



Orientating the right way - Special training program for officers in Attappadi

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Attappady Special training for

DMC and ADMC- Report

A three day training program had been conducted for all program officers, District Mission Coordinators, Assistant District Mission Coordinators. In order to achieve the second phase, aims to develop Kudumbashree's activities, Kudumbashree staffs were send to Attapady which attracted a lot of attention. It is a kind of a community association programme. The programme that consisted of different interactive sessions and a day's halting programme at Kadukumanna, Anavayil and Edavani tribal colonies were altogether interesting. Details of different sessions are given below. Kudumbashree conducted this training in order to make and implement plans properly in tribal sector.

Program officers, Program Managers, District Mission coordinators, Assistant District Mission Coordinators likewise twenty four people participated in this training. After inaugurating at Attapady Bridge School, group visited Aanavayi, Kadukumanna, Idavani. Group divided into three. Around fifteen ladies stay with tribal group for two days and tried to understand the concept 'Community Living' which was a different experience to them. Along with that, through training they came to know more about tribal life and the problems faced by them.

Number of Participants from different districts are:-

Thiruvananthapuram-1

Kollam-1

Pathanamthitta-2

Alappuzha-3

kottayam-0

Idukki-1

Ernakulam-4

Thrissur-0

Palakkad-3

Malappuram-0

Kozhikodu-3

Wayanadu-2

kannur-3

Kasargodu-1

1. Opening session

Interaction with the honourable executive director of Kudumbashree, sri. HarikishoreIAS, has always been a great experience. Like always he has not failed to entertain them with his overwhelming verbatim. It was like a moment of pleasure for them. The song presented by the tribal people was interesting.

2. Ice breaking session

It has become a common practise with every training programme to include an ice breaking session in the programme. This programme also had an ice breaking session. This is an effective way of starting an event and helped people to know each other and buy into the purpose of the event.

3. Other Sessions

All the other sessions were useful in one way or other.. Staffs commented on Faculty selection as knowledge can effectively transacted only with effective presentation.

Performance of the Bridge School students

The students of the bridge school functioning in Attappady performed a drama. In spite of the language barrier that drama was enjoyed by all of them as the presentation was spectacular.

4. Tribal Visit

The major attraction of the programme was undoubtedly the visit to the tribal colony named **Kadukumanna,Edavani,Anavayil**.Group utilised this opportunity to touch the hearts of the tribal community by interacting with them to know the life style, different food habits, livelihood, cultural practices etc. One initial feeling in their mind was whether they could accept them by all means, but that fear just vanished in to thin air as time progressed.Guide smt.Sindhu was exceptional by all means as she was able to act as the bridge between them and the inhabitants there. They performed some dance forms at night and staffs also participated in the performance.

The one day cohabitation with the tribal people precipitated some questions in their mind. The tribal people are very happy with the way they are living. As they do not have many hopes they do not aspire for more. Their ambitions are limited. The so called developed people like us should really think whether we are really happy. But compared to the tribal areas in other districts these areas have really seen development in the sense that they have comparatively good roads to travel. The community kitchen functioning in the settlement is really praiseworthy. Only one doubt is whether over urbanisation has started to affect their humane qualities.

Overall Assessment

Overall this training program is a different experience for them.Staffs got to know more about the most marginalized section of the society.



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