Programme being implemented under Kudumbashree Malappuram District team from 2018. Through this campaign, the aim of our Malappuram team was to ensure connectivity for all the students from the tribal hamlets. This is achieved by creating necessary arrangements for their online education through convergences. The arrangements are made by liaison with parents and students; and by coordinating with various departments, elected representatives, school officials, NHGs in the hamlets, youth clubs, public systems and voluntary

Online education system has been set up as the covid-19 lockdown is ongoing. Govt has started giving online classes to students. Today we will explain about ‘Oorum Ikoolum’, the hamlet level online education campaign being implemented by the Malappuram district team. The aim is to ensure reach of the online education system to all the students belonging to scheduled tribe community of Malappuram district.

The campaign was launched under the leadership of the Tribal Special

‘Oorum Ikoolum’ of Malappuram
organisations.

As part of the campaign which was started on 1 June, awareness about online education is given through hamlet level committees which includes parents, ward members, NHG members, animators etc. Also, the time tables of the online study classes are made available to students as well as to parents. The video of the recorded classes are copied in pen drives and are taken to the hamlets where electricity connection is not available enabling the students to be part of these learning process. As of now, 22 Kudumbashree animators and 16 bridge course teachers are coordinating these activities.

For checking the availability of necessary infrastructure (TV, connection), a survey was conducted in all the 256 hamlets of the district from 5 June. The survey was completed within 5 days using the service of Kudumbashree animators. Information including the number of houses in the hamlets which have TV, smartphone and electricity connection was taken. Also, availability of public spaces with TV facility etc were identified through the survey.

Survey results showed that there are 2564 ST students in all the hamlets. 1066 students have TV facility and 1343 students have the facility for classes using smart phones. 455 students do not have any facilities. The efforts for facilitating classes by arranging public study centres for these students through convergences is ongoing as part of this campaign. Arrangements had been made in 61 centres viz., 45 social study rooms and 16 bridge course centres for the students who do not have any amenities. In addition to this, efforts are ongoing to buy TVs to the houses which doesn’t have these amenities. This is done through the support of sponsors. Appreciations to the Malappuram district team who are formulating and implementing this campaign, aimed at welfare and education of the students from the tribal sectors.