has been accumulated towards development charges and this amount has been shared among the members and the same is deposited in the Account of the Group.

# **Government Schemes:**

The Trainings on Awareness, Capacity Building, Networking and Linkages provided by MMSSS to the Group members helped them to acquire the knowledge on availing the State and Government Projects. 28 types of Schemes from Central and State Government helped them to improve their Socio – Economic status, Education, Safety and Health aspect.

S.No	Schemes	Beneficiaries	Amount
1	Moovanoor Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance	5	1,80,550.00
2	Death Assistance	6	11,07,000.00
3	Goat / Gas	24	46,100.00
4	Burial / Workers Welfare Board	3	39,450.0
5	Farmers Card	4	
6	Social Welfare Board	143	1,33,400.00
7	Assistance Pregnant Women	120	8,05,000.00
8	Housing Support	2	1,00,000.0
9	Educational Assistance	14	4,29,150.0
10	Green Housing Scheme	23	48,03515.0
11	Marriage Assistance	168	1,83,200.0
12	Individual Toilets	176	7,48,000.0
13	Trenches – Canal	2	9,00,000.0
14	Old Age Pensions	132	1,32,000.0
15	Maternity Delivery Assistance	4	53,500.0
16	Rain Water Harvesting Tank	2	16,000.0
17	ID Card - Physically Challenged Children	3	
18	Goat Rearing	12	2,64,00.0
19	Assistance for Destitute	3	3,000.0
20	Dr. Muthulakshmi Maternity Delivery Assistance	28	3,36,000.0

21	Agricultural – Seed and Manure	25	50,000.00
22	Organic Agriculture Practice	3	3,000.00
23	Repair and Maintenance – Community Toilet	6	1,92,750.00
24	Social Welfare Board – Marriage Assistance	4	2,00,000.00
25	Road Development – Internal Roads	3	8,07,000.00
26	Housing Scheme	37	63,22,889.00
27	Widow Pension	143	25,47,378.00
28	Seed, Saplings, Manure and Pesticides	9	22,200.00
28	Free Goats	79	1,77,750.00
	Total	1183	2,06,52,832.00

# **Orientation on Livelihood Schemes from the Minority Commission:**

An orientation meeting was conducted to the Staff Members and group Representatives of our target area, in view of strengthening the economic status of the minorities and availing subsidized financial support from the Minority Commission. The orientation meeting was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Lawrence the Secretary & Treasurer of MMSSS and Mr. Albert the Honorary Secretary for Dindigul District Women Aid Society.

# Social Welfare Board:

Guidance and support provided for 26 Groups in 15 Villages have helped them to avail the grant amount of Government schemes to the tune of Rs.12,10,000/- and benefitted in the areas of Education, Physically challenge, Old Age Pension, Providing Spectacles and Marriage assistance.

#### **Trainings:**

In view of strengthening the People's groups and Federations, trainings were imparted with the support of the Government, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Micro Finance Companies at the Diocesan level and other Diocese level. These trainings are imparted to the 1080 Group members, Animators, leaders and to the volunteers on strengthening the Skills, Livelihood and Rights Based Activities and the participants are well equipped and have gained Knowledge.

# Following were the topics dealt in the Trainings:

- Women's Rights to live
- Active involvement of the leaders and representatives of the SHGs
- Discussion and Experience Sharing with the people affected by Sexual Harassment.
- Recommendations to the Government on Conducting Elections on the basis of percentage of people
- Para Legal activist&Dalit Atrocities Act.
- Eradication of unskilled Workers and rehabilitation Act / Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act
- Civil Act / Indian Government Administrative Act.
- Indian Criminal Act
- Creation of Union Federations
- Creating District Level Federation
- Discussion on Neutrino Project
- Creating Awareness on Protection of Land, Water and Dengue
- Cultural Yatra on Migration and School Enrolment
- Planning Meeting on Celebration of 50th year 'Golden Jubilee' of MMSSS
- Document Maintenance
- Atrocities against Women Laws and Training on Women Justice
- Training on Organic AgriculturePractice and Bee Rearing.
- Training on Panchayat Raj Institutions PRI
- Planning meeting on Awareness creation against Tuberculosis
- Rearing of Goat and Cow and how to get Bank Loan by VIDIYAL, Theni
- Conducting Medical Camps
- Conducted Rally to remove the TASMAC shop at Kodaikanal Bus Stand
- Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Birthday
- Orientation on tapping Minority Schemes
- Evaluation of Golden Jubilee of MMSSS
- Discussion on Enriching/ unite River Water.

