

Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society
Annual Activity Report for the Year 2024-2025

Introduction:

A special incident occurred in the historic City of Madurai, where the Tamil Sangam flourished, that was during the Year 1968, MMSSS Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society was established. Yes, Today, it is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and stepping into its 57th year. Initially, it carried out relief work on the basis of compassion under the name “Caritas Madurai”, and started working in the parts of Madurai, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Virudhunagar, Theni, Dindigul, and Kovilpatti.

Aiming at the development of Children to the elderly, it worked on numerous projects such as Food for work, Providing Electric motor pump sets, Agriculture Tractor machines, Mother and Child Welfare program, Center for Children, Midday and Night meal program for students, program for the destitute elderly, Handloom, Tailoring training center, MISEREOR Spinning Mills, Development of barren uncultivated agricultural land, Pond distillation project, Road facilities to remote villages, Community halls and individual housing construction.

Based on the saying “In Solidarity with the Oppressed...,” we are implementing activities of MMSSS through the People’s Organizations created by our Society, which aims to uplift those who are economically disadvantaged and marginalized Communities, guiding them towards Self-reliance. In this context, in 1981, a seminar was held on the topic of "Liberation for the Oppressed," and an integrated education development program was started. Based on this, MMSSS appointed 12 employees in the context of the 12 Apostles.

Additionally, the Women are empowered through Capacity Building Training, transforming them into Self-contained individuals by improving their lives through providing Skill training in Tailoring and Computers. With this context, the women's integrated education development program, by providing basic assistance to people who repatriated to Tamil Nadu after the Sri Lankan riots in 1983, by establishing the National Child Labor Special School, Mat weaving, Rope factory, Extraction of Silk thread, Artificial diamond making, and mushroom farming, helped the people.

Furthermore, in the 25th year, the Sangha's motto was "Providing a life rights to the Oppressed," and the new vision plan is being implemented with the Mission of " In Solidarity with the Oppressed and with the objective “To see an equal society in the company of the oppressed". Currently, we are working in the Districts of Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar, Nilakottai, and Kodaikanal in the District of Dindigul.

Based on the high motto of "To see an equal society in the company of the oppressed", we are happy to announce that all the programs implemented in the people's organizations formed through our Seva Sangha are being implemented as projects that lead the economically backward and marginalized people to the path of self-sufficiency, and that we are improving the lives of women through various trainings to become a self-sufficient society, and we are pleased to present the annual activity report 2024-2025 of the Society.

Current Locations of the People's Organization:

S. No	District	Name of the Region	No of Groups	Total Members
01	Madurai	Madurai	23	242
02	Virudhunagar	Aruppukottai	50	675
		Srivilliputhur	08	092
03	Theni	Theni	76	951
		Uthamapalayam	29	337
04	Dindigul	Bathalagundu	40	515
		Kodaikanal	43	553
		Total	265	3365

Credit Unions:

The Credit Union is a project created with the superior goal that "People's money for the People". This project is operating as a Credit Union in 6 zones in Theni and Kodaikanal. It is a combined procedure of 265 groups. Through the procedure of the Credit Unions, the members are receiving internal loans for education, medicine, small businesses, and agriculture, and are attaining economic development.

Extents of Credit Unions:

S. No	District	Regions	Name of the Groups
01	Theni	Bommiagoundanpatti	Movement of Women Coolies
02	Dindigul	Kodaikanal	Adhavan
			Roja
			Pasumai & Visalam

The Pasumai Credit Union was formed with the contribution of the people and the support of the Society, with the superior objective of 'People's money for the People', and additional interest was distributed to nine groups based on the deposits made by them and the share, and based on the support and activities of the members. The Secretary advised on the activities of the Societies and how the members are utilizing the service of the Credit Unions, and recommended forming new groups and thereby starting new Credit Unions.

Formation of a new Credit Union:

A preliminary meeting for the launch of the new Credit Union in Theni Region was held on 13.02.2025, in which 22 group leaders participated in this meeting, conducted by the Secretary and Treasurer Fr. G. Gabriel.

Meeting of the Credit Union:

The Credit Union's meeting of "PASUMAI" was held on 17-02-2025 at 2.30 pm at Pakiyapuram , Naiudupuram in the Kodaikanal area. The Secretary and Treasurer, Fr. G. Gabriel, reviewed and guided on how the meetings are conducted, the level of involvement of the group members, and whether the books in the groups are being maintained properly.

Kolping India:

Kolping India" is a Registered Charitable Trust, having its National Office in Chennai. Since its inception during the Year 1962, Kolping India has grown into a life-supporting Organization for Women's Empowerment, thereby promoting the concept of Self-Help Groups. Kolping India has redefined the "Self Help" approach in adapting "Savings, Crédit, Inter-lending, and Revolving fund management in its true spirit with strong Women's Self-Help Groups in the Four States of South India.

The Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society has been an implementing Partner of Kolping India's activities since October 1988, starting in Madurai and then extending its activities to Theni, Kodaikanal, Bathalagundu, Virudhunagar, and Srivilliputhur. There are 86 Women's Kolping Groups and 3 Men's Groups, functioning with 1,103 members under 7 Federations. Kolping India is a membership-based Organization, and these group members are entitled to pay an Annual Membership subscription fee of Rs. 100/- every year.

