TRANSPARENT MASKS

We all know that it’s difficult to identify people when wearing a mask. Once we are used to it, identification becomes easy, of course. It will be really difficult to identify people if they are with face mask coupled with corona hair cut. Every time, they would have to introduce themselves to others by lowering their mask. Many would have gone through such a situation till now. It is also noted that, people have to remove their masks while talking, as their voices might not be clear when the mask is put in. These challenges led us to the thought of trying the production of transparent face masks, in which the faces would be visible. It is the Thiruvananthapuram district team who came forward for implementing the idea of making transparent masks on trial basis. When we communicated about the concept of transparent masks, the district team had decided to enquire whether such cloth is available in the market. They found a suitable cloth quickly. The mask in the photo is a transparent mask was produced by using 150 GSM plain net cloth which comprises of 60% cotton and 40% polyester.
Only the prototype of the transparent mask is ready now. This double layer transparent mask is given to the Health Department for their scrutiny. Once we get the approval of the Health Department, we will produce transparent masks on a commercial basis. This mask will help in recognising the person very easily, it will help others to see your lip movements so that the conversation can easily be understood, and above all, it will be available in a variety of colours to choose from so as to match with your cloth. If the packet containing 5 masks of different colours would be made available for the public, they may wear the masks that would suit their attire. The details about Kudumbashree entering into designer mask production was explained in yesterday’s article (Making An Impact - 259). In addition to the production of designer masks, we are now planning to produce this novelty (transparent face masks).

We are hoping that Kudumbashree’s experiment during this corona time would get the approval of the Health Department.