# Kolping India:

Kolping India's Program was initiated in the Arch Diocese of Madurai during the Year 1988. Kolping India works with an aim of organizing the individuals in to groups and empowers them through capacitating in Leadership and Skill Training and practice Savings and Credits, revolving funds for their self-sustenance and economic development.

- Identifying the right person (Men & women)
- Formation of Groups&Yearly Membership Subscription
- Trainings on Book Keeping & Record Maintenance.
- Practice the Habit of Savings, Credit & Revolving of Funds.
- Maintaining Bank Accounts
- Data collection of Members

# **On Economic Development:**

- Awareness training on Entrepreneurship
- Exposure visit to the small scale Industries of Other Diocese
- Individual Income Generation Scheme
- Collective Income Generation Program
- Milch Animal and Bank Loans

#### **Rights Based:**

- Strengthening the Diocesan Level Federation
- Training on identification of problems on need base.
- Organic Agriculture Practice.
- Safeguard of Land and Water Resources
- Health / Hygiene and Open defecation
- Solid Waste Management
- Housing Loan
- Construction of Household Individual Toilets.
- Support for Technical Training & Education.

# **Spiritual Based:**

- To Start and End the Kolping meeting with Prayer
- To mobilize local resources and to support during the Natural disasters and Calamities.
- To celebrate Kolping Day on October 27<sup>th</sup> of every Year.
- Helping the children and Aged in Hospitals
- Undertake pilgrimage during the Lenten season.

The trainings conducted by Rev. Fr. Antony Raj, National Director – Kolping India, Professors and Resource Persons from Gandhi Gram University. Secretary&Treasurer – MMSSS, Staff and other Experts from other Likeminded Organizations, wherein around 1420 members have participated in all the Trainings.

# Activities during the Year 2019:

Groups: We have a total of 107 Groups with 3 for Men, 99 for Women and 5 Mixed Groups.
Members: We have a total number of 1325 Members of which 59 are Men and 1253 are women.
Savings: During the Financial year 2018 – 2019 the members have saved an amount to the extent of Rs. 11, 26,950/- and a total savings have accumulated to the tune of Rs. 81, 69,455/- till date.

S.No	Program	<b>Beneficiary Supported</b>	Amount Received	Total Balance
1	Sanitation	20	3,00,000.00	1,21,150.00
2	Housing	04	2,00,000.00	5,19,452.00
3	MAP	17	2,60,000.00	8,76,750.00
4	VTP	13	1,65,000.00	6,39,300.00
5	CIGP	12	2,00,000.00	8,25,101.00
6	IIGP - RF	228	13,99,000.00	23,00,000.00

# **<u>Projects Supported by Kolping India:</u>**

## KOLPING Women's Hostel:

Towards Income Generation and sustenance of the Kolping Programs, Kolping India National Office supported MMSSS Financially to construct a Women's Hostel during the Year 1996 at K. Pudur. The main purpose of this Hostel was to serve the poor students and working women who hails from the neighboring Villages for the purpose of work and study in Madurai City. Due to the dilapidated condition of the Building, scarcity of water and series of condition and rules from the Government Departments and due to the financial constraints to carry out the maintenance works, admission of Inmates are temporarily suspended.

# Women Empowerment Program:

**From 2017 – 2019 this program is being concentrated mainly on Women** Association like Youth, Married and elderly women to live in a healthy polluted-free environment and to keep the surroundings tide and neat. Train and engage themselves in small cottage industries and increase their financial position. Women from 109 Groups in 7 Dioceses were imparted Awareness training on Health & Hygiene and medical awareness camps were conducted.

#### In this...

- Awareness Medical Camps on Infection Health and hygiene
- Impacts of open defecation
- Waste Management
- Life Skill Education
- Entrepreneur training.

Through this empowerment program women from 109 Groups have availed awareness on health and Hygiene, Medical Assistance and counseling through the counseling centers. Also, with the savings of the Group and support through MMSSS around 373 members have improved and established new business and benefitted and their economic status has been enhanced.

S. No	District	Registered No
1	Madurai	Reg. No. SRG/Madurai North / 37 / 2019
2	Theni	Reg. No. SRG / Viruthunagar / 45 / 2019
3	Virudhunagar	Reg. No. SRG/Periyakulam / 35 / 2019

#### **District Christian Women Aided Society:**

The District Collector is the President, the Secretary of Multipurpose Social Service Society and the Staff with a service of more than 25 Years is part of this Society. The main objective of this Society is to empower women through organizing the Christian Women in to Groups and to support them through the schemes available from the Central and State Government of Minority Commission and ensure to start any petty business.

