

DMI DEVELOPMENT MISSION

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WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

MEETING AND TRAININGS

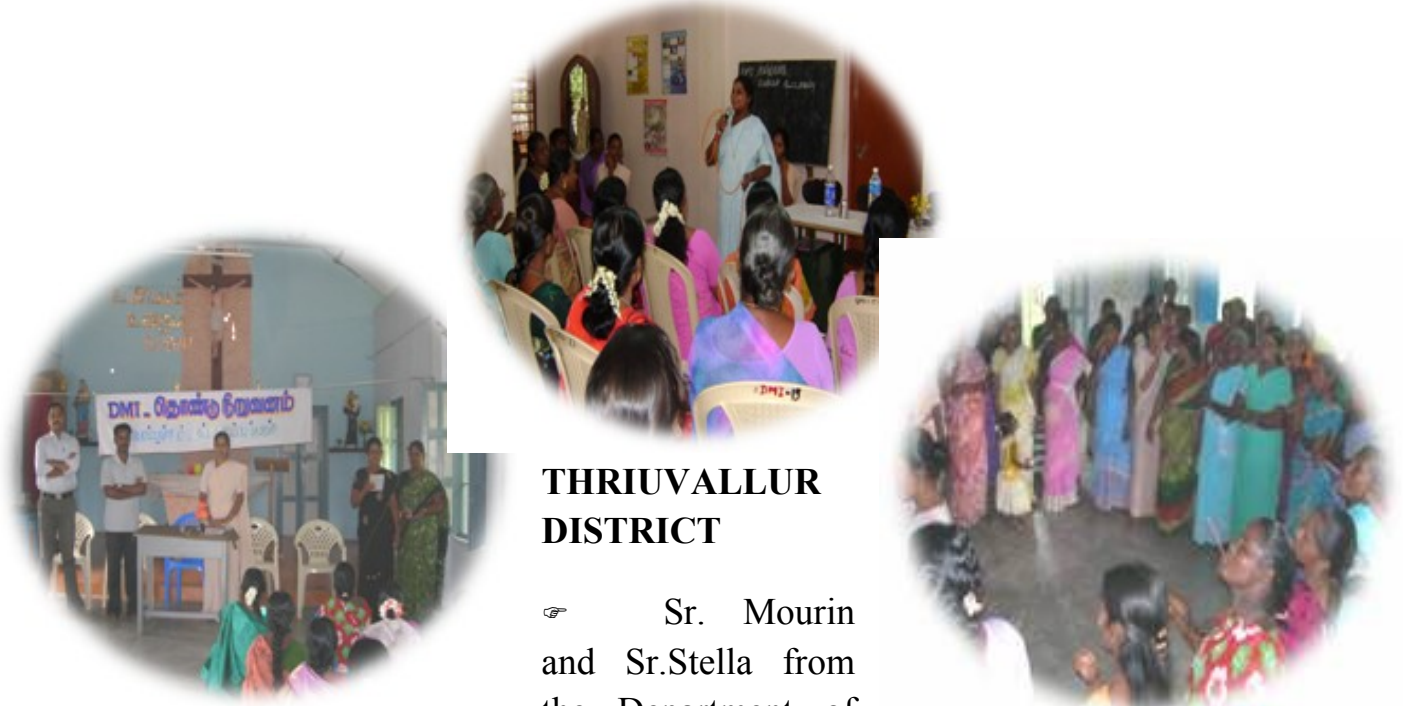
Two days training programme was organized for DLF members on the topic “Training on Women Federation leadership”. The training was held in three districts—namely Perambalur, Thiruvallur and Nagapattinam.

The training focused on enhancing the leadership qualities of women and the role of federations. The training programme aimed at the political empowerment of women and the role of women in advocacy and lobbying was highlighted.

Mr.Micheal, Mr. Vincent, Mr. Chinnappa Raja, Miss.Dhanalakshmi, Sr.Fathima, Sr.Theresa, Sr.Arockiya and Sr. Lilly Pushpam were the resource persons.

The training programme received a positive feedback from the participants and had a definite impact on the women leaders.

DISTRICT LEVEL FEDERATION TRAINING



THRIUVALLUR DISTRICT

☞ Sr. Mourin and Sr.Stella from the Department of

Social Work, St.Joseph's college conducted a health care programme at Poonamallee.

- ☞ BLF meeting was organized and 50 women participated in the meeting.
- ☞ PLF meeting was organized in Senneerkuppam. Twelve women SHG members and 3 youth groups had participated in the meeting. The agenda for discussion was about the development of SHGs in the area.
- ☞ The PLF is running a Grocery shop in Thirumazhisai and are earning a monthly income of Rs.2000.

