Many students approach Kudumbashree for doing their internship. They will get comprehensive information about Kudumbashree system from our Community Development Societies (CDS) at Local Self Government Institution level. We had discussions about uplifting our CDSs towards self sustainability. In the first phase towards self sustainability, the idea of equipping Kudumbashree CDSs for extending such trainings evolved. We implemented this idea at the Nadathara CDS of Thrissur District of Kerala. If any group come to Kudumbashree for in-depth study, training would be extended under the leadership of CDS. This programme was launched yesterday.
We had given an opportunity for the best CDSs (CDS with top ranking as per grading) from all the 14 districts to present their achievements. This presentation was made in our State Mission office. After this presentation two CDSs showed interest to start internship program. A workshop was conducted for the Nadathara CDS and Olavanna CDS, which had shown interest towards such an internship programme. Later a consultation meeting was organised for preparing the module of this internship training programme. This module for conducting the internship programme was prepared by customising for each CDS. In the second phase, the resource persons for leading the classes based on this module were identified and basic facilities were arranged for the short stay.

The training of the first batch of this Internship Programme is progressing at Nadathara CDS from 27-29 January 2020. A group of 40 officials from Kudumbashree is attending the training in the first batch. As this batch would complete the training, assessment would be done to identify the points of the module and other matters which need improvement. The final module would be prepared after making necessary corrections. The training of the Kudumbashree Internship Programme would be extended for the general public and students based on this final version of the module.

As part of this scheme of handholding our CDSs towards self sustainability, we aim at enabling them to extend training on their own. In future, this training will be provided to anyone who come to study about Kudumbashree. We are implementing this concept through the Internship Programme of CDSs. Within next three months, such study centres would be started in three selected CDSs. We also aim at presenting the Internship Programme for the general public and equip the CDSs to give away the training starting from 2020-21 financial year.