

# Sona's Journey on Social Work

**SONA CSRI**  
A space from Campus to Community

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## WELCOME!

*to April, 2025 edition of SONA CSRI's Newsletter!!*

We are excited to turn the spotlight on our change-making initiatives thought this. Here we will highlight the positive impact we're making in the community and share ways you can get involved. Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to create a better world under "SONA"



## Ms.Govindammal's Inspiring Journey from Survival to Success



**Ms.Govindammal** (41) hailing in an agrarian family from Thirumalaigiri is a symbol of resilience. She followed a traditional path, completing her 8th standard and marrying at the age of 18. For a decade, her life was happy and stable, but at 28 years, misfortune struck harshly.

A serious sickness led to her separation from her husband. Having been always under her father's care, she suddenly had to navigate life alone. But determined to face life's challenges, Govindammal decided to take destiny in her own hands. She took up multiple jobs - selling soaps, wire baskets, and incense sticks door-to-door while working night shifts at a hospital. Despite her hard work, she earned only meagre income. Her life, however took a positive turn after she joined the Housekeeping cum Cook Training

program conducted / organised by Sona CSRI. This opportunity not only provided her with new skills but also gave her renewed hope. After completion of the training she ventured into catering business alongside her hospital job.

Her bold step was soon rewarded in the form of financial freedom. She has bought a two-wheeler to commute and now she no longer depends on the public transport. Every passing day she moves ahead filled with confidence and full of purpose.



## Marching March...

Sona CSRI commenced a 20 days Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) Training Programme on Jr. Technician (Smart Energy Meter) Course on 10.03.2025, with the support of Department of EEE and Dr. Padma (HoD of EEE).

This Programme has been jointly sponsored by Power Sector Skill Council of India and Power Grid Co Ltd., this course aims at up-skilling the existing electricians or the meter readers enabling them to work competently in the current times. The sixty student beneficiaries will complete the course by April 2025. Mr. Francis Xavier and Mr. G. Sudharsan, our dedicated staff are taking sincere efforts to make the course success.

Further, the same job role is granted for Short Term Training Programme for 3 Months. In this regard, an Orientation Programme has been organized for in-house housekeepers of our campus. Through this programme, an easy way of mobilization for the programme has been taken place.



## Sona CSRI Leads Climate Smart Practices Workshop in Salem District



Sona CSRI was invited to provide resource persons for the one day capacity building workshop titled 'Climate Smart Practices' on 26.03.2025, jointly organized by the

Department of Environment and Climate Change, Department of Rural Development and Salem District Administration. Sona CSRI staff Mr. N. Nantha Kumar and Mr. M. Prem participated and made presentations at the workshop in which Block Development Officers (BDOs), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Coordinators of Block and District participated.

## CSRI Joins NSS Special Camp

Sona CSRI extended support to the Special NSS Camp organized at Sona College of Technology's Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Adopted Village - Thalavaipatty (10.03.2025 to 16.03.2025). Ensuring positive outcomes from the NSS Camp activities, Sona CSRI along with the NSS volunteers participated in a tree planting drive on the lake bund of the village. Mr. Francis Xavier delivered a talk to our NSS Students on the title 'Role of CSRI in Society' highlighting the need to strengthen community engagement.



## NSDC Certification Programme



The SAIL Salem Steel Plant Sponsored Vermi-Compost Producer Training Programme conducted for Panchayat Sanitation Workers at Thalavaipatty. National Skill Development Corporation's Assessment for candidates was held in the presence of Prof. Dr.. Suthin Raj from TNAU-KVK (Kisan Vigyan Kendra) Kovilpatti.

As part of Institution Management Committee (IMC) at Govt ITI Mettur Dam, the Quarterly Meeting has been conducted by the Institution with Industrial Partners. CSR Secretary of the Committee is our institution and so we have attended the meeting and discussed various development strategies.

## Institution Management Committee (IMC)



## CSRI Joins Entrepreneur Development Cell



Mr. N. Nantha Kumar Head-CSRI delivered a lecture to the students 'Entrepreneurship: Importance and Role in Economic Development' through Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Institution Innovation Council.

## Upcoming Initiatives & How to Get Involved...

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sona CSRI Centre is gearing-up to commence the 3 Months Short Term Training Programme on Jr. Technician (Smart Energy Meter) Course, jointly sponsored by Power Sector Skill Council of India and PowerGrid Co Ltd., The process of (registering or enrolling) is nearing completion and we are about to commence the programme by May 2025.



Sona CSRI is planning to commence the Advanced Aari Training Programme for the Rural Women and College Girls in the CSRI Centre.



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