S. No	Type of the Groups	Total No of Groups	Total Members
01	Women's Group	86	1056
02	Men's Group	03	47
	Total Groups and Members	89	1103

Objectives of the Kolping Project:

- Identification of the right and interested Community
- Orientation about the Kolping programs.
- Formation of Groups and Collection of members' details.
- Selection of Representatives.
- Training on Bookkeeping and Record Maintenance.
- Monthly meetings on Savings / Credits and Revolving fund management.
- Opening of Bank Accounts.
- Encourage Annual Membership Subscription.
- Establish Village, Cluster, and District-level Federations.
- Education Measures & Training

Livelihood / Socio Economic & Enhancement of Well Being:

- Entrepreneurship Training – EDPs
- Individual Income Generation & Collective Income Generation
- Milch Animal Projects – MAP & Promoting Kitchen Garden.
- Vocational Training Project - VTP
- Housing Support Project - HAP
- Sanitation Assistant Project - SAP
- Rainwater Harvesting Project - RWH
- Kolping Members Death Benefit Fund

Annual Activities:

A training on Group Dynamics Training for Group Members – Sensitizing the Kolping Groups on Drug Abuse among the Youth & Adolescents was conducted on 06.04.2024 at Periyakulam. Mrs. Sumathi ToT, the Resource person, explained the causes of drug addiction, its consequences, ill effects, and ways to become free of it. The same training was conducted on 15.04.2024 at MMSSS Central Office in the presence of Fr. Rajan, the Assistant Secretary of MMSSS. Followed by at Kodaikanal on 16.04.2024 at Kodaikanal with the Resource Person, Mr. Senthil, Coordinator of Alcoholics Anonymous, and on 17.04.2024 at the Theni Regional Office by Mr. Arogya Das.

An orientation Training for the communities at Nathampatti Village was conducted on 22.04.2024, about the formation and the functioning of Kolping Groups, by Mr. Eliyas Raja, the Kolping Coordinator.

A training at the Village level on Ecological degradation was conducted on 03-08-2024, at Theni, on the impact of the landslide in Wayanad in Kerala, and protecting the Animals and birds play a vital role in protecting the human and natural environment. Birds and animals play a greater role in human survival. But humans are the main reason for destroying forests, animals, and birds. Trees grow because birds and animals carry the seeds of the fruits they eat from one place to another.

Humanitarian Day was observed on 07.08.2024 at the Theni Regional Office. The biography life history of Blessed Adolf Kolping, the founder of the Kolping Organization. Father Adolf Kolping was instrumental in his humanitarian work, as he dedicated his life to the development of the underprivileged, the economically backward people, and contributed to their development by providing them with education, employment, and economic development. Showing compassion in the family, giving up, and doing one's duty well are all special features of humanity. Special guest Sister Sudha delivered a speech that is especially for women in the family should be more humane and compassionate.

Training on Community Management of Natural Resources was conducted on 12-08-2024, at the Payam Regional Office, for the members of the Village Development Council in protecting the Environment and Ecological degradation.

An interview was conducted at the MMSSS Office on 23.08.2024 to provide an opportunity to work in German hospitals, facilitated by Kolping India, for those who have completed the Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery, and B.Sc. Nursing Graduates, recognized by the Indian Nursing Council. Verification of Certificates, and an orientation was given to the Nursing Students on the selection process, Training on German Languages – Level 1 & 2, and the working environment in Germany. The information gathered from the participants is consolidated and sent to the Kolping India national Office.

On 23.08.2024, a meeting was held for the existing Kolping Family Society members at Gomaspalayam in Madurai. This meeting was organized to work as a federation and to select the responsible persons for the region of Madurai. The participants in this meeting were divided into two groups and discussed whether women's equality is an exchange of conversation or an accomplishment. On 26-08-2024, Fr. Gabriel, the Secretary & Treasurer, inspected the ongoing repairing and the renovation work of the Kolping Women's Hostel at K. Pudur, Madurai.

Training on Community Management of Natural Resources was jointly organized at St. Joseph's High School at Samayanallur on 10.09.2024 with a common meeting and an awareness rally on the theme. The event was presided over by Mr. Malayalam, President of Samayanallur Panchayat, along with Rev. Gabriel, Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS. Mrs. Palani Ammal, Sub-Inspector, All Women Police Station, and Rev. Martin Joseph, the Correspondent of St. Joseph's High School. The school students performed a play to emphasize the need to avoid the use of plastic and to protect the environment.

Fr. Gabriel and Mr. Malayalam gave a speech in a way that was easy to understand and influenced the gathering. Kolping members and the students took a pledge to protect natural resources. The awareness rally in which Kolping members, Green Corps Student Movement, Scout Movement, Young Student Movement, and Young Red Cross Movement. The rally was flagged off by Mr. Malayalam with a campaign vehicle emphasizing how to protect natural resources. Pamphlets were distributed to the general public to create awareness about the conservation and degradation of nature. The rally proceeded through RC Street, Bazaar Road, Madurai - Bathalagundu Main Road, Samayanallur Police Station, and reached the Venue. Fr. Rajan, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Elias, Kolping Project Coordinator, and Mr. Lawrence Edwin Babu, Headmaster of the School, coordinated all the events.

