



CMSSS NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2024



Dear brothers and sisters,
Greeting you all in this season of patience and penance,

St. MOTHER TERESA COMPUTER CENTRE - SOFID ACADEMY FOR SKILLS

Computer Course Syllabus Completed details

- Explained on designing and tools of the software.
- Practical exercises were implemented - visiting cards, pamphlets, banners, flyers, image recreation.

Designing

- Created and designed pages for wrapper pages, invitation, brochure and flyer designs.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – SAFPI

Activities

- Small Business Initiative (SBI) like grocery shop, vegetable sales, tailoring, livestock farming and jewelry making - yearly budget planning was prepared and uploaded for 12 partner families in the DDMS software
- Small Business Initiative (SBI) completion report for 10 partner families were prepared and uploaded in the DDMS software
- Fund disbursement was done for 110 partner families sum of 24,23,876/- in the area of Valparai, Pollachi and Kinathukadavu
- 102 beneficiaries in total, belonging to Coimbatore, Avinashi, Porulur and Pollachi region signed their fund request application and it was sent to SAFPI Office
- Conducted field visit to Pollachi and collected data from 32 families for activity completion report
- Weekly reports, monthly work plan and monthly progress report were sent to SAFPI Office






ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

SAFPI has conducted Annual review meeting for the coordinators and Ms. Madhumathi MP, Coordinator of FDP Project, CMSSS attended the meeting for 3 days.



Executive director of SAFPI and a representative volunteer from Canada discussed the importance of progress report and conducted the activities for coordinators



KOLPING INDIA

Kolping Membership Subscription for the Year 2024

Annual subscription for the year 2024 has been collected from Kolping family members.

S. No	Place	Group Name	No of Members
1	Coimbatore	Alpha Kolping Family	16
2	Coimbatore	Punitha Micheal Kolping Family	15
3	Coimbatore	Vinnarasi Kolping Family	19
4	Coimbatore	Kulandhai Matha Kolping Family	14
5	Puliyakulam	Poondimatha Kolping Family	14
6	Puliyakulam	Pousthina Kolping Family	10
7	Puliyakulam	Jonsha Kolping Family	14
8	Puliyakulam	St.Antony Kolping Family	12
9	Rathinapuri	St. Peter Kolping Family	12
10	Rathinapuri	St. Pauls Kolping Family	17
11	Rathinapuri	Winner Kolping Family	16
12	Ondipudur	Punitha Susai Appar Kolping Family	12
13	Podanur	Infant Jesus Kolping Family	9
14	Visuvasapuram	Punitha Maxi Millian Maria Kolping Family	15
15	Jothipuram	Sagaya Annai Kolping Family	18
16	SITRA	Lourdh matha Kolping Family	19
17	Kannampalayam	St. Sebastine Kolping Family	13
18	Sowripalayam	Magimai Matha Kolping Family	11
19	OG Palayam	St. Fathima Annai Kolping Family	14
20	Palladam	Annai Velankanni Kolping Family	15
21	Udumalpet	Arputha Annai Kolping Family	13
22	Madathukulam	Annai Theresa Kolping	11
23	Valparai	Thiru Iruthaya Kolping Family	12
24	Valparai	Salom Kolping Family	14
25	Sowripalayam	Rosa Mystica Kolping Family	18
26	SITRA	St.Joseph Kolping Family	24
27	Tirupur	Our Lady of Carmel Kolping Family	20
28	Tirupur	Lourdh Annai Kolping Family	20
29	Lourdhpuram	Annai Theresa Kolping Family	13
TOTAL			430

Kolping New Group formation and New Members Enrolled

Number of New Kolping Family Group Formed – 6
Number of New Members joined in Kolping Family - 75

Director's Group Visit



Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, Mr. Maruthupandi, Kolping Coordinator and Ms. Elizabeth Victoria, Field Staff has visited Kinathukadavu region and met Vivekananda Kolping Family. Director gave a reorientation about Kolping Family and its values, beliefs and verified the accounts and minutes register of the group.