## How it works:

Mobilize local funds / donations from committed Christian community and form individuals of other faiths and deposit an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only) in two installments in a Year in the Bank account of the Christian Women Aided Society. Based on the above deposit the Minority Department sanctions an amount of Rs. 20, 00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only) i.e. twice the deposit amount. Altogether the total sanctioned amount of Rs. 30, 00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs is disbursed to the women headed and deserving family members, identified and recommended by the Donors and the Parish Priests to carry out any economical activities for their livelihood enhancement.

#### Land and Water Management:

Under this scheme Village Committee, Farmers Group, and Coordination Committees are formed and actively involved in 26 areas in the 4 Districts. Trainings and awareness programs are conducted on Soil Erosion, maintenance of water Channels, Land and Water Management and Organic Agriculture practice on 05.06.2019 and 30.06.2019 in Poozharipatti, O. Kovilpatti, T. Krishnapuram, Mannavarathi and Thimmanpatti. Around 265 small and marginal Farmers, have participated and are benefited through it. We have installed 20 deep Bore wells for the benefit of the farmers.

# **Skills training Centers: Don Bosco Tech Society:**

This Skill Training Program is supported by Don Bosco under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Quest Alliance, ITC and Accenture. Identify the Youths who have completed  $10^{th}$  standard and above in the age group of 18 - 30 years, from the marginalized community. They are provided with a three months intensive training on Sales Associate, Domestic Data Entry Operator with Communicative English and Life Skill Trainings and provide Central Government Certificate to the successful trainees and identify suitable placement for them. We have two centers function at Theni and Sivakasi and given below are the Course details for the Year 2019.

Course Details	Admission Details.		
	Male	Female	
DDEO	50	46	
Sales Retail	124	122	
BPO	44	26	
ITES	28	23	
Total	246	217	

Altogether a total number of 463 members have benefitted through this scheme and as an impact 36 members have got placement in Mobile shop, Departmental Stores, Computer centers and Textile shops and earning a decent income.

# National Skill Development Scheme - Solar Technical Course:

The training on Solar Technical Course was conducted by National Skill Development Scheme at our Center Office till May 2018 and the youth from Madurai and Melur were given trainings. Due to the practical and administrative difficulties in availing financial support and Certificates, the program has been temporarily withdrawn.

# **<u>Child Line India Foundation – 1098:</u>**

Child Line -1098 is India's first 24-hour, free emergency Toll Free number to access the service for children in need of distress and assistance. It is supported by Ministry of Women & Child Welfare from Government of India. Whether you are a troubled grown up or a child, you can dial 1098. It not only responds to the emergency needs of children, but also links them to services for their short & long-term care and rehabilitation. Child Line reaches out to children from 0-18 years and in extreme emergencies to young grownups up to the age of 25. But our special focus is on all children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections.

# Activities implemented during the year 2019:

A stien Dien	No Of	No Of	Identified Children's	Protection /
Action Plan	Meetings	Participants	in Trouble	Care given
Awareness & Outreach Program	436	38210		
School Awareness	6	349		
Children Club Meeting	36	442		
Youth Club Meeting	12	64		
Gram Saba Meetings	3	60		
Open House Meeting	26		1543	
Women's GroupMeeting	18	1940		
CBOs Meeting	9	435		
Volunteers Meet	6	46		
Social Welfare Board				4
Child Marriage – Stopped			32	
Medical Assistance			7	
Counseling			26	
Absconding Children			3	
School Drop Outs			22	
Police Station				1
Sexual Abuse			1	
To Parents				8
In CWC				23
Intervention	42			
School Rejoining				9

# **Reception Home:**

The Children's Reception Home is functioning at Gandhi Nagar, Virudhunagar the District head Quarters through Social Welfare Board and supported by CWC – Child Welfare Committee. The inmates admitted here are given psycho-social counseling, health care with food and accommodation are provided with love, care and protection.

Inmates admitted during the Year 2019 for Shelter & Maintenace	184
Prevention of Child Marriages	32
Admitted in Schools	34
Handed over to Court	03
Handed over to their Parents	12 - M 19 - F
Handed over to other Reception homes	22 - M 07 - F

# At present there 04 Male and 08 Female inmates are given local shelter and the following training and maintenance works are being carried out.