A project presentation meeting of the Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation was held at the Theni District Collectorate on 24.09.2024. Minorities in the Kolping organization, Christians and Muslims, participated in the meeting. The arrangements were organized by the Staff of the Theni Region.

Trainings Supported by Kolping India:

S. No	Date	Place	Name of the Training	Resource Person	No of participants
1	06.04.2024	Periyakulam	Group Dynamics	Ms. Sudha	30
2	15.04.2024	Madurai	Drug Abuse	Fr. Rajan	30
3	16.04.2024	Kodaikanal	Drug Abuse	Mr. Senthil	40
4	17.04.2024	Theni	Drug Abuse	Mr. Arokiadoss	30
5	22.04.2024	Nathampatti	Orientation on Kolping	Mr. Eliyas Raja	30
6	28.06.2024	Komaspalayam	Reorientation of Kolping	Fr. G. Gabriesl	30
7	06.07.2024	Theni	Reorientation of Kolping	Mr. Eliyas Raja	30
8	09.07.2024	Theni	Leadership Qualities	Ms. Murugeshwari	30
9	12.07.2024	Kodaikanal	Ecological Degradation	Mr. Eliyas & Thavamani	25
10	20.07.2024	Madurai	Situational Analysis	Fr. Rajan	30
11	24.07.2024	Madurai	Ecological Degradation	Fr. Rajan	25
12	26.07.2024	Madurai	Government Schemes	Mr. Martin Ruzzo	30
13	03.08.2024	Palayam	Motivational Training	Mr. Eliyas Raja	30
14	07.08.2024	Theni	Ecological Degradation	Ms. Suha	30
15	12.08.2024	Palayam	Ecological Degradation	Fr. Rajan	25
16	14.08.2024	Aruppukottai	Conflict Management	Ms. Sudha	25
17	17.08.2024	Palayam	Federation - Functioning	Mr. Goutham	30
18	10.09.2024	Samayanallur	Ecological Degradation	Awareness Rally	300
19	04.10.2024	Kodaikanal	Gender Equality	Fr. Rajan	25
20	05.10.2024	Kodaikanal	Family Values	Fr. Gabriel	25
21	09.10.2024	Madurai	Women's Health/Hygiene	Ms. Jennifer	25
22	16.10.2024	Theni	Women's Health/Hygiene	Ms. Sudha	35

Disbursement of Kolping Program Funds:

Disbursement of program funds to the beneficiaries of the Kolping Group was held on 08.11.2024 at the Central office of the Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society in the presence of the Rev.Fr. Jerome Eronimus, the Vice President of the Society. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the Society, Rev. Fr. G. Gabriel, welcomed the beneficiaries and explained the purpose of providing this loan assistance. He explained that although the worth of the assistance we receive has decreased due to the current circumstances. Even though it is not a big support at present, this support is being given as a small contribution to defend the group members from moneylenders. He also explained that the activities of groups are commendable in sharing and working together as a group, striving to attain a specific goal, through our savings to improve ourselves.

It is not only receiving this assistance but also repaying the assistance within the time-bound period so that it can support other needy beneficiaries of the Kolping Groups. Beneficiaries who benefited during the last year shared their experiences. Following this, the Vice President of the Society presented the cheques to 42 selected beneficiaries and shared that since the inception of the Society, the purpose of traveling in groups is not only to provide financial support but also to impart awareness, savings habits, a sense of duty, the need to be kind to one another and by using these properly and make timely repayments. By making prompt repayment, you will also take part in this assistance when this amount is given to many people in need.

Details of the Beneficiaries and the amount of assistance:

S. No	Projects	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Supported
1	Collective Income Generation Program	04	1,00,000.00
2	Housing Support Project	04	2,00,000.00
3	Vocational Training Project	04	60,000.00
4	Sanitation Assistance Project	15	2,25,000.00
5	Milch Animal Project	15	2,25,000.00
	No of Beneficiaries & Amount Disbursed	42	8,10,000.00

Celebration of Pongal Festival and Inauguration of the Renovated Kolping Hostel:

The Celebration of Pongal Festival and the Inauguration of the Renovated Kolping Hostel were held on 20.01.2025 at K. Pudur, in the presence of the Rev. Fr. Mariasoosai, National Director of Kolping India. The ceremony was presided over by the Apostolic Administrator of the Madurai Archdiocese, and the Bishop Palayamkottai Most Rev. Anthonysamy Savarimuthu, who consecrated and inaugurated the Kolping Hostel. The Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS, Rev. Fr. G. Gabriel, welcomed the gathering those who attended the ceremony. He explained the life story of Blessed Adolf Kolping and the purpose for which he started the Kolping Movement. Former Secretary of MMSSS, Rev. Fr. John Kennedy, and the present Director of the De-Addiction Rehabilitation Center, shared his knowledge on the purpose of this Hostel was started how this facility was utilized. The Bishop of Palayankottai, and the Apostolic Administrator of the Madurai Archdiocese, Anthonysamy Savarimuthu, in his concluding address, shared that we should be the guiding forces and we must guide women and ensure their safety; it is a big task for us to do it as a social service, and we should always be ready to accomplish it. The program was concluded with a vote of Thanks by Fr. Rajan, the Assistant Secretary of MMSSS.