Kolping Coordinator visited Maria Annai Kolping Family, Erode. He orientated on Kolping and its practices to the group. Rev. Fr. Stephen Arokiaraj, Parish Priest of Amala Annai Church also participated in the meeting and motivated the Kolping group to perform better

New Group Formation and Orientation

- Kolping Coordinator, visited St. Joseph's Church, Tirupur and formed Lourdh Annai Kolping Family with 20 members and orientated about Kolping Family Associations and its practices and also elected representatives for the group.
- Kolping Coordinator, visited Marapampalayam, Avinashi and orientated on Kolping Family Associations, concepts, practices and benefits in the group for MGNREGS workers and also for the in-charges.



Kolping Groups Anniversary Celebration

Thiru Irudhaya & Shalom Kolping Families of Valparai region celebrated their Anniversary on 13th February. Rev. Fr. J. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, Rev. Fr. Jegan Antony, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church Valparai, Sr. Sowmiya, Correspondent of Sacred Heart Matriculation School, Mr. Maruthupandi, Kolping Coordinator and Ms. Jegajothi, Anaimalai Field staff, participated in this celebration.

The celebration commenced with a holy mass Fr. Selvaraj and other Fathers and coordinators were honoured by the group representatives. Annual report of the groups was submitted to the Director. The celebration was ended up with a hearty feast.



CARITAS PRAGUE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (CPSP)

Program

II instalment towards CPSP fund was distributed on 17.02.2024. 113 children were sponsored and 2 children – Sweety Veronica and Madhan Vignesh received special gift of Rs. 9800/- and Rs. 7900/- respectively.

Programme went on well under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS. Special gifts were disbursed to children along with the cheques.

Several competitions were conducted for children and were encouraged to participate actively. Events were the following: Blowing and bursting the balloon of other children in a defensive manner.

Handwriting competition, drawing competition, elocution competition and memory tests were conducted category wise: 1st standard to 8th standard and from 9th standard onwards to college.



Function started with a prayer song and high tea was provided at 11.00 am after the events and ended with a delicious lunch.

- 57 New Registration of children for sponsorship was sent to Caritas Prague
- Out of that 20 girl children were selected and their profile is under preparation.





IBC Project

Self- Help Strengthening Meeting



- Importance of the members participation in the meeting was insisted.
- Discussed on banking and micro finance linkages
- Shared the procedures and documents to be submit for the linkages
- Encouraged increasing the member's savings amount



- Guided on usage of members savings amount as internal revolving to the required members and its process
- Imparted the menstrual hygiene management practices to protect from the infection



Awareness Training on Government Schemes

- Discussed about various schemes for children education, hostel and scholarship programs
- Educated on special schemes for women during maternity, marriage and girl child protection schemes
- Created awareness on old age pension schemes and single women pension schemes

- Skill training program and small business financial support was given through the training
- Death and accidental schemes were clearly described to them
- All the scheme related procedures and application submission along with documents were clarified



WASH Training Program

- Shared them about having clean drinking water and quantity of water intake per day
- Advised on demerits of open defecation
- Complication and health hazards on defecate in open space were shared to them
- Importance of keeping the sanitation facilities neat and clean to protect their health was imparted
- Proper food habit, timely intake importance was also shared to them
- Health issues due to junk food and saturated drinks for the children were shared and insisted to avoid this type food practices by them

Thimamapalayam



Ponnapuram



Awareness Program on Alcoholism

Kollupalayam



- Alcohol consumption leads to many issues in family, social, health and economic
- Alcohol affects heart, liver, lungs, kidney and neuro system in the body
- Heavy drinking takes to death toll and can lead to a variety of problems and liver inflammations
- A family member is suffering from alcoholism, family have to contend with financial problems, strained relationships, and harm to their own health and wellbeing.
- Our economic contribution through the employment gets negative impact

Ponnapuram



Vocational Skill Training for Youth– Computer Basic Course

- To enhance the additional skill among the youth the basic computer course conducted for 35 youths from seven clusters
- The both genders were eagerly attending the classes regularly to gather computer as their additional knowledge for their future and carrier