- Training on Child Rights and Protection was given to the 125 Staff who works among the Children on 12.06.2019.
- We have conducted 12 meetings for our Staff on administration and maintenance of the Reception Home.
- Short term trainings are provided to the inmates on making Door mat, decorative flowers, Flower stand, tailoring and embroidery.
- The Government has given permission to accommodate around 16 inmates in the home.
- An amount of Rs. 2300/ pm is being received from the Government towards the rent for the CWC Building.
- An amount of Rs. 22, 00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs) has been received from the Government as grant towards Administration, Maintenance of the Building and supply of Office equipments.
- Repair and Painting works are completed in the Ground floor of the Reception Home.

# Share Life:

This Share Life Project supports towards the Economic development on basic needs of the people identified and recommended by the Parish Priests of Arch Diocese of Madurai.

Contribution from Arch Diocese of Madurai	Rs. 21,45,679.00
Contribution from MMSSS	Rs. 10,76,244.00

S No	Details of Support rendered	No of Beneficiaries	Amount
1.	Medical	81	7,31,500.00
2.	Education	140	7,85,800
3.	Marriage	15	1,30,000.00
4.	Repair & Renovation - House	20	1,60.00.00
5.	Livelihood	130	11,05,050.00
6.	Others	30	3,09,573.00
	TOTAL	412	32,21,923.00

# Covid – 19 Pandemic Awareness & Relief Initiatives:

Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered corona virus spread throughout the Globe during the month of March 2020 and affected the normal life style of the Community. Awareness through meeting the individuals and through house visit and the following immediate relief material were provided to the people of our target areas. We have received the Relief assistance from Caritas India, Kolping India, TASOSS, other Dioceses and well wishers to the tune of Rs. 1,30,00,000/- and the following items were provided to our target people.

- Food Materials : Rice, Wheat, Pulse, Biscuits and Milk Powder
- Dress Materials : Saris, Nighty, Churithar, Sanitary Napkins, Shirts for Boys, Gowns for Girls, Lungi, Shirts, Pants, T-Shirts, Towels, Shawls, and Bed Sheets.
- Other Items: Plastic Mats, Plastic Buckets, Ever silver vessels, Soaps, Brush and tooth Paste.

#### Migrant Facilitation (Resource and assistance) Centers:

This project supported by TASOSS is to ensure Social inclusion of Migrant Laborers in Unorganized Sector by Identifying 5 Village Panchayats in the four Districts of our target areas to establish a Migrant Facilitation center to create awareness about the difficulty of migrations, problem take place through migration. Data collection of the migrants without any educational qualification, creating employments through skill trainings and ensure a healthy living environmental ambiance.

#### **Cancer Care Campaign through Caritas India:**

Incidence of Cancer among women is found to be increasing as more cases are coming to light and Caritas India came up with a saying "Ezhuvom Iyakkam" Cancer Care Campaign and is implemented in 80 villages of the Four Districts. The Cancer patients were identified though Individual meetings, House visit Group meetings and Cancer awareness Rally of which around 920 members participated. Awareness on Cancer, Screen camps and mass awareness to School and College Students were conducted.

#### Medical Camps:

A special medical camp was organized at Sathyamoorthy Nagar on 14.05.2019 with the support of women's Self help Groups. Another Camp organized at Santhaipettai on 14.06.2019 with the support of Holy Cross------, Kakkum Karangal, Mens Youth Groups and women's group with the participation of 115 members.

#### **Special Days:**

- Independence Day On August 15, 2019 the Independence Day was celebrated at MMSSS Reception Home in Pandian Nagar. Rev. Fr. Michael hoisted the National Flag and gave an inspiring speech in which 25 people participated.
- Social Justice Day was celebrated on 25.09.2019 at Melur Region in which 212 members participated.
- **Pongal Festival:** The members of the SHGs of Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar and Kodaikanal celebrated the Pongal Festival wearing new uniform Sarris as a symbol of unity. They all took a common pledge to get rid of plastic usage and open defecation.

## **Gram Sabah Meeting:**

The Gram Sabah meeting was conducted on 1.05.2019 in 9 Regions with 126 Panchayat with a total number of 1212 participants from MMSSS Staff, Representatives and Members of Groups and Local Panchayat Members participated and passed the followings resolutions:

- Integrated Health Centers, Community & Individual Toilets.
- Anganwadi, Safe drinking water & Street Lights / Rain Water Harvesting
- Government Welfare Schemes / 100 days work MNERG
- Confirming the job opportunities to unemployed Youths
- General Medical Camps / Medical camp for the Livestock
- Right of entry to the burial ground
- Local Library
- Quality and Quantitative Ration supply.