☞ As part of the livelihood programme, Muthumalai SHG is cultivating mushrooms. A Bakery training programme was organized in the Melmanambedu village.

Kancheepuram:



WLF, BLCC meetings were conducted in the target villages. Grama Saba meeting was conducted and 70 women participated in the meeting.

Salem:

Health education programme was conducted for SHG members in Chinnamankodu village. “Health and Hygiene” was the main topic for the day and the importance of personal and public hygiene was emphasized.

Grama Saba meeting was conducted at Karumandurai on 2nd October 2008. PLF leaders and SHG members participated in the meeting. The PLF leaders placed a request for the fulfillment of the basic needs.

Sr. Lilly Pushpam conducted a class on “Right to Food” for the staff members in the DMI centre.

Nagapattinam:

WLF and BLCC meetings were conducted for the women leaders. Around 55 members attended the meeting. Group formation and the responsibilities of the office bearers were discussed in the meeting. The sisters also motivated the federation leaders to identify the social issues and work towards resolving the problem.

Perambalur:



Rohini Health centre organized a programme on the benefits of herbal medicine. Totally 25 SHGs participated and got to know the benefits of natural herbal medicine. Sr. Micky gave training for municipality panchayat women. BLCC Meeting was conducted at the block level and 250 SHG women participated.

Pudukottai DT:

The default groups were activated and 7 such groups are functioning well. SHG members participated in Grama Saba meeting and given petitions requesting for water facilities and street lights in the road.

In the seminar organized on the “Right to Information Act”, 25 SHG members participated and got to know the legal procedures.



Dindugal DT:

PLF meeting was conducted in the district.

Chennai DT:

Zone level Coordinators Committee meeting and WLF meeting was conducted for the SHG leaders. A brief lecture on the topic “Right to Food” was also conducted for the WLF members.

Madhubani DT: Two days training was conducted for SHGs on “Approaches of Federations”.

Tumsar Maharastra DT:



Thirty SHG women from Lohara village participated in the Grama Sabha meeting. The GramSevak (Village president) organized the meeting and introduced a new scheme for taking up cooking contract in the Balawadi centers. The Sayathri SHG is permitted to take up the programme from November 2008.

Seven tribal families were helped to fill the application form in order to get Land from the Government under Sanjay Gandhi Nerada Yojana.

FORMATION OF NEW GROUPS

On the whole, 26 new groups were formed in the month of October 2008 - 5 in Nagai, 13 in Perambalur district, 2 in Chennai, 3 in Danapur and 3 in Dindugal District

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Thiruvallur DT

Grading application form and Village Officer's supporting documents were submitted to apply for Revolving Fund scheme from Mahalir Thittam project.

Micro Credit programme

Sr.Jahani, Mission councilor initiated the Micro credit programme for the second time in Poonamallee block on 22nd of October 2008. Sr.Jahani's words were really inspiring and the women were told about the power of collective action.



She also quoted the success of Nagapattinam projects owing to people's co-operation and requested the same for the smooth execution of the Micro-credit project. Sr.Jahani also conducted a brief meeting with the sisters involved in the development work and encouraged them to work hard with commitment and enthusiasm.

Kancheepuram DT

A sum of Rs. 9,26,000 was given as direct linkage loan for 13 SHGs from IB Thiruvannamiyur bank. Revolving fund of Rs. 1,00,000 was distributed to Selumai SHG. Sigaram SHG got Economic Activity loan of Rs. 1,60,000.

Salem DT:

Records of seven SHGs were rated for availing loan. Two SHGs were sanctioned Direct Linkage loan of Rs. 60,000 each and other 2 SHGs received Rs. 1, 10,000 each.

Nagapattinam DT:

Vocational skill training in tailoring was initiated in the 29th and 30th ward. Around 30 members attended the training and learnt the tailoring skills.

Micro- credit programme:

About 21 members received micro credit loan. The members from CWM from Sri Lanka contributed Rs .1, 05,000/- to help the individuals in their economic activities.

S.N	Name of the Trade	No.of Beneficiaries	Amount per Member	Grand Total
1	Idly Shop	4	5,000	20,000
2	Sewing Machine	6	5,000	30,000
3	Grinder	4	5,000	20,000
4	Pickles making	1	5,000	5,000

5	One Rupee Coin box	1	5,000	5,000
6	Tea Stall	1	5,000	5,000
7	Petty Shop	1	5,000	5,000
8	Saree Sales	2	5,000	10,000
9	Agriculture	1	5,000	5,000
	TOTAL	21		1,05,000

Perambalur DT:

The State Government of Tamil Nadu distributed various schemes for SHG women in Perambalur. 123 SHGs received revolving fund. Economic Activity loan of Rs. 3, 00, 000 was distributed in Kadur Panchayat.

