At the age of 40, she travelled outside her state (Kerala) for the first time. The journey was to live in a Panchayath in Odisha for the following three years and work for the upliftment of the women out there. She knew a little bit of Hindi language but didn't knew Odiya language at all. Even then, her will power to succeed in the challenge she took up was her sole motivation. Like her, 138 Kudumbashree members hailing from different parts of Kerala are working as the mentors of Kudumbashree National Resource Organisation in various states of the country.

Transcending boundaries and providing support to 19 Partner States
Kudumbashree Mission is the women empowerment and poverty eradication programme of Kerala. The mission envisages the eradication of poverty, strengthening the organisation of the poor through three tier network of neighborhood groups, by combining local economic development, promoting micro finance, start livelihood activities both in farming and non farming sectors and implementing various activities in social development focusing on women empowerment.

Kudumbashree Mission, launched in 1998 was recognized as a National Resource Organization by Government of India in 2012, to provide support to other states in the country in their poverty eradication efforts as per their requests. Presently, 19 states viz., Andhra, Bihar, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tripura, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim, Odisha, Maharashtra, Lakshadweep, Karnataka, Gujarat, Chattisgarh and Assam had signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Kudumbashree National Resource Organisation. Kudumbashree NRO provides support to these partnering states through mentors. The mentors work in the selected blocks or panchayaths of these states forming self help groups and assist them in starting micro enterprises and make the convergence with the Panchayathi Raj Institutions possible.

As per this program, a mentor identifies individuals from local communities (of partner states) for forming self help groups of women and train them, coordinate the activities and after three years, withdraw themselves from the responsibilities, giving the sole leadership to the women in the respective states. The 138 mentors of Kudumbashree NRO who work in different states of the country, putting their personal difficulties aside are indeed the pride of Kerala.

Under their leadership, 41,843 micro enterprise units were started in the partnering states, which itself indicates the capacity of these women. Like this, Kudumbashree Mission is making positive yet sustainable changes in as many states in the country.