

Pre- budget memorandum

A pre- budget memorandum prepared in consultation with available coalition members in and around Trivandrum in the month of December. Based on the demands, the memorandum submitted various line department such as Department of Scheduled caste, department of scheduled tribe, department of education , Social Justice department etc. later in the month of January 2016, 5 member delegation met Chief minister Umman Chandi (who also in charge of finance mister) Ministers for SC's and ST's. 2 people attended pre budget consultation called by finance minister and submitted the memorandum there as well.

Before the budget we have conducted on line campaign on the issue of poor spending pattern of the previous year budget based on 'plan space' a website that give real-time budget expenditure. The campaign also received good media attention

'Kerala spending on edn poor'

DC CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEB 10

The Planning Board has suggested that spending for the general education sector was only 23.63 per cent of the amount earmarked. For the higher education sector, it was only 36.43 per cent. This poor utilisation of funds was highlighted in the department-wise plan expenditure report updated at PLANSPLACE (System for Progress Analysis and Concurrent Evaluation), a web-based integrated information system for the monitoring of plan schemes on Wednesday.

The spending of local self-government department was only 30.53 per cent of the total amount.

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nt. This was also significant to the educational sector as the amount for various infrastructure schemes for government schools was being spent from the funds of the local bodies.

The amounts spent by scheduled castes and scheduled tribe welfare departments also were not very impressive. While the former spent 60.59 percent, the latter utilised 56.37 percent. The amount for stipend and scholarship for dalit and tribal students is from the funds of this department.

Central budget

A memorandum has been prepared with the information and input from national office and handed over to Secretary to the governor of the state also met minister for Scheduled caste/ tribe to express state alliance protest and register our concerns. Soon after the budget we have started social media campaign with few designed posts. Also organized a public protest in front of Kerala Government Secretariat. 20-25 people representing 14 organization participated in the protest.

Photos and few campaign materials

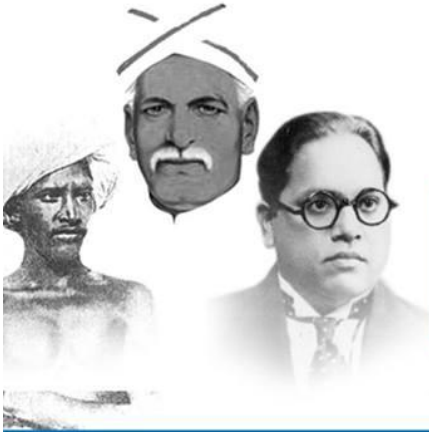




CENTRAL BUDGET: DALIT ADIVASI'S

DENIED

Rs. **76000** Cr.



PROTEST

1st March 2016, 5 pm, Infront of govt. Secretariat, Trivandrum

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STOP
looting from SCP/TSP budgets



#dalitadivasibudgets

STOP " Notional welfare " Make Sustained Development
of Dalits and Adivasis



#dalitadivasibudgets

Joint press initiative by SCP/TSP alliance, Right to education alliance and committee for reservation in government aided institutions on exclusion of Dalit and Adivasi students in Higher education

Who will care for the weak?

BY SABLOO THOMAS/DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN30:

Studies undertaken by independent researchers in educational rights of the marginalised have found that the opening up of education sector has resulted in increase in social exclusion. This was because the self-financing educational institutions started in the state after opening

up the professional education sector has failed to incorporate the social justice component.

Kozhikode-based Dalit activist O P Raveendran who has studied the topic said there are nine government engineering colleges, three aided engineering colleges, 25 government-controlled self financing colleges and 126 private self financing colleges in the state after it was opened to the private sector. "The private self-financing colleges together have 51,960 seats," he said. "Of them, 50 per cent of the seats are in the management quota. Not even a single seat in management quota is earmarked for reservation for socially and educationally backward students."

Of the remaining 50 per cent, 15 per cent is earmarked in NRI quota with higher fees. The total seats in NRI quota is 2,568 seats. Only financially-sound students are able to get admissions in the NRI seats, Mr

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— OP RAVEENDRAN
Dalit activist

Raveendran said.

Mr Raveendran said that reservation of students belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes are restricted to the government quota only. A total of 10 per cent seats are reserved for scheduled castes and schedule tribes put together. The total seats reserved for SC/ST students in government quota in private self financing colleges was only 2,598 seats, he pointed out.

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Opening up of the education sector has not been restricted to the

self-financing college sector only. A large number of private schools were also opened during the period. According to government data, 5,412 schools in the state, which makes 48 per cent of the schools, are uneconomical with less than 25 students. Apart from that nearly 3,000 schools have only students less than 60. "Dalit students are left behind in such schools while the financially stable can opt for other schools," said V.B. Ajayakumar, director of the NGO 'Rights' which has been doing research on educational rights of the marginalised communities.

"Our studies have found that of one fourth of the students studying in uneconomic schools are Dalits and adivasis," he said. "This was when the total Dalit and adivasi population in the state together was only 11 per cent of the total population. The concentration of Dalits in uneconomic schools was double the percentage of students in the general population.

Reghu Eraviperur of Janamuneettam, an organisation working for the educational rights of the marginalised said that the theme paper of Global Education Meet has not specified reservation for socially and economically backward sections in the proposed International

Exclusion and discrimination in education an article by Ajaykumar in the context of Rohith vimula's death

<http://www.doolnews.com/ajay-kumar-article-on-dalit-issue-rohith-vemula-654.html>



Based on the information received under RTI regarding misappropriation and diversion of SCP fund in Trivandrum Municipal Corporation especially in housing schemes, a complaint has been filed before State SS/ST Commission

Receipt of the complaint



Report of the NCDHR High Level Fact Finding on HCU , relesed to Malayalam Press

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