E-rickshaws on roads through Kudumbashree members

Various activities for arranging livelihood opportunities for women are progressing as part of Thiruvananthapuram Smart City Project. Smart City had also planned to arrange e-rickshaws for the deserving beneficiaries for encouraging e-mobility. Through this project, Smart City had aimed at developing a culture of buying vehicles that use eco-friendly fuel and creating livelihood opportunities for the deserving beneficiaries.

Now, e-rickshaws have been given to 6 beneficiaries (Kudumbashree members) through this special project of Trivandrum Smart City. 6 NHG members with poor economic backgrounds, but who knew driving beforehand are selected as the beneficiaries of this project. Beneficiaries were selected by District Mission Coordinator,

Thiruvananthapuram. Beneficiaries gave a small deposit and this would be returned to them, after use of vehicle for six months. In addition, the vehicle would be registered in the name of the respective beneficiaries, after they complete service for one to one and a half years. They had been extended the training for driving the e-rickshaws, today. The e-rickshaws driven by Kudumbashree members would be on the roads, from tomorrow onwards.

With a single charge, these e vehicles will get a mileage of 80 km. 80 paisa is the expense per kilometer. The battery would get fully charged within two to three hours. The arrangements for charging the vehicle is set up at the Gandhi Park located at East Fort. Here, three vehicles could be charged at a time. The vehicles could also be charged using the power plugs at the houses of the beneficiaries. These e-rickshaws are equipped with automatic gear system and women could easily drive the same. They are completely eco-friendly as well.

We are expressing our gratitude to the Chief Executive Officer of Smart City and Smart City team, for implementing this project through Kudumbashree. Hope this project would be a best start in providing livelihood opportunities using eco-friendly fuels.