The details of the BUDS Institutions, functioning in various local bodies, providing training to the specially abled children was mentioned in ‘Making an Impact Article - 30’. Around 7000 students are studying in 253 BUDS Institutions across the state. BUDS, which is a major project being implemented by Kudumbashree Mission in convergence with Local Self Government Department is playing an important role in alleviation of poverty.

We thought of organizing a festival for the children of BUDS Institutions to fill their lives with sheer joy and happiness. Following that thought, kudumbashree organised the state level BUDS Festival during 2016-2017. Thiruvananthapuram district hosted the maiden BUDS Festival and 134 students participated in 5 different competition items. The BUDS Festival of 2016-2017 marked the success of the students who made the best of their performances from the opportunities they received.
During 2017-2018, we decided to celebrate BUDS Festival elaborately with more competitions. Single Dance, Group Dance, Light Music, Fancy Dress, Mimicry, Mono-act, Film Song, Poetry Recitation, Instrumental Music and Action Song were the 10 stage competitions and Pencil Drawing, Painting (Crayons) were the 2 non-stage competition items. Competitions were held in these 12 categories. During 2017-2018, District level BUDS Festivals were conducted and those who succeeded in the district level competitions were included in the state level competitions.

During 2018-2019, BUDS Festival was organised in district level and state level in a more grant way under the leadership of Kudumbashree Mission. Competitions were conducted in 13 competition items. Folk Dance, Group Dance, Light Music, Fancy Dress, Mimicry, Folk Song, Film Song, Poetry Recitation, Instrumental Music and Action Song were the 10 stage items and Pencil Drawing, Painting (Crayons) and Emboss Painting were the non stage competition items.

We are planning to organize the BUDS Fest of 2019-2020 during December 2019. The district level competitions would be held during November-December 2019. We expect that a total of 200 students would participate in the competition. Our BUDS students are eagerly waiting for this Arts Festival to happen. Let me tell you all that this is one of the best policy decision that our team has made, which itself bring us immense satisfaction and contentment.