Medical Camp: Gnanaolivupuram:

A medical camp was jointly organized by Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society, the Women's Federation of Madurai, along with New Saravana Multi-Specialty Clinic was held on Sunday, 23-06-2024 at 10.00 am at R C Primary School premises, Gnanaolivupuram. The medical camp was inaugurated by the Parish Priest of Gnanaolivupuram, Rev. Fr. Joseph. In the presence of the Secretary and Treasurer of Rev.Fr. G. Gabriel welcomed the gathering and gave a welcome address, lit the lamp, and the Doctors were honored. Experts from the fields of General Medicine, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Gynecology, Physiotherapy, and Cardiology provided medical checkups and consultations to 250 participants. All were tested for blood pressure and diabetes. The Faculty and Students of Sri Chowdambika Engineering College at Aruppukottai arranged for educational guidance. The MMSSS Staff and Women's Federation together organized this camp. Doctor Vijay Saravanan, along with his Medical Team. The Camp was coordinated by Fr. Rajan, Assistant Secretary of MMSSS, Ms. Gunaseeli, and Lidiya, the Federation members.

56th Annual General Body Meeting:

The 56th Annual General Body Meeting of the Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society was held on June 19, 2024, in the presence of the Society's President, His Excellency Archbishop Dr. Anthony Pappusamy, at the MMSSS Central Office. The meeting was attended by the Vice President of the Society, Fr. Jerome Eronimus, Fr. Alvarez Sebastian, and members of the General Body, with the opening prayer by Fr. Stalin. The Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS welcomed the President of the Society, and the new Board member, Fr. Paul Britto, the Director of the Nobili Pastoral Center and Coordinator of Working Groups. Rev.Fr. Benedict Barnabas, a Member of the General Body Council who was recently transferred and now serves as the Secretary of the Dialogue Working Group of the Tamil Nadu Bishops' Conference, was felicitated with a golden turban. The Secretary presented the report of the interim General Council meeting held last October. The Assistant Secretary, Fr. Rajan, presented the activity report for the past year. The Secretary reported that the special activities undertaken by the Society last year included renovating the Kodaikanal and Arulnagar Regional Offices, constructing new classrooms near Panakkudi, and installing solar panels at the Central Office, which helped reduce the electricity bill.

The Society's auditor, Mr. Arokiaswamy, presented the audited report for the last financial year. Planning was discussed for the upcoming activities, and the members were informed that the interim General Body meeting would be held on October 16. The President of the Society expressed his happiness and congratulations on the Society's achievements. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Assistant Secretary Fr. Rajan.

Loan Assistance:

On behalf of the Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society, a loan distribution event for dairy cattle, goat rearing, and small businesses under the Personal Livelihood Income Generation Programs was held on Monday, 24.06.2024 at 11.00 am at the Central Office. The loan amount was distributed to 200 women from the Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, and Virudhunagar Districts. The event began with the prayer by Fr. Stalin. The Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS, Fr. Gabriel, welcomed beneficiaries and explained the purpose of the scheme. Group member Mrs. Dhanalakshmi performed an awareness dance through Karakattam. Fr. Paul Brito, Director of Nobili Pastoral Center, who participated in the event, delivered a felicitation speech. The Chairman of the Society, His Excellency Dr. Anthony Pappusamy, presented cheques for the loan amount of Rs. 15,00,000 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only) to 50 beneficiaries for rearing of cows at the rate of Rs. 30,000. Rs. 11,25,000 (Eleven Lakh Twenty-five Thousand) was disbursed to 75 beneficiaries for rearing goats at the rate of Rs. 15,000, and Rs. 11,25,000 (Eleven lakh Twenty-five Thousand) to 75 beneficiaries for starting small businesses at the rate of Rs. 15,000, and delivered the keynote address. The Society's Quarterly magazine, Samaha Vizhigal, was introduced by the Staff of MMSSS Ms. Thavamani. The first copy of the Magazine was received by the Archbishop from Madurai. Mr. Elias Raja, the Coordinator, congratulated Fr. Stalin, who has been working as the Assistant Secretary of the Society for the past two years, and has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Usilampatti, and was presented with a memento. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks by Fr. Rajan, the Assistant Secretary of the Society.

Details of the Loan disbursement:

S. No	Descriptions	No of Beneficiaries	Loan Amount	Total
1	Cow Rearing	50	30000.00	150000.00
2	Goat Rearing	75	15000.00	1125000.00
3	Small Industry	75	15000.00	1125000.00
		200	Total	3750000.00

Special Activities:

Children of Victims Day:

Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society celebrated Children of Victims Day on 08.06.2024 at Aruppukottai Block. Mrs. Gnanam welcomed all the Guests and the gathering, and Mrs. Porutselvi shared her views on the Children of Victims and who are the Children of victims? The condition of children who are victims of sexual abuse, their rehabilitation, receiving compensation, making child protection effective through village-level child protection groups, and receiving speedy justice in cases. Monitoring children through the Integrated Child Development Program, providing financial assistance to the beneficiaries of the girl child protection program through the Social Welfare Department. Discouraging child marriage, encouraging the education of children, and taking appropriate legal action against child marriage. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Gnanam.

