

Tribal Kudumbashree Leaders from Attappady visited Additional Chief Secretary of LS GD

Tribal Kudumbashree team leaders from Attappady visited Shri. T. K. Jose IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala on 05 April 2018. The leaders discussed about the various developmental activities that could be implemented in Attappady. It was suggested to increase the representation of Scheduled Tribes in MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act), government's job guarantee plan in India which offer 100 days employment guarantee in rural areas. It was also suggested to allocate construction works of LIFE Mission to the ST workers and to bring food to the MGNREGA sites through Community Kitchen. In connection with MGNREGA, it was also suggested to start cultivating fruits such as mango, chickoo, gooseberry etc. The tribal Kudumbashree team leaders were asked to submit a proposal to build office of Kudumbashree Mission in the land which would be provided by KILA. The Attappady team leaders demanded for legal aid support and education support. It was decided to call a meeting at Attappady in connection with MGNREGA Project.

The 20 tribal leaders from Attappady project included Block Samithi President, Secretary, Committee Members, Panchayath Samithi leaders, Tribal Kudumbashree Animators, Community Resource Persons and Panchayath Co-ordinators. Shri. Harikishore IAS, Executive Director, Kudumbashree Mission, Shri Balachandran, Project Officer, MGNREGA and other officials from LIFE Mission also attended the function.



Goan Delegation visited Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts to study about Kudumbashree



Goan Delegation led by Shri. Jayesh Salgaonkar, Minister of Rural Development, Government of Goa visited Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts. The 34 team visited the districts to study about the activities that are being implemented by Kudumbashree Mission in Kerala. The team had a detailed discussion with Dr. T.M Thomas Issac, Minister of Finance, Government of Kerala. During the nine day visit, the team visited the Micro enterprises units, Neighbourhood groups, MGNREGA centres, Kanjikuzhy Mararikulam Grama Panchayath and the Plastic Waste Management system being implemented at Grama Panchayath etc in Alappuzha district. The team also visited the bag unit, the SVEP office and café units in

Pathanamthitta.

Shri. Jayesh Salgaonkar said that the activities being implemented in Kerala by Kudumbashree Mission is really note worthy and is being a model to other states in the country. The livelihood project in Goa is implemented as Goa State Rural Livelihood Programme. Shri. Jayesh Salgaonkar said that it is planned to replicate the model of Poverty Alleviation and Women empowerment that Kudumbashree Mission had been implementing in Kerala. Shri. Shivaji Desai, North Goa Project Officer and Smt. Anuja Fal Desai, South Goa Project Officer also accompanied the team.

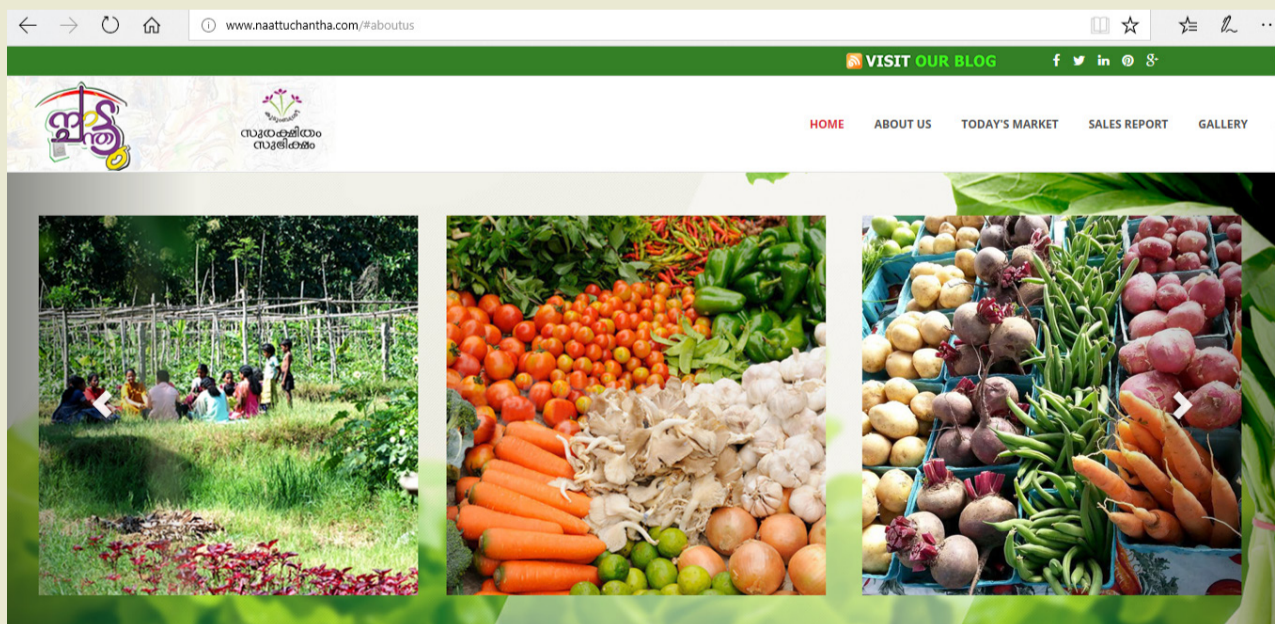
Kudumbashree Pathanamthitta District Mission opens Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre at Kendriya Vidyalaya



Kudumbashree Pathanamthitta District Mission opened Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre at Kendriya Vidyalaya at Adoor, Pathanamthitta. The Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre would give away steam cooked snacks to the children of Kendriya Vidyalaya. The Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre would completely avoid the junk foods. Smt. R.Girija, District Collector, Pathanamthitta inaugurated the Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre. District Collector said that the other schools in the district should follow this model.

The kiosk aims at developing a healthy food culture among the students thereby inspiring them to live in touch with the nature. The health issues usually caused to the students are because of their unhealthy food habits like having junk foods. Only by following a healthy food culture a healthy generation could be built. The Adolescent friendly Refreshment Centre would therefore create a better and healthy food culture among the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya located at Adoor, Pathanamthitta.

Kudumbashree's naattuchantha.com to give information on weekly markets



Kudumbashree Mission has launched the website www.naattuchantha.com to give away information on the weekly markets being organised by Kudumbashree CDS in all districts across the state. The website was launched on 1 April 2018 and it gives away the details including the district, the name of the CDS and the venue at which the weekly market is being held. The weekly market website is being updated by the Block Co-ordinators in the districts. The website also gives the information on sales report which include the number of Blocks, number of markets conducted, the quantity of the JLG products,

quantity of the non JLG products and the total sales recorded during the weekly units. The photographs from different weekly markets organised across the state are uploaded in the website.

Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), the sub component of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) aims at increasing the visibility of women in agriculture, reducing drudgery and providing a better livelihood opportunity by adopting sustainable and eco friendly agriculture. Kudumbashree, the programme implementing

agency (PIA) for Kerala, has undertaken the project through the institution of Joint Liability Group (JLG) of women farmers. Presently Kudumbashree facilitates 60000 joint liability groups undertaking cultivation in 55000 hectares of land. Paddy, Banana, Tubers and vegetables are the major crops.

For ensuring better marketing opportunities and avoid middle man exploitation Kudumbashree started weekly markets across the state and the Mission has provided infrastructure facilities to 450 CDS.