

SEEDING MEET REPORT



OneAccord
SOCIO ECONOMIC FORUM

DATE :

04 February 2025

PRESENTED BY :

OASEF, Trichirapalli

Executive Members Meeting & Seeding Meeting

As part of our initiative to establish a chapter of the One Accord Socio-Economic Forum (OASEF) in Tiruchirapalli, Mr. Madhavan (Auditor) and Ps. Edward Nesan were nominated as contact persons and tasked with organizing a preliminary meeting with key executives and eminent personalities in the district before engaging the general members.

A distinguished group of individuals from various sectors participated in this meeting. Mr. Mano Thangaraj, MLA from Kanniyakumari Constituency and Senior Advisor of OASEF, was invited as the special guest for the event. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Anita Selwyn, Founder, and Mr. Isaac Livingstone, Co-founder of OASEF.

The session began with a detailed introduction to the forum's vision and mission, which received a warm and enthusiastic response from the participants.



Executives' Feedback:

- The attendees expressed their willingness to contribute their expertise to strengthen the Christian network alongside OASEF.
- They emphasized the need for the forum to share resources within the Christian community to support its economic upliftment and unity.
- It was suggested that the forum should remain free from caste-based distinctions.
- The forum should function without hierarchical structures or positional nominations.
- Organizing ecumenical events to promote unity among different Christian denominations was recommended.
- Representatives from other districts expressed interest in conducting similar seeding meetings in their respective regions.
- The members committed to bringing like-minded individuals into the forum to help execute its vision and mission.



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Introduction

The Seeding Meeting was organized as an initial step to introduce the concept of the One Accord Socio-Economic Forum to the broader Christian community. A total of 138 participants attended the event, demonstrating significant interest in uniting for a common cause. The primary objective of this meeting was to initiate discussions on the need for unity among Christian denominations and to advocate for the socio-economic rights of Christian minorities in Tamil Nadu, India. This meeting laid the foundation for future collaborations and engagement.



2. Welcome & Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with a prayer and a welcome note by Ps. Edward Nesan, followed by an introduction to the purpose and vision of the One Accord Forum.

3. Special Guest Speech – Thiru. Mano Thangaraj (Former Minister)

Thiru. Mano Thangaraj, MLA and Senior Advisor of OASEF, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the current status of the Christian community and the political necessity of a unified Christian platform. He elaborated on the vision and mission of OASEF, highlighting its commitment to fostering unity and advocating for Christian minorities' rights.

Additionally, he outlined the forum's key objectives and strategies, emphasizing policy advocacy, collective empowerment, and engagement with Government bodies. His insights provided a solid foundation for the forum's future direction.



4. Speech by Ms. Anita Selwyn (Founder) & Mr. Isaac Livingstone (Co-founder)

Building on the Former Minister's speech, Ms. Anita and Mr. Isaac highlighted the decline in unity and integrity among Christians over time, stressing the need to restore the spirit of oneness. They emphasized that OASEF members would play a crucial role in nation-building for the glory of God.



Additionally, they spoke about the invaluable contributions of Christian missionaries to India—contributions that are often overlooked today. They urged attendees to carry forward the baton of social responsibility and lead the way in community service.



They also shared OASEF's plan to initiate programmes aimed at strengthening Christian leaders and members by equipping them with knowledge of Christian legal rights.

The forum aspires to become an elite advocacy group engaging with the Government on behalf of Christian minorities. The speech deeply resonated with the gathering, inspiring a renewed commitment to the cause.

5. Open Discussion & Feedback

Participants actively engaged in discussions and shared their perspectives on:

- The necessity of inter-denominational cooperation.
- Challenges in organizing collective advocacy efforts.
- Strategies for legal awareness and social intervention.
- The importance of networking with law enforcement personnel to support crisis management.
- Organizing seminars and workshops for pastors to enhance their capacity for social service.
- Involving youth to ensure the forum's long-term sustainability and impact.



Conclusion

The Seeding Meeting successfully initiated meaningful conversations on unity and collaboration among Christian denominations. Moving forward, the next steps include:

1. Finalizing the working group in the district.
2. Defining specific action plans.
3. Scheduling the next meeting to solidify the forum's structure and strategy.

On behalf of OASEF, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Mano Thangaraj, Mr. Madhavan, Mr. Edward Nesan, Mr. Devaraj, and all the volunteers who contributed to making this event a grand success. Praise God.



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