“BREAKING THE CHAINS” DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

Drug Awareness Program for School Students

CMSSS has organised a drug awareness program at Infant Jesus Matriculation School, Tirupur on 15th February. Rev. Fr. Edward Gnanasekar, Correspondent of the School, Rev. Fr. J. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, Mr. Maruthupandi, KI Coordinator, Ms. Madhumathi, FDP Coordinator to 500 students from classes 6th - 8th in the program. Fr. Selvaraj welcomed the correspondent and the students and then gave a short lecture on drug awareness to the students. The program was conducted in two sessions. Mr. Maruthupandi & Ms. Madhumathi gave a detailed awareness on drugs, its negative effects on human body, how it's fast spreading in among youth & students communities through a PPT presentation and students actively interacted in the program.



Refreshing Games



Several games were conducted for the students for refreshing and they were also asked to tell few good habits. All the students actively participated in the activities.



Survey about Drug Awareness from Students

At the end of the session students shared their feedback and thanked Fr. Selvaraj for organising the awareness program for them. A survey was taken from the students through a small questionnaire. Students filled the questionnaire and returned happily.



CMSSS thanks Ref. Fr. Edward Gnanasekar, Principal and Correspondent of Infant Jesus Matriculation school for this program.

Awareness on Drug Addiction and Orientation to School Teachers

CMSSS organised an Awareness on Drug Awareness and an Orientation program to the teachers of St. Micheal's Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Cathedral. Rev. Fr. J. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, Rev. Fr. George Dhanasekar, Correspondent, Mr. Antony, Principal and 25 teachers were participated in this program.



CMSSS Director gave a detailed orientation on Drug usage among student communities and an awareness on drugs to the teachers. He also shared some tips to the teachers on the identification of usage of drugs and other substances by students inside the school premises. Teachers were also shared their experiences and incidents come across from the school.



Sustaining Livelihood

Project Launch

CMSSS has launched a new project for Sustainable Livelihood for empowering marginalised women through training, production and marketing of biodegradable crockeries which is supported by Dioceses of Limburg. Most. Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop of Coimbatore and President of CMSSS, Fr. Arul Irudhayaraj, Bishop's Secretary, Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, Bro. Jovel, Mr. Sivakumar, Program Officer of CMSSS, Staff crew of CMSSS and 25 women from Velspuram hamlet, Mettupalayam has participated in this function. Fr. Selvaraj welcomed the Chief Guests of the function and honoured them. Bishop blessed the machinery and coined the name "UMWELT" for the products manufactured from the machinery. Later all the women were given practical training to operate the machinery and to make products. Through that they can have employment opportunities.





Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS had a meeting with Mr. David from USA to discuss on our new initiative of Eco-friendly and Bio-degradable multipurpose cups made from agriculture wastes. This was an attempt in establishing the product in a wider range in markets. He is very keen in envisage of this product in his country.



This is an innovative bio degradable product cutlery designed to break down more quickly, with the help of microorganisms, into natural substances like water, carbon dioxide, and biomass. Initially we were producing cups for sale. In short, we are planning to produce spoons, plates and containers with lids.



Place order for these eco-friendly cups for your Church Events and Functions.

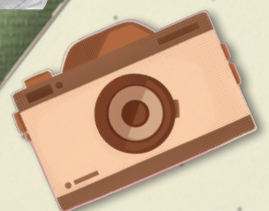
“TRY IT & DRY IT”

“Contact Mr. Reynold Regan @ 98842 26191”

NABFINS

Financial Assistant to the Joint Liability Groups - 21.01.2024 to 20.02.2024

S. No.	Name of the JLG/SHG	No. of Members	Region	Amount in Rs.
1	CMSSS Malli JLG	5	Coimbatore	3,00,000
2	CMSSS Rajiv GandhiJLG	4	Kinathukadavu	2,00,000
3	CMSSS Mahathma JLG	5	Kinathukadavu	4,00,000
4	CMSSS Nethaji JLG	4	Kinathukadavu	3,00,000
5	CMSSS Mathi JLG	6	Kinathukadavu	2,00,000
	Total	24		14,00,000



