

TAMILNADU REOURCE TEAM

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Introduction:

TNRT in its 29th year of inception, continued to focus on strengthening the marginalized communities particularly the women, children, Dalits, advises, and minorities, and enable them to participate in the process of their development as active members of civil society to establish constitutional rights and citizenship entitlements for themselves. Tamilnadu Resource Team (TNRT) is a collective of Non-Governmental Organizations in Tamilnadu. TNRT was formed in 1989 originally as TNCC and was later registered as Tamilnadu Resource Team under the Indian Trust Act in 1995-96. Researchers and Activists working in rural and urban areas, who are willing to institutionalize participatory methods in all activities as well as in personal abilities, were the initiators. It also focuses on training, documentation and facilitation of the usage of the participatory approach.



TNRT is an active Trust whose goal is to serve, particularly the marginalized of this land, with multifarious plans and tasks for their benefit and upliftment of livelihood. This is a registered trust under the Indian Trust Act of 1882 on the day of 14th October 1996 as a Charitable Trust. It has been registered under Section 12A of Income Tax and has Income Tax exemptions u/s 80G. TNRT has a valid FCRA registration up to 30th September, 2027. The

FCRA utilization accounts are operated with Union Bank of India, Perambur branch, and at Bank of India, Kolathur Branch from 2005. As per the new FCRA amendment act 2020, TNRT new FCRA bank account is at State Bank of India New Delhi . The annual auditing is done for the last 19 years by:

M/s. Manohar Chowdhry & Associates

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TNRT had its Trust meeting in April, June, and February 2024-25. The trustees were not paid any travel or sitting charge to attend the meeting in 2024-25.

The trust underlying principle of participatory approach was the key for all the knowledge sharing process, organizing process and advocacy & campaign process.

TNRT covered 991 villages and was successful in organizing 1024 women farmers group with 33415 members and 105 male farmers groups. Food crops are cultivated by 1362 members of 202 collective groups in about 320.30 acres.

We have 1189 self help groups which have 17687 members of which 3053 members have taken up Income generating activities and there are 6 group activities which has 84 members. There are 23 male savings group with 341 members. 70 elders' savings group with 999 members.

Many issues of advocacy were taken up at Grama Sabha meetings and resolution were passed which includes:

1. Demanding inclusion of millets at Public distribution System.
2. Inclusion of millet food for children's breakfast and lunch program.
3. Demanding allocation of Government land on long lease to group of [single women.] collective farms for production of food crops.
- 4.To ban distribution of fortified rice in PDS.
5. To ban GM Mustard/Gene-altered rice.

Children's Group:



To develop the information and values of the children of today who will be able to govern this country tomorrow, who will be able to manage it, who will be able to be leaders, who will be concerned about the society, who will be able to give a voice to others, and who will be able to develop their information and values, children's Panchayaths were formed in every village.



There are 524 children's Panchayaths in 21 districts with 8,659 members.

Various training camps are being conducted at the village, block, district and state levels for the children's Panchayat members to develop their skills such as personality development, Panchayat law, gram Sabha, social analysis, gender discrimination, gender equality, safe food, home garden, terrace garden, disaster management, yoga, poetry, essay and speech. This year's children's Panchayat state camp was held at the Women's Collective premises in Chennai on May 15, 16, and 17, in which training was given by various personalities to develop their skills. Finally, competitions were held and prizes were given. Every month, an online awareness camp is being conducted online on the fourth Sunday of the month from 4 pm to 5 pm on various topics for children.

Kalanjiam Women Farmer's Conference:



The North District Kalanjium Women Farmer's Conference was held on June 2 and 3 at the Chennai Women's collective office. The conference was held under the theme of Inclusive Progress for Women. Most farmers from the North District and a few representatives from the South District participated in this conference. 100 women farmers participated in this two-day conference.

The South District Kalanjium Women Farmer's Conference was held on December 12 and 13 at Kovilpatti Bhairava Mahal, Thoothukudi District under the theme of Women and the Protection of the Earth. 193 members participated.

The Earth is the only planet on which humans can live, but humans are polluting it in the name of government development projects. Therefore, carbon pollution is causing global warming and climate change. A resolution was taken to save the Earth by changing the agricultural system, food system, vehicle use, tree planting, and small grain farming.

Staff Capacity Building Training:



Staff Capacity Building Training was held at the Women's Collective Office on two days, 28/11/2024, 29/11/2024. More than 60 members are participating in the training program and our Managing Trustee Ms. Sheelu Francis was one of the Resource Person.

Male Farmers Capacity Building Training:



A Male Farmers Capacity Building Training was held on 18th and 19th December 2024 at Pillar House, Nagamalai Pudukkottai, Madurai district. Our Managing Trustee Ms. Sheelu participated in it and spoke about the agricultural activities of the TNRT.

TNRT trust Members 2023-2024

Name	Name of the Father/Husband	Occupation	Office held in the Association if any	Relationship with office bearers, if any	Address
Ms. Sheelu	Francis	Social Worker	Managing Trustee	Nil	7, Sixth street, Anjugam Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099
Ms. Sundari	Perumal	Self Employed	Trustee	Nil	11, First Street, Sastri Nagar, Pulianthope Chennai - 600012
Ms .Nasreen	Basha	Social Worker	Trustee	Nil	11/17, Salai Street, Choolai Chennai - 600112

Note: The above trust members are not related to each other

Counseling:

The family counseling Centre facilitates free confidential a peace and good environment for women children's Elders and men improve their day to day family life. The family counseling

Centre works collaboration with the local police. All women police station and free legal aid with the support of advocate Ms. Ajitha. We have referred cases to PCVC as they have shelter homes. Domestic Violence counseling aims to empower women so that they can regain control to live happy healthy lives.

We are done the following counseling

- Domestic Violence
- Economic problem
- Child Abuse
- Properties Issues
- Dowry problem
- Child trafficking issues.

CONCLUSION:

TNRT though a large collective of beneficiaries and active participants, considering the very large population of Tamil Nadu, it has to grow in multitude to impact considerably in the spheres of socio, economic, political and educational. We are drawing all the possible support to further reach-out. Our motivated members are striving hard to fulfill the set goals,

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