We had elaborated about the 'Didi ki Rasoi' of Bihar in *Making an Impact* Article - 66. The state rural livelihood mission of the Government of Bihar had requested the consultancy support of Kudumbashree to form a branded canteen chain in the state, just like the 'Cafe Kudumbashree' in Kerala. Based on this request, Kudumbashree had signed an agreement to help the Bihar State Rural Livelihood Mission to form a canteen chain named as 'Didi ki Rasoi'.

In the first phase, the Government of Bihar have decided to give the charge of running the canteen at the District General Hospital at Vaishali of Bihar, Cafe, operating Coffee Vending Machine, Kiosk etc to the SHG members belonging to Jeevika (State Rural Livelihood Mission of Bihar). Kudumbashree was asked to identify the suitable women members (of Jeevika) who are capable of running this canteen chain. Our mandate was also to extend them needed training and to provide hand holding support for a specific duration, giving support for the day to day activities. To achieve this, 35 mentors who give training in running canteens were facilitated.
for Bihar SRLM under the leadership of Kudumbashree National Resource Organization (NRO). Also we had partnered with the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (IHMCT) at Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram to extend them the needed academic trainings. Under their leadership, training and support for 'Didi ki Rasoi' was given, partnering with AIFRHM (Adebha-Adhithi Devo Bhava-Institute of Food Research and Hospitality Management), the Yuvashree enterprise of Kudumbashree.

Today, 4 'Didi ki Rasoi' canteens are functioning in Bihar. Kudumbashree team trained the entrepreneurs to run the canteens in these 4 locations. They loan provide handholding support to the canteens for 6 months. Further, with the confidence gained from training and from the handholding support, didi’s of Bihar took the project forward with great enthusiasm and energy. On the basis of success of this first phase, we have signed MoU with the SRLM of the Government of Bihar for the second phase training of 'Didi ki Rasoi'.

In the second phase, Kudumbashree is asked to support the first phase activities and give support to start the canteens at around 70 District Level General Hospitals in various districts. It is aimed to start the activities of the same by August 2021 and make these canteens functional by March 2022. In addition to the Canteen Chain, the Government of Bihar has also requested Kudumbashree to extend training in various models in the catering sector such as hotels, cafeterias, coffee shops, coffee vending machines etc as part of the second phase activities. We are more than happy and are prideful that we could play a key role when the 'Didi ki Rasoi' Canteen chain is creating history in Bihar. Also it brings us immense pride that Kudumbashree’s NRO has grown to such a level to extend the services for empowering women, as per the need of every state, with the background of 23 years of experience in Kerala. We are also happy that NRO is conquering heights showcasing the best performance. We are planning to enter into the activity of forming various models including cafeteria, once the canteen formation would be completed at around 70 District Hospitals of Bihar.