UDHAYAM WOMEN FEDERATION TRUST

Financial Assistance - "UWFT" -



S. No	Membership No.	Members Name	Region	Financial Assistant utilized	Amount in Rs.
1	AM/001/22	P. Philomina	Anaimalai	Education	15,000
2	AM/218/23	Nagalaxmi	Anaimalai	Agriculture	45,000
3	CBE/284/24	Deena Chandran	Coimbatore	Education	15,000
Total					75,000



Governing Body Meeting – 7th February 2024

Governing body meeting was conducted in the regions of Coimbatore, Pollachi, Anaimalai, Avinashi and Kinathukadavu.

- Subscription and Special event collection for the Year 2024 is in process.
- Applications for financial assistance were collected from the beneficiaries at Pollachi and Coimbatore region.
- Federation leaders participated eagerly in Entrepreneurship and Skill Development training for Women which was conducted by CMSSS through Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurship (WEE)





Director's Visit

Director visited the beneficiary Mrs. Chitra of Vivekananda Self -help group, she shared her experience in her self-help group and how she had improved her income generation by keeping a tailoring shop. She felt very happy on director's visit and conveyed her heartfelt thanks.

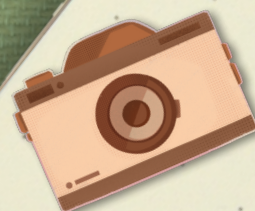
Gypsy members labelled as Surabhi Self-Help Group is at Thamaraikulam. We had long dreamed to uplift and enrich them. This group was our target and we have succeeded in paving a path to sustained development.



Vivekananda Self -Help Group is from Kinathukadavu. Rev Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS visited and motivated the group towards progress. They were overwhelmed at this visit.

New Group Formation and Orientation

New members were orientated in the new areas to join in the Self -Help group, and join in various activities like group savings, bank account opening, internal lending, income generation program, skill trainings and project under us were shared to the members and motivated them to form Self – Help Group.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Entrepreneurship Development & Skill Training

CMSSS had organized an EDP and Skill training for UWFT & Kolping members on 5th & 6th February 2024. 100 members from different regions participated in this training and got benefitted through the training program. Rev. Fr. J. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS motivated on those two days training program. Sr. Carolin gave a welcome note to the participants and initiated them to participate actively in the training program. Ms. Dimple co-founder of Women Empowerment & Entrepreneurship (WEE), Ms., Radha Vice-president of WEE, Ms. Anitha and Ms. Madhushini were the resource persons for the first day training program.





Ms. Dimple gave an outline about the WEE foundation and how women are becoming entrepreneurs through them. Ms. Anitha handled the forenoon session, she taught preparation of food products like masala powder making, instant biryani paste making, millet snacks and recipes for pickles. Ms. Madhushini lectured on reselling and marketing of the products via mobile phones and online platforms.



Second day session started with Mr. Vijaya Kumar, Regional Manager of HDFC, he educated on insurance and employment opportunities available for retired peoples in banking sectors like insurance agent, policy planner etc., and importance of insurance to the participants. Later Ms. Aruna, one of the members from WEE taught the terracotta jewellery making like ear rings, studs, necklace and other ornaments from terracotta.

Two days training program was very useful and informative with the positive feedback received from the participants. All the participants were provided with refreshments and food.



As a part Women Entrepreneurship Development, this skill training program will continue with different perspective by every month & this month scheduled by 3rd week of March 2024



SC/ST COMMISSION GENERAL BODY MEETING

The State Level General Body meeting was held at Pothunilaiyanar Maiyam, Trichy on 24th February 2024. In this meeting our diocese level SC/ST commission elected members were participated in the meeting. The meeting was headed by Most. Rev. Dr. Thomas Paulsamy, Chairmen for the SC/ST Commission.

CMSSS Director Fr. J. Selvaraj & Staff Conveying....

“Warmest Wishes for a Joyful and Blessed Easter to All”

