Mans poverty is due to ignorance and ignorance is due to wrong direction, wrong thinking and wrong approach. “Poverty is the root of all sins” visualising this, Sri Narayana Guru as social reformer and revolutionary thinker, advocated economical stability for the poor people i.e., the most suppressed and oppressed people of the society. It can be gained through proper education, handwork, industry and commerce.

The suppressed and oppressed people of the society should get proper education and training about the small scale industries factories, commerce and management of the trade. Sri Narayana Guru advised the rich people among the suppressed and oppressed
society, to depute some intelligent boys to foreign to
study the different factories of industry and commerce.
Such a trained persons should come and teach to the
local people for the management of industry and
commerce, so as to learn the industry efficiently.
Commerce industry and trade will definitely yield good
fruits and definitely they will be economically strong.
Such economical stability will lead to political
participation, which is the centre of power. If an
individual occupied the centre of power, if an individual is
economically stable and if an individual is a
educationally strong, where is the question of social
injustice? That means the group of such persons will get
social justice. That is why Gita says:

उद्देश्यातनात्मानां नात्मानमवसाद्येतुः ।
आत्माय श्रात्मनो वन्यात्मेव रिपुगत्मनाः । ॥ ॥

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That means one has to uplift one self, we are enemies for ourself and friends for ourself. No body is enemies to us, because of our laziness, ignorance and bad habits, we have become our own enemies. We should get rid of our ignorance, we should transform ourself as a integrated persons through hard work and good culture, we should come up in our life. No Sastra will help us, No Guru will help us, No God will lift us unless and untill we lift ourselves. This is the message of Sri Narayana Guru who has advocated the economical stability through industry and commerce and leaving all bad habits.

Ramaswamy Periyar of Tamil Nadu has started self respect movement where as Sri Narayana Guru of Kerala has started self-help movement for the establishment of social justice, harmony and peace in the society. This self-help movement consists of proper
education, organising ourself, fighting against discrimination and injustice and improving our economical status. Thus, industries also have important role for securing social justice.
Foot Notes:


2) *Gita*, VI, 5