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Duration of service as CDS Chairperson: **7.5 years**



Life Changes

I was born to a Coir Workers' Family in Thrikkunnappuzha Panchayath in Alappuzha district. I was married at the age of 19, after qualifying for Plus Two in the same place itself. I've a daughter and a son. I came to public through SHW in 1998. I was elected as the ADS secretary when Kudumbashree was formed in our area in 1999. I had to overcome many challenges from home and local people. Meanwhile, I was also elected as the CDS Member. I got to work with political parties too by the help of Kudumbashree. I had to deal a lot of opposition from my husband. But what I am proud of today is the fact that I got the knowledge of the access to higher education for my daughter from Kudumbashree. Former DMC's helped me to get the best CDS award in 2013-14

Challenges Acquired

The coastal zone is non-easily available destination. There too, Kudumbashree was able to act there as a support for many families. Kudumbashree was also able to change the hunger of about 240 members of 40 families who were dependent on the sea. CDS faced many political difficulties and challenges. Various difficulties have been faced with the availability and distribution of subsidies.

Go ahead

We have started several Micro-Entrepreneur units and have been able to get it self-sufficient. Around 200 women got jobs through the various M.E. units, women's canteens, label making, Peeling Shed etc. Thrikkunnappuzha CDS always aims at empowering women and their developmental activities.