World Book Day:

World Book Day was celebrated on 14th August 2024 at the Aruppukottai District Office to along with the training on conflict management and to eradicate the conflicts within groups and promote unity. Mr. Elias Raja provided comments on the purpose of the training. What is a group? The benefits of it, the need for savings, what kind of conflicts between groups, how to dissolve it, fostering unity among members, and living with dignity in society were shared among the group members.

World Literacy Day:

World Literacy Day was observed on 09-09-2024, by the Staff of the Society in Thonukal of Kariyapatti to create awareness about education among the group members and the public. Explanations were given on the importance of education, the intellectual ideas provided by books, and the leaders who have risen through education. Emphasizing the theme that education is an imperishable wealth, an endless solution, the public was given an awareness message that there should be no interruption in learning.

World Rabies Prevention Day:

World Rabies Prevention Day was observed on 19.09.2024, at the Yovan Church complex located in the Arulnagar area of Bathalagundu Block. Retired Health Officer Mr. Sahayraj and Primary Health Hospital Assistant Mr. Nallusaswamy were invited as special guests and graced the occasion. Mr. Nallusaswamy gave a speech on the treatment given to rabies dog bites, and Mr. Sahayraj explained the first aid we should give to the bitten person if he is bitten by a dog. Sewing training students and team members participated in this training.

World Day Against Nuclear Weapons:

World Day Against Nuclear Weapons was observed on 20.09.2024, at the Regional Office in Palayam of Theni district. The Theni District Coordinator presented an introductory speech on the damage caused by the Atomic Bomb. Assistant Secretary Fr. Rajan delivered a speech on the reasons why the Day should be observed, the threat posed by nuclear weapons to developing Countries, the economic crises posed by nuclear weapons, and the World. The group leaders and Tailoring students of the Palayam region participated in the program, and the students of St. Paul's Theological College participated as special guests and presented an awareness song.

World Peace Day:

World Peace Day was observed on 23.09.2024, at the Regional Office at Kodaikanal on the theme of Peace. Mrs. Gnana Sasikala and Mrs. Thavamani gave speeches under the title of Peace is a helping hand in difficult times. They also discussed and evaluated the problems and challenges faced by women due to the unrest in the family.

Nature Conservation Day:

Nature Conservation Day was celebrated on 05.10.2024 at the Kodaikanal Regional Office. Nature is being destroyed due to the cutting down of trees worldwide. Soil nutrients are created by separating garbage into biodegradable garbage and non-biodegradable garbage. Nature conservation has become a must-have of the hour. Nature is being destroyed due to the use of plastic. Researchers say that drinking water from plastic bottles causes cancer. We should grow more trees, and we should follow the instructions for planting a tree at home. Only if we teach our children about cleanliness and responsibility from home, they will try to protect nature in the future. Everyone has to keep the forest clean and safe. We can protect nature by taking a pledge not to

throw waste in the streets instead of throwing it in dustbins. We can prevent cancer by drinking water from products made of clay instead of plastic bags and water bottles. If we decide to plant a tree at home and protect it, we can protect nature. Fr. Gabriel, through his observations, highlighted ways to protect nature by separating biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste in homes and recycling it.

World Postal Day:

World Post Day was observed on 07.10.2024 at the Regional Office in Theni. The Postal Department operates under the name of India Post by the Government of India. It serves the people in many ways. Two lakh letters are delivered every day from any place in the Country within a period of a maximum of four days. The Indian Post Department is the largest in the world with a total of 1,54,000 Post Offices, and China is the second largest with 57,000 Offices. The Indian Post Department is also involved in small-scale banking services, through which even villages without Banking facilities are benefited, explained the Staff Geetha.

Mr. Selvakumar, of Theni Post Office, explained about the Selvamagan Child Scheme for children and the documents to get it. The postal department also has a system for sending parcels of products produced by women's self-help groups through small businesses, and also has a Passport Service Center and ATMs. Mr. Elias Raja, District Coordinator, explained about the old days of writing letters and the functions of the Postal Department. The postal department carries information from one place to another.

World Savings Day:

World Savings Day was observed on 24.10.2024, among the group leaders in the Lakshmipuram area of the Arulnagar Regional Office. Mr. Subbaraj, Manager of Anaipatti Cooperative Bank, participated in the event and explained the need for saving to the people. Mrs. Karpagam, a social activist, shared the idea of how saving can boost the family.

World Thrift and Savings Day:

World Thrift and Savings Day was celebrated on 25-10-2024, among the people in the Thonukal area near Kariyapatti. The purpose of the day was explained by Mrs. Parutselvi. Mr. Balamurugan, Panchayat Chairman, attended as the special guest and gave his views to the people and promised to provide the necessary assistance immediately.

Child Rearing Day:

Child Rearing Day was celebrated at the Kodaikanal Regional Office on 09.11.2024. Sharing the idea that failure in nurturing the children will lead to failure in life and the message was shared that only when parents take charge of rising their children and adopt the principles of “A child becomes good or bad in the upbringing of his mother” and carry out her duty properly and good parents become those who do their duty properly. Teaching them a prudent lifestyle by not wasting time on communications and social media, and giving them courage and self-confidence. Teaching them to respect elders and behave respectfully. Encouraging talents to harmonize with other children. Teaching them a clean and hygienic lifestyle.

