Let me introduce you to a few of our ‘mothers’, who became our inspiration by marking their historic success at the Arangu Arts Festival held at Palakkad during 1-3 November 2019.

Smt. Vijayam Gopalakrishnan from Idukki came to the stage of ‘Arangu’ at Palakkad by defeating her young competitors with her dancing skills at Block level and district level arts festivals. “On seeing the make up and preparations of other participants I lost a little self confidence” - It is with this thought Smt. Vijayam entered the stage for Folk Dance (Senior) competition. She performed well and excited the audience with her frolic movements. And when the results were out, she bagged the FIRST PRIZE in the state level. “I used to participate and bag some prizes during my school days. But later I didn’t get any opportunity”.
She says. This is her greatest achievement! We could undoubtedly say that the achievement of this mother from Idukki is the best embodiment of self confidence. There is nothing to worry that the golden days and opportunities are over. Nothing is impossible, if tried with harder work and patience. The story of this mother substantiates it.

Komalavalliyamma from Alappuzha came to the stage of Arangu as the team leader with her Thiruvathira team for participating in Arangu 2019 at her age of 80. Though their team hadn't bagged any prizes, they left the stage winning as many hearts. Komalavalliyamma herself trained her team with the traditional steps of Thiruvathira and led her team, that too at her age of 80!

Smt. Mariyam Pennamma from Palakkad who bagged third prize in poetry recitation is yet another 'super woman' who herself made the stage of Arangu 2019 with her sheer self confidence and will power at the age of 64.

We will realise that the success of these mothers is more worthwhile when we know that those with the age more than 35 falls in the senior category. I decided to write this article about the success of these confident women who have unaltered will power devoid of their age, hoping that this would inspire many among you all.

Will share more success stories from Arangu 2019 in the coming days. And, do watch these videos.