In Labbaikudikadu town Panchayat, a package unit was started with the assistance of



Veppur union office.

Dindugal DT:

In the function presided by the M.K.Stalin, 245 SHG groups received revolving fund.

A Youth SHG had opened a new shop as part of economic development activity,

Chennai DT:

25 SHG groups were rated for Revolving Fund.

Sivagangai DT:

In Sivagangai district Assistant Project Officer visited 3 villages and sanctioned loan for 1 new group. Two SHG groups received revolving fund of Rs.2, 00,000 each. Five groups were rated for Revolving Fund loan.

Pudukottai DT:

Five of the youth SHG members attended skill training organized by the Mahalir Thittam project (JCP operation, Electrician, Catering and Computer)

Madhubani DT:



DRDA organized one month skill training for the SHG members. Tailoring, basket weaving and Zerri making were taught to the members. About 70 SHG women participated in the training programme. Acquisition of the skills would help them to earn their livelihood and develop economic independency.

Tumsar Maharashtra DT:

Skill training programme was organized at Laohara village, 78 women from 12 SHGs attended the programme. The women were highly motivated and interested in starting a livelihood programme.

Training on simple chemicals was organized. The participants were taught to prepare Surf Excel and Phenol making. Saki SHG was very much interested to start the project and they have planned to start the project in December, 2008.

The Saradha SHG from Rampur village received EA Loan of Rs. 1, 40,000. The Lakshmi SHG from Pitesur village received EA loan to buy Buffaloes. The Sarasvathi SHG from Sakdi village received revolving fund of Rs. 25,000, and Saradha SHG from Hingna received Rs. 1,40,000 as EA loan.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Nagapattinam District



Education of the children is given prior importance in the children homes. The children are guided and helped to achieve academic excellence in the education. Students attending their board exams are given special coaching.

Extra– curricular Activities:

Apart from quality education, the DMI sisters take enormous effort to bring out their potential skills and capabilities. As part of the Extra- curricular activities, Classical dance and Music classes are also conducted for the children.



Village study Centers:

DMI runs 12 study centres in the district to help children to improve the academic performance. Besides academic excellence, the children are also enlightened with current issues and moral values.

Chennai DT

Three new children's parliament groups were formed at Otteri. Meetings were conducted regularly.

Pudukottai DT:

As part of the child development programme, child rights class was conducted for 46 children. Sponsor letters were prepared for 30 deserving children and case studies of 5 children were documented.

Danapur DT:

Sisters visited Children Parliament groups and taught awareness songs to the children. Children were also given inputs on child rights.

Madhubani DT:



Child labor is a major social issue and the children are forced to work to support the family. DMI sisters and staff working in the District are striving very hard to put them in the school. Regular classes were conducted to educate the children.

Tumsar Maharashtra DT:



Children's parliament group meetings were conducted regularly. The children were taught awareness songs. A children club was formed at shivni village.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Nagapattinam

Ayudha Pooja was celebrated in the children's home. Children enjoyed doing the rituals and worshipped the Goddess to bless them with knowledge and wealth.



Kancheepuram DT

Apollo Hospital conducted a medical camp at Medavakkam. DMI sisters and staff motivated the SHG women to attend the camp.



Nagapattinam DT:

DMI sisters met the Junior Engineer in the PWD office to issue a license for our Children's home at Nagapattinam

Perambalur DT:

World food day was observed on 17th October 2008 by AME net work in Perambalur PSSS. Farmers and school children participated in this programme. Various competitions were also held for the school children to mark the day.

Training on **Gender Sensitization** was organized by the Valikandapuram GPHC [Government Primary Health Center]. DMI staffs and SHG women participated in the sensitization programme. The training was very useful as the women are now aware of the Gender – role stereotypes and Gender inequality in the society.

Dindugal DT:

A rally was organized to condemn the atrocities against Christians in Orissa, DMI SHG members participated and expressed their solidarity for the deceased and affected.

Sisters and staff attended seminar on “Consumer Protection Act” organized by the Jesuit Fathers.

Pudukottai DT:

Sr.Sahayam, Sr.Paula attended a class on “Right to information”. Three staffs attended Federation training at Nagapattinam