Pneumonia Virus - Awareness Meeting:

Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society held an awareness meeting about the pneumonia virus in the Bathalagundu area at Kandapettai on 15.11.2024. Mr. Jhansi participated and spoke about pneumonia fever and its effects. Generally, people are most affected by colds and flu, and if left untreated, they can turn into TB. Tuberculosis is considered a great shame, but over time, government hospitals have been very helpful in treating the disease. Children have a lot of colds and runny noses because their immunity is low; they should consult a Doctor immediately.

When the body is lean and underweight, it affects the lungs. When you take a bath, you will see a white swelling around the neck. During the rainy season, you should boil water and drink it, and do not drink too much milk or water-rich fruits. Do not use boiled porridge and eat grains and legumes. If you have low calcium, you should take calcium-rich foods. Coconut milk has the next power to mono lari, to breast milk. Gooseberries, peanuts, etc., should be included in the diet. Nippon virus has spread from Malaysia in 1998 and is currently in Kerala. Nipah is the name of the affected area and spreads through bat droppings and even by washing pigs. Indian Law Day

The Indian Law Day, which was to be celebrated on 26.11.2024 at the Theni Regional Office as a Law Day festival on 18.11.2024. Today, the hero of the day is Dr. Ambedkar, the day the Constitution of India was adopted. November 26, 1947, was the day before the independence of India. The Indian Constitution stated that everyone is equal before the law. On this day, Mr. Elias shared his thoughts on the preamble of the Constitution.

World Television Day:

World Television Day was observed on 21.11.2024 at the Aruppukottai Regional Office of Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society. Mrs. Gnanam expressed her views through poetry on the history, pros, and cons of television. The Regional Coordinator also explained the purpose and activities of the groups. He gave awareness views on cancer and viral fever. It was advised to go to the nearest Government Hospital for cancer screening once a year. It was also advised to use boiled water to protect ourselves and our children during the rainy season, and to take them to the hospital immediately if they have a fever or cold. The meeting concluded with Mrs. Gnanam delivering the vote of thanks.

Human Rights Day:

Date	Place	No of Participants
10.12.2024	Bharathi Nagar, Aruppukottai	45
16.12.2024	Tailoring Institute, Theni	70
16.12.2024	Packiapuram, Kodaikanal	60
16.12.2024	Arul Nagar, Bathalagundu	45

International Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day was celebrated with the theme "Women's Leadership - Country's Wealth" on 08.03.2025 at Uthamapalayam. Fr. Gabriel inaugurated the Women's Day celebration rally near Palayam Bypass Road by waving the green flag, and the Women participated in the rally by raising slogans, and reached event started at the Vinnarasi Church premises. This event was presided over under the headship of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, Rev. Fr. Gabriel; in the presence of Uthampalayam Parish Priest Anthony Raj and Assistant Secretary Fr. Rajan. Around 750 women from the Theni district participated in this event. The Vice President of Theni District Tamil Literary Society, Mr. Ponmudi, Government Doctor Mrs. Sivalakshmi, and Writer Mrs. Rajila Rizwan participated as special guests. Mrs. Rani welcomed all those who had come to celebrate International Women's Day on behalf of the MMSSS. No work can fail if women come together, and men should not suppress women but give importance to the work done by women.

The Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS, Rev. Fr. Gabriel, highlighted that women should be respected first. Rev. Anthony Raj, Parish Priest of Uttampalayam, shared that women are the strength and pride of the Nation. They should realize the need for savings and get rid of the burden of high-interest loans, and that working together as a group is more successful than doing a single task. Women are more involved and caring than men, he said. Special guests Mr. Ponmudi, Government Doctor, Mrs. Sivalakshmi, and teacher and writer Mrs. Rajila Rizwan gave their views on the leadership of women and the prosperity of the country. The group members showcased their talents through dance, awareness song, poetry, and drama. The program was coordinated by Mr. Elias, Mrs. Selvi, Mrs. Easwari, Mrs. Geetha, Mrs. Rosary, Mrs. Uma, Mrs. Helen, Mrs. Panchavarnam, and Mr. Robinson.

International Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day celebration was conducted on 11.09.2024 at the Union Office near Aruppukottai Office, Virudhunagar District, with the participation of 160 Group members from Aruppukottai Region in the presence of the Secretary and Treasurer of MMSSS, Fr. Gabriel. Social Welfare Extension Officer Ms. Santhanamari and Village Welfare Officer Ms. Dravida Selvi participated as special guests. They explained and briefed on Government welfare schemes such as assistance for girl children, the widow daughter marriage assistance, the abandoned daughter marriage assistance, the inter caste marriage assistance, and the sewing machine acquisition scheme. The group members displayed their talents through dance, awareness song, poetry, and drama.

International Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day was celebrated at the Arulnagar Regional Office on 14.03.2025 with the participation of 84 group members. The event was presided over by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, Fr. Gabriel. The guests of honor included Dr. Shanmugavadivu, Mrs. Mahalakshmi – MS, and Advocate Mrs. Manimekalai. Fr. Gabriel gave a speech on the Sathi was predominant in the past, and the importance of education for women. Mrs. Mahalakshmi gave a speech on the Government schemes for girl children, and Advocate Manimekalai shared on the mental and health problems faced by girl children today. The women of the group displayed their talents through poetry and dance. Certificates were given to those who completed the tailoring training.

Women's Day Celebration:

International Women's Day was celebrated on 15.03.2024 at MMSSS Regional Office in Kodaikanal with the participation of 250 Group members. The group members reached the meeting venue in a procession carrying placards with slogans emphasizing women's liberation. The event was held under the leadership of Assistant Secretary Fr. Rajan. All Women Police Station Sub-Inspector Mrs. Sundari and Advocate Mrs. Manimekalai, Family Welfare Counselor Mrs. Siria also participated as special guests. As a special function of this event, Kodaikanal Regional Coordinator Ms. Thavamani presented the Annual report of the activities carried out in the Kodaikanal area throughout the last year. The Police Sub-Inspector gave comments on the women's safety program, the Advocate on the women's safety laws, and the Family Welfare Counselor on the solutions to the problems faced by women in the family. Assistant Secretary Fr. Rajan shared his views on Mrs. Savitri Phule, who gave Women's Day gifts to the group members and spread the word about women's education.

Don Bosco Tech Society:

On 14.10.2024, Rev. Fr. Eugene Florence, Regional Director, Mr. Livingston, National Team, and Mr. Vidin Krishnan, State Team of Don Bosco's Head office, visited Sivakasi DB Tech to supervise the Center. Before visiting the center, they had a meeting at MMSSS Madurai with the Secretary, Fr. Gabriel, and Assistant Secretary, Fr. Rajan, and arrived at the Sivakasi center in the evening by 4.30 pm, and there were 55 students in the center. Following the welcoming, they discussed with the students the subjects taken in the class and what they had learned. Then, Vidhin Krishnan explained to the students about employment opportunities and their benefits. He encouraged the students to prepare themselves well to go to good jobs. Then, in a meeting with our staff, we explained our activities to Rev. Fr. Eugene was happy that all the activities of the center were satisfactory. With Sivakasi as the center, we have provided employment opportunities to rural students and young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 in the Sivakasi area through skill development training and free computer education. In this quarter, training on Domestic Data Entry Operator (DDEO), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Communication Skills, and English Conversation have been provided.

Details of the Beneficiaries:

Sivakasi	B - 1	Domestic Data Entry Operator - DDEO	15.05.2024 12.08.2024	09	21	30
	B - 2	Customer Care Executive Non-Voice - CCEDNV	15.05.2024 12.08.2024	09	21	30
	B - 3	Domestic Data Entry Operator - DDEO	14.08.2024 11.11.2024	05	05	10
	B - 4	Customer Care Executive Non-Voice - CCEDNV	14.08.2024 11.11.2024	26	26	52
	B - 5	Domestic Data Entry Operator - DDEO	20.11.2024 17.02.2024	08	08	16
	B - 6	Customer Care Executive Non-Voice - CCEDNV	20.11.2023 17.02.2024	22	22	44
				Total		182

Christmas Festival:

The Christmas Day Festival of the Madurai Multipurpose Social Service Society was celebrated on 19.12.2024 (Thursday) at 11:30 am at the Central Office in the presence of the Vice President. The image of the baby Jesus was placed in the crib by Rev. Father Jayaraj. Vice President Rev. Father Jerome Eronimus consecrated the Christmas Crib. The Christmas festival events were held at the Diamond Hall. The Secretary and Treasurer Fr. Gabriel, Assistant Secretary Rajan, members of the General Body, Staff of the Society, and well-wishers were invited to the Celebration. And were welcomed by Fr. Gabriel. As a special event, the Vice President gave a Staff welfare fund to the Staff, and Fr. Jayaraj presented the Christmas gift to all the employees on behalf of the Society. The Vice President cut the cake and gave Christmas and New Year greetings, saying that we will show the love shown by Jesus through love, sharing, and forgiveness. The function concluded with a dance, and a Staff relationship meeting was conducted by Fr. Rajan with the sharing of gifts with each other.

Pongal Festival:

Pongal was celebrated on 11.01.2025 on behalf of MMSSS at Kodaikanal. It was held in the Pakiyapuram area of Kodaikanal in the presence of Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Rajan, and Pakiyapuram Parish Priest Fr. Vinoth Mathias. The artistic performance of the Group members and the distribution of Pongal were excellent. Sports competitions were held, and prizes were distributed. At Bathalagundu, the Singampatti Ward Member participated and graced the Pongal festival. The students studying tailoring and computer at the Theni Regional Office celebrated the festival with great joy. Pongal was celebrated at the Aruppukottai Regional Office on 13.01.2025. Agriculture Officer Mr. Chandrasekar participated in the festival and gave a presentation on organic and natural food to the Group members.