The Grama Saba meeting held on 28.06.2019 at Rosalipatti, Allampatti, MGR Colony and Muthulapuram submitted a petition to implement the basic amenities to the Villages.

## World Women's Day:

The World Women's day was celebrated at the Regional Level in all 9 Regions on 15.03.2020 to 20.03.2020 with Dance, Songs, Cultural programs, Competition on Essay writing, Elocution and poems were also performed and prizes were distributed to the winners.

### **Eradication of Alcoholism:**

Awareness meeting on eradication of Alcoholism was organized on 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 at Melur, Kodaikanal and Palayam Regions. Around 684 members from 65 groups have attended the meeting and determined to bring and put into practice total prohibition and abolition of Alcoholism.

#### **Progress in Health & Hygiene:**

- 115 Group members from 34 areas participated in the World Health Day conducted at Melur Region on 21.03.2019. Special emphasize was given to the defense of Environment, eradication of open Defecation and put into practice the use of Community Toilets.
- Conducted an awareness program on Health and Hygiene on 23.08.2019, at Alan Hospital, Kodaikanal and 25 people attended and benefited through this.
- Under the Government linkage Scheme 123 families from 52 of our working areas have received an amount of Rs. 12, 22,000/- and have constructed Individual Household Toilets.

## **Development of Children:**

- In the 9 regions of our working areas 37 Child Development Centers were renovated and 1322 children have benefited and acquired awareness on the free service of Child Line -1098, Child Rights and Protection.
- In view of remembrance Anti Child Labor Day, on 30.04.2019, an awareness creation meeting was held in the 4 regions of Srivilliputhur and Aruppukottai on Child Rights Protection, Child labor, Child Marriage, Qualitative Free Education were the highlights of this meetings. 419 members from federation and staff of MMSSS participated in the program.
- Mass awareness on rejoining the children in regular Schools conducted in Aruppukottai and Kariyapatty areas with NCLP, DCPU, AHTU, CHILDLINE, SSA ON 20.04.2019, & on 8,17&30.05.2019 for Five days and have identified the dropout Children and insisted them to rejoin in Schools.
- The Birth day Commemoration of former Honorable Chief Minister Kamarajar as Educational reformation day was celebrated on 12.07.2019/18.07.2019/21.07.2019 at Srirengapuram, Silunayakkanpatti, W. Pudupatti, Srivilliputhur, Thonukal, Kariyapatti, Viswanathadass Nagar, Kallikudi, and Melur with a participation of 426 members.
- Awareness on eradicating of Child Marriage was conducted at Kariyapatty Bus stand on 20.07.2019 with the participation and support of 246 College students.

# Children's Day:

The Children's Day was celebrated for 08 days from 08.11.2019 to 15.11.2019 in various places in Melachindalacheri, Muthulapuram, Chemminipatty, Melur, Kadaneri, Avaiyampatty, Sirunayakkanpatty, Veerapandi, Kezhapangadi, M.G. R. Colony, and Chinna Kariyapaty. Sports competition and Cultural programs were conducted with 605 participants and prizes were distributed to the winners and honored and appreciated the participants.

#### **Cultural Yatra for School Admission:**

This program was conducted in104 areas of 9 Regions to promote and create awareness to the Parents and Children in order to bring to an end School dropout, Child workforce, Child Marriage and to encourage Girl Child Education, importance to Child Rights and protection. A public rally was conducted which culminated with a public meeting and cultural programs with the participation of CDC Center children, Students, Teachers, Members and Representatives of the Groups. With the direction of the Secretary- MMSSS the staff took the lead and 18 dropout children were readmitted in Schools.

#### **<u>Rights Based Activities:</u>**

A protest and road blocking was undertaken at Kodaikanal Bus stand to get rid of the TASMAC Shop in which and 300 people took part and 65 people were arrested and they were released later.

