

Updates
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Tsunami Recovery

Engaged in Tsunami recovery work in Cuddalore and Thiruvallur. I went to purchase boats and nets with the community members. Conducted three days educational camp for six affected Tsunami villages in Cuddalore. Teachers training conducted in Thiruvallur, plan for the educational centre in Tsunami affected area in Thiruvallur district. During Tsunami relief work in Cuddalore we managed a significant achievement - we managed to get 300 tribal certificates issued for the first time in Cuddalore district. For the Tsunami recovery work the government has provided land for construction for the school and work shed. The land identified by the government in South Pichavaram village has been occupied by upper caste people who are objecting to put up the work shed for the people. We have represented the people's position to the collector and asked help to recover the land occupied by the land lord. Now the government has surveyed all the land and handed over to the concerned people. I have also met the chairman of walqh board (Muslim Mosque land) to get the land for the Tsunami affected people in Cuddalore district.

Irulas & bonded laborers

Met with Irulas Sarpam leaders for the future plan. Conducted a bonded labor meeting for implementing the rehabilitation programme. I participated in a 10 day camp on bonded labour in three districts. Finalizing the land for the resource centre. I have site-visited along with the legal advisors for the legal opinion on land for the resource centre. In Vellore we organized a struggle on 13th June demanding the govt immediately issue the schedule tribe certificate for the Vellore districts for the tribal Students, to get the admission in the government quota. 3500 Irula people participated in the meeting. It was published in all the leading news paper and broadcast on SunTV. I have collected Rs 25lakhs cheque from government for the rehabilitation for the bonded laborers. The cheque is going to be deposited in the bank in the name of the released bonded laborers.