‘Unnathi’ Programme for the MGNREGS Beneficiary families

Hope the readers of ‘Making an Impact’ Article Series are aware of DDUGKY (Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana), our skill training programme. As per this programme, 52,989 students have been provided with skill training until now. We plan to give training to 64,258 students within the next two years and thus aim at extending training to 1,17,247 students in total through this programme. Today, we will explain about ‘Unnathi’ Programme is a convergence project of DDUGKY and MGNREGS. In Kerala, the programme is implemented jointly by Kudumbashree and MGNREGS State Mission.

As per ‘Unnathi’, eligible candidates from the family of the beneficiaries of MGNREGS programme will be given skill training. This, they will be moving up the ladder from ‘unskilled’ labour to skilled worker. As per the guidelines of ‘Unnathi’, skill training will be given to males of 18-35 age group and females belonging to 18-45 age group. Beneficiaries will be from the MGNREGS cardholder / beneficiary families who had completed 100 days of wage employment during the 2018-19 financial year. Only one member would be eligible for ‘unnathi’ skill training from a MGNREGS cardholder family. Also, those who received skill training from government of India or state government before this, are not eligible for ‘Unnathi’.

The beneficiaries are identified under the leadership of the MGNREGS State Mission, based on the project criteria. They will be provided with skill training through DDUGKY empaneled training.
agencies (as a part of DDUGKY program). The trainees may select any course from the available courses according to their educational qualification and aptitude. The training would be according to DDUGKY standards. Every selected trainee of ‘Unnathi’ the would get 100 days of MGNREGS wage, when they are undergoing skill training program. This is the best benefit of Unnathi, and additional wages along with their skill training will help them migrate to skilled labour without loss of wages during the days of study.

The final round discussions regarding the implementation of the programme with the MGNREGS State Mission had already been completed. The activities for arranging the beneficiary list is progressing. We aim at opening the training centres and will start the programme once the covid-19 crisis would be over and government gives permission for starting of clout see/ classes.