Hope you all remember about our one stop centre ‘Snehitha’, details of which was elaborated in ’Making an Impact’ Article-09. ‘Snehitha’ is the gender help desk of Kudumbashree Mission. Snehitha Centres and our team at Snehitha will provide support and solutions, when women are in distress. There’s provisions for extending counselling, for providing legal assistance and there’s option for short stay at Snehitha for all women who requires care and protection. Though the address and contact details of each Snehitha Gender Help Desks were shared in that article, I am sharing the link here, once again: http://www.kudumbashree.org/pages/515

The field level activities of Snehitha are implemented through Community Counsellors and Gender Resource Persons. Each community counsellor and service provider of Snehitha make investigations on the issues / cases
assigned to them for enquiry. After enquiry, they plan for the services to be extended to such families.

In addition to this, with the help of vigilant group members, they make field level visits to study about the issues faced by women and children. They identify those cases which are not reported. Thereafter they extend the needed services/support for those families. Our team identified many issues faced by teenagers during their field visits. This led to the thought of using ‘Snehitha’ network for solving their problems. This led to the birth of ‘Snehitha @ School’ program of Kudumbashree. Our Trivandrum district team initiated this programme in a school at Thiruvananthapuram during 2018-19 and later during 2019-20, we extended this programme all across the state.

At least 5 schools are selected from each districts for Snehitha @ School program. Our counsellors and service providers of Snehitha Gender Help Desk takes classes at schools twice a month. They give awareness classes and counselling services to the children, parents and teachers. The service of counsellors is provided at least for 2 days a month through Snehitha @ School programme. Our team have already selected 104 schools across 14 districts for Snehitha @ School programme. We have already started the activities for solving the issues of children through this program. We also aim to make long lasting interventions through the Kudumbashree organisational system.

Now, our team is reaching out to 104 schools through Snehitha @ School programme every month. By listening to the issues of the children and suggesting solutions to their problems; and by extending support to their families, Kudumbashree team is trying to solve major issues and problems faced by children. For ensuring a good future for the children, a healthy atmosphere is needed so that children can concentrate on their studies. We need to listen to their issues and address them. We are trying to extend this support through Snehitha @ School. Though the programme was launched recently, it is receiving excellent responses from students. We have high hopes in this programme. We aspire that our counsellors and service providers are able to address the issues faced by children and find solutions to their issues through our ‘Snehitha @ School’ program.