#### **Birthday Celebration of Dr. Ambedkar:**

- From 04.04.2019 to 30.04.2019 onwards in all the 28 areas of 9 Regions the Birth Day of Dr. Ambedkar was celebrated with 4325 participants. Awareness on Social issues of Dalits, the schemes which facilitate the Dalits to move towards a reasonable growth in economic status, the importance of being in the federation were the main focus of the Birth day Celebration.
- Training on "Female Justice" for Dalit women on Violence against Women, Gender Equity, Sharing of Wealth and Eradication of discrimination of Dalit Women was organized, in partnership with EVIDENCE on 12,18, 22 07.2019 and the above points were discussed and explained in detail.
- EDP Training was conducted by Wales Academy at Kodaikanal on 16.04.2019 in which 102 women members participated.
- A Workshop on "Prestige Killing" conducted by EVIDENCE for 6 Families who united with Love marriage from different castes shared their life experiences.
- Members from Burma and Ceylon Colony celebrated the "World Tobacco Day" on 31.05.2019.
- An **Appraisal meeting** on the concluded Local Panchayat Election on 18.04.2019 conducted at the Arch Bishop's House on 24.06.2019 and the following points were discussed.

- Electoral List & Involvement in Political party
- Political Knowledge about Local Panchayat Representation system
- Representation to Rajyashaba.
- A conference on "**Political Awakening**" in Electoral system was conducted at PILLAR House on 09.07 to 10.07.2019 in Nagamalai Pudukottai.
- An Awareness creation meeting on **Child Line 1098** was conducted at Kariapatti with 40 Participants including the Officials from Police Department and Auto Drivers.
- A Public meeting "People Gathering" was organized by "Peoples Watch" on 27.07.2019 to discuss about the Central Governments' implementation on Single Language, Single Education, Single Examination, and Single Culture & Religion in the presence of our Arch Bishop.
- A free medical camp in partnership with Devadoss Hospital organized at Kariapatti Government Primary School, in which around 300 members participated and benefitted.
- An orientation meeting was conducted on 18.07.2019 at the Palayam Union Office in the presence of the Deputy Collector. A detailed explanation was provided by the Government Officials on various Loan schemes, Seed management, Forestry, Aqua Culture, Bee nurture, Farm garbage and Drip irrigation.
- In remembrance of the Beautification Day of Blessed Adolf Kolping a Mass was offered by the Parish Priest of Packiapuram on 23.10.2019.
- A protest was organized on 30.10.2019 at Theni Indira Colony against the encroachment of the existing road in use and a petition was submitted to the Collector.

# **Golden Jubilee Discussion:**

An assessment was conducted about the of the Activities carried out by MMSSS during the past 50 years in all our Operational areas, Federation Centers, and in the Credit Unions of Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar and Dindigul Districts. The following were the highlight of the deliberations:

- Activities the Society carried out/implemented ...
- Activities the Society fail to spot to accomplish ...
- Activities to be completed by Society ...

S. No	Place	Purpose of the Building
1	Madurai	Madurai City Regional Office
2	Madurai	Packiyanathapuram – MITE Knitting Unit
3	Madurai	Madurai Central Office / ArockiaIllam
4	Aruppukottai	Pon Idayam ITI, Residence of the Secretary & Students Hostel
5	Aruppukottai	Regional Office
6	Virudhunagar	Regional Office
7	Virudhunagar	Reception Home @ Pandian Nagar
8	Srivilliputhur	Regional Office
9	Palayam	Regional Office
10	Nilakkottai	Arul Nagar Regional Office
11	Kodaikanal	Regional Office

# **Immovable Properties of the Society – Renovations completed:**

# **General Body and Executive Committee Meeting:**

The General Body and Executive Committee Meeting of our Society for the Year 2019 were conducted at the Central Office - MMSSS. , Most. Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy, the Honorable President presided over the Meeting. All the Members of the General Body and the Executive Committee were present for the meeting.

#### **Christmas Celebration:**

The Christmas Celebration on 18.12.2019 started with a holy Mass offered by our Society's Vice-President Msgr. J. Jeyaraj. Most.Rev.Dr. Antony Pappusamy DD. STD, President – MMMSS, distributed the Cheques of Livelihood support to the Kolping Beneficiaries and along with Christmas Message and Blessings. Rev. Fr. Lawrence S., Secretary – MMSSS extended a warm Welcome to the staff and guests AND distributed Christmas gifts to all the Staff members. I am extremely happy to pronounce that all these activities for the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Society were completed with the able Leadership of our beloved President Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy DD. STD, and the guidance and direction of our Vice – President Msgr. J. Jeyaraj. At this point in time, I express my sincere thanks to all the Donors, Likeminded Organizations, Members of Executive Committee, General Body and People's Federation for benevolent support of the Staff and joining hands with all the work done by MMSSS.

Date: **31.03.2020** Place: Madurai – 625 016 **Rev. Fr. Lawrence. S.** Secretary&Treasurer

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