DDUGKY’s e-learning portal becomes effective

We had already explained about the arrangements made to effectively make use of the lock down period for the students of DDUGKY. As you all know DDUGKY is the skill training programme implemented through Kudumbashree for the rural youth in Kerala. Details of our initiatives in DDUGKY during lock down are elaborated in ‘Making an Impact’ Article-240. Also, we explained about the special e-portal arranged for offering online courses for the DDUGKY students in ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 241.

Telephone Befriending activity was highlighted yesterday (‘Making an Impact’ Article-271) which is being implemented for extending emotional support to the students. Also the aim was to know about the crisis faced by students during covid-19 pandemic. The special e-learning portal which was started from 5 May has turned out to be helpful for the DDUGKY students.

Through this special e learning portal, we implemented an innovative concept of offering a special online course to all students. This course
would help them in developing their soft skills. Also it will help them make use of the lock down period effectively. The course was implemented to increase their proficiency in English language and improve their soft skills. We were aware that ‘Skill Pro’, one of the DDUGKY Training Agencies, was implementing such an online course. It was the ‘I Shiksha’ project of Skill pro, offered to the students as a paid online course. We discussed the same with them. In discussion with Skill pro, their management assured that they would provide this online course for free to all DDUGKY students in Kerala during this lock down period.

The online course is framed in such a way that it would be completed in one month. The students registered through respective training agencies may download course application and continue course by logging in through mobile or laptop. This was the way we followed. The Basic Conversational English includes five modules and Soft Skills consists of two modules. The English section includes portions such as Including yourself and others, chatting with co-workers and others, seeking advice and giving advice, directions to an address, expressing emotions etc. The soft skills module includes sections such as Grooming for Work and Right Attitude for Work. Also there are videos, powerpoint presentations and pictorial and video presentations as learning tools. Tests based on each lesson are also given at the end of each module. Those who would score 50% marks in the examination after each module would succeed. A student can use 5 chances to write these examinations at the end of each module. The PIAs may review the academic growth of each student through this application. The final examination would be conducted once all the modules would be completed. Good responses were received from the students when we published the details of this online course. 3540 students registered for the online course through 46 agencies. 767 students completed all the seven modules. 417 students passed the final exam and secured the certificate. 1542 students are studying various modules. 1231 students could not start the online course as the internet facility was not available to them. The concerned PIAs and Kudumbashree DDUGKY team is trying to resolve this issue by making arrangements to help them to start studying the course. Appreciations to all students who have decided to make use of the lock down period effectively and those who made arrangements for them.