Zestful Harithakarmasena

Harithakarmasena is a new initiative that was launched in Kerala in the last three years. Kudumbashree is proud that we could be a part of this sustainable decentralised waste management initiative through Harithakarmasena.

Harithakarmasena is an enterprise with 10 to 30 members which functions in Local Self Government Institutions in Kerala. Harithkarmasena collects non biodegradable wastes from the households during regular intervals and bring to Material Collection Facility (MCF) of each panchayat. From there, the waste is segregated and is sent to the Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) located in each block panchayat/municipality. After segregation at RRF, the waste is converted to wealth through convergence with recycling agents or through selling shredded plastics.
for various reuse activity including road tarring. This is what Harithakarmasena do.

By shredding the plastic waste at RRF and using the same for tarring the roads, reuse of plastic waste is carried out and pollution is reduced through Harithakarmasena’s activities. Harithakarmasena is striving to be self reliant by offering technical advices and consultancy for biodegradable waste management to households, by starting ‘green enterprises’ that make products from waste material s and by designing and implementing new innovative enterprise models.

Harithakerala Mission, Suchithwa Mission, Clean Kerala Company and Local Self Government Institutions are partnering with this programme. At present, Harithakarmasena is functioning in 676 panchayaths in the state. In the other Local Self Government Institutions, commencement of operations of Harithakarmasena is in its initial phase. 27,988 Kudumbashree members are trained and are integral part of Harithakarmasena.

Through this decentralized model of waste management, and with the help of this activity of recycling and reuse of non biodegradable wastes, Harithakarmasena is growing as a solution to the problem of waste management. Further it is providing excellent livelihood opportunities to many women.