For scaling up fallow land cultivation

The details of more than 70,000 women farming groups (JLG - Joint Liability Groups) functioning under Kudumbashree and their activities were explained in the previous ‘Making An Impact’ articles. We are passing through a tough time, caused because of the covid-19 pandemic. In this challenging situation, Kudumbashree aims at creating a new wave in the agricultural sector. Our aim is to work towards achieving self sustainability in agricultural by making cultivation possible in fallow lands. We envisage undertaking the activities announced by Hon. chief minister in the agricultural sector through the farming groups of Kudumbashree.

For the last three years, we have been expanding fallow land cultivation through our JLG s. We increased area under cultivation by actively pursuing policy of fallow land cultivation. Our women farming cultivated 3500 acres of fallow land during 2017-18 and in 6000 additions acres of fallow land was cultivated in 2018-19. Though we did our best to increase area under cultivation through our JLG s, we believe
that more fallow land is available with local bodies and private individuals. We aim at bringing in a change to this through the agri-livelihood programme of Kudumbashree.

As of now, there are 3.5 lakh members in 70,000 + JLGs. We framed a campaign for forming more JLGs for attaining food security. For this, we are converging with LSGIs, MGNREGS, Agriculture Department and other related government machinery. The aim is to identify fallow lands in each local body and to encourage Kudumbashree farming groups to undertake cultivation in the identified fallow lands. For this, ‘Samrudhi’ Campaign of Kudumbashree would be started this month. We hope that through this campaign we would be able to help our NHG members find a livelihood. Also it will be a support for the state to move forward towards the dream of achieving self sustainability in agriculture. We also hope that our step will help Kerala create a new culture in farming practices.