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Mohideen Nizar Anwar

General Secretary

Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union (STTU)

Nominated by the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union

Mohideen Nizar Anwar is a strong proponent of workers' welfare and development, actively uplifting the Tamil teachers' fraternity. As General Secretary, he engages regularly with HR partners at the Ministry of Education (MOE) to address teachers' concerns and find solutions. For instance, he engaged with Tamil teachers under the S Pass scheme to better understand their challenges and gather ideas on how the union and management can support them. He has initiated dialogues with MOE HR officers and union advisors to explore long-term solutions to their issues, advocating for permanent employment terms and improved salary prospects. He has also initiated mental wellness workshops and championed better work-life balance.

As a key leader of Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union (STTU), Brother Mohideen has chaired various committees and organised professional development activities, including the World Tamil Teachers' Conferences in Singapore in 2018 and Mauritius in 2022. He is currently coordinating an immersion trip to India in December 2024. He has also organised numerous professional development activities, such as seminars on new pedagogies and information, communications and technology. His leadership has earned the trust of members and key leaders, with all events endorsed by the Ministry. His extensive community network benefits Tamil teachers, as these activities ensure members stay connected and committed to the union.

In his role, Brother Mohideen also oversees the union's administrative matters, reviews policies, and introduces new ideas. He has successfully recruited young teachers at the National Institute of Education through engagement sessions and mentors inexperienced union members in planning and managing events. His excellent people management skills have strengthened the union. He has also fostered stronger bonds among the four teachers' unions.