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Life changes

I was born in Kannur district and I completed my education there itself. I was a non-public speaker. But in Kannur, all had been together rather bothering caste and religion. After my marriage I was shifted to Nedumudi, the situation here in my home troubled me very much. There was no communion with others because of their high caste family. For six years I had no experience with my neighbour here. When the Self Help Group was formed locally in 2000, I was elected as its president. In 2002, Kudumbashree was formed in our Panchayat I was selected as the ADS president and a CDS member. During various stages, I also worked as CDS Vice-President, Ashaworker and Employment Mate. Until 2004, I only know Nedumudi 1st Ward and Panchayat Office. But when I became a part of the empowerment of Kudumbashree, I travelled to Thiruvananthapuram alone to participate in the meeting. Till then I was only heard about the city of Thiruvananthapuram. It was Kudumbashree who gave me courage to travel all the way alone. The words of Father and the Kudumbashree Women's Empowerment Organizational Framework have been greatly appreciated for my progress. Also, I worked as RP in various panchayath's in the block. I also got a chance to work as CDS chairperson in 2010 in a vacancy formed for ten months. Then, in the years 2012 and 2015, I was elected as the chairperson. There occurred a lot of changes in my personal life and family during this period. We were able to meet people from different parts of the state. The journey to Delhi is always an experience in my life. That trip was a matter of not even dreaming. That too happened through Kudumbashree.

Challenges Acquired

As part of the second phase of the survey, we went to a house and knocked it in the door. When the door was opened by a girl and when she saw us, she removed all her cloths. Immediately, when the girl's mother came and clothed the girl and told us and about the baby's illness. The girl was affected by mental illness. Their house was not electrified and the father of the girl was asthmatic. This child is suffering from such a mental disorder due to fear in during her fourth grade. After the survey, we immediately called out a CDS meeting and initiated necessary steps for the child to receive appropriate medical treatment. We all went to the hospitals in regular intervals to enquire about the condition of the girl. I was so happy to see that her disease was completely cured and this child and mother were waiting near the panchayath pipe to collect water. I also initiated necessary measures so they can avail nutritious food every month.

Go ahead

In 2005, 15 Groups from Nedumudi Gram Panchayat were trained at Kollam in order to implement the Aadugramam project. The three groups of trained people are doing well with their activities. Besides the training received from goat farmers, I talked with the co-operative bank secretary for those who did not get the goat or the money to buy the goat.