Social Intervention Camp for St. Paul's Theological College Students:

A Social Intervention Camp was held for the eight second-year Theology students of St. Paul's Theological College from 14.09.2024 to 22.09.2024. The Secretary of the Society, Rev. Gabriel, inaugurated the meeting by giving an introductory speech about the Society and its origin, and the development work undertaken. Training was provided to them to understand the activities of the Society. Arrangements were made for them to visit and learn about the organizations, groups, activities of tailoring and computer centers functioning at Theni, the Credit Union, the Kolping Organization and the celebration of Special Day, methods in social work, data on the structure and work of non-governmental organizations, the training provided to people to adapt their livelihoods, and the groups that have benefited from the Society and developed themselves economically today. They were guided and coordinated by Fr. Rajan and the Staff of Theni Region.

Ayudha Puja Celebration:

Kodaikanal Circle: Ayudha Puja was celebrated on 10.10.2024 at 11.00 am with 20 people at the Kodaikanal Circle Office. The first event was to light the lamp using the flame of knowledge to live a bright life without reaching for it in the darkness, which shows the light of life. A tailoring teacher, a computer teacher, a tailoring training student, a computer training student, and a growing teenager lit five wicks. Work brings progress, and by thinking smartly and doing, one can make life better. By celebrating Ayudha Puja, the need for work and the improvement of life were made known. The importance of work, the improvement of life through work, and awareness were given about the economic education of children.

Aruppukottai Circle: Ayudha Puja was celebrated on 11.10.2024 at the Aruppukottai Regional Office, and Bathalagundu Region celebrated on 11.10.2024. The Ayudha Puja ceremony was celebrated by placing Sandalwood flowers on the sewing machines to pay respect to the profession.

Theni Circle: On 11.10.2024, the Ayudha Puja ceremony was celebrated at the Palayam Regional Office with the Staff of Theni Region, tailoring students, and teachers participated. Mr. Elias shared the history and background of Ayudha Puja as a story. On 11.10.2024, the Ayudha Puja ceremony was celebrated at the MMSSS Office. The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and the Staff of the Central Office participated in this program. The vehicles kept for office use were cleaned, and a place for the puja was arranged. Secretary Fr. Gabriel gave his explanations on the history and significance of the Ayudha Puja Day.

Trainings attended by the Staff:

A few of our Staff and Group members have participated in the training provided by the People's Organizations like IDEAS Madurai, Evidence, and People's Watch.

Entrepreneurship Training:

A training on Entrepreneurship was organized at Palayam Regional Office on 17.10.2024 by Mr. Mohanraj, the Joint Director of Theni District Industrial, and he explained to the group members about the types of industries. Those who are doing their own small business have progressed more than those who work in Government jobs and salaried workers. Therefore, an explanation was given about the virtues and raw materials required for doing business. Further, a group discussion was held by dividing the participants into groups. In which they gave 04 types of reasons and wrote answers to them. An explanation was given about the need for training, contact with the Banks, and a pre-draft proposal to get a business loan.

Staff with the people:

By realizing the fact that the residents of Bommayagoundanpatti Colony in Theni are struggling without a community welfare center for themselves, the Staff of Theni Region, along with the Group members, participated in the public grievance redressal meeting held at the District Collector's office on 23.09.2024 and presented a petition to the District Collector.

Children's Reception Home:

For the last 24 years, a children's reception home has been functioning with the help of the Government at Pandian Nagar, Virudhunagar. It is functioning as a reception center that provides protection and care to the affected children. Details of the children who came to our home for protection this year (April 01, 2024, to March 31, 2025).

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	சேர்க்கை விபரம்												நீக்க விபரம்											
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APRIL 2024	8	-	4	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
MAY	6	-	12	1	1	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	17	-	4	-	1	3	-	-	2	-	
JUNE	4	-	15	3	1	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	22	1	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
JULY	3	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	6	2	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	
August	5	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
SEPTEMBER	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OCTOBER	5	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	7	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NOVEMBER	5	-	6	4	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	
DECEMBER	3	-	6	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	5	2	1	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	4	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	
FEBRUARY	-	-	8	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	
MARCH	9	-	4	1	3	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	15	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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The Christmas function was celebrated with children at the Reception Center located in Virudhunagar on 23.12.2024 under the theme “Children for Children”. Virudhunagar District Child Welfare Committee President Mrs. Ganga, Welfare Committee Member Mrs. Muniyamma, and District Child Protection Unit Employee Mr. Tirupathi participated as special guests in this celebration. Fr. Gabriel distributed new clothes for the children and gifts for the employees and shared the message of Christmas greetings. The children in the center danced and enjoyed themselves.

A request and permission were sought for arranging a tour to Goa for the rejuvenation of the Staff at the General Body meeting held on 19.06.2024, and it was approved. Accordingly, preparation and arrangements were made to visit Goa from 01.12.2024 to 07.12.2024.

Conclusion:

Throughout this journey, MMSSS has dedicated its efforts to maintain the achievements of its activities and continues to thrive by emphasizing the saying “To Find an Equal Society in the Company of the Oppressed”. Additionally, we aim to support by “Bridging the Gap” with all our Stakeholders in the implementation strategy and continue working towards enhancing the well-being of the marginalized community. Through our actions and deeds, we strive to move forward and keep working towards achieving an “Equal Society” by ensuring the sustainability and progress of the community by accepting advanced systems in answering to the changing circumstances.

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