Kudumbashree conducted NULM training in Arunachal Pradesh

Kudumbashree trained the officials of Arunachal Pradesh, for the successful completion of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) programme. A two day capacity building training was given to the officials regarding the same. The NULM project is being implemented by the Union government across the country since 2013 with the aim of alleviating urban poverty. Kudumbashree is the nodal agency of NULM in Kerala. NULM programme would be implemented across the urban areas in the country. However in the north eastern states like Arunachal Pradesh, the programme is in its initial stage. Kerala was asked by the union government to help the other states in extending the NULM programme. The training was inaugurated by Shri. Taba Tadir, Chief Engineer cum Director Urban Development and Housing, Arunachal Pradesh on 11 January 2018. The senior officials from the District Urban Development Authority, engineers, community organisers, senior officials from the urban affairs directorate of Arunachal Pradesh also attended the training programme. The training was given by the three membered team led by Shri. Binu Francis, Programme Officer, Kudumbashree. A team from Arunachal Pradesh will soon visit Kerala to study the NULM activities being successfully implemented by Kudumbashree. Arunachal had a population of 13 lakhs, of which 23% live in urban areas. Itanagar and Pasighat are the two municipalities in Arunachal Pradesh. Kudumbashree envisages to extend the poverty alleviation activities in Arunachal Pradesh through the training.

“A 14-member delegation from Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir visited Kerala to study Kudumbashree Mission. The team will study in detail about the successful implementation of the various projects of Kudumbashree in convergence with panchayath, and Kudumbashree women micro enterprises. Led by Shri. Arozing Paldan, Development Assistant Commissioner, the team from Ladakh comprises of Panchayath secretaries and one Block and Development Officer. Classes on the topics such as Kudumbashree programmes, organisational structure, successful micro enterprises, group farming, social development, micro finance, skill training etc. were given to the Ladakh team. The team also visited the Thiruvananthapuram centre of Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), to study about the decentralised governance implemented in Kerala. Representatives from various states and countries had been visiting Kudumbashree to study about Kudumbashree model of poverty alleviation. The 10 membered delegation include ministers and other senior officials from various departments of Tajikistan had visited Kudumbashree Mission during December 2017.

Kerala Chicken: 271 units started functioning

A total of 271 units started functioning across the state as part of the Kerala Chicken Programme being implemented by Kudumbashree Mission in Kerala associating with State Animal Husbandry and Poultry Development Corporation (KEPCO). The first units were started in Thiruvananthapuram district on 22 December 2017. Ernakulam is the district with maximum number of units, i.e., 70 units are there in Kollam district. Kudumbashree Mission plans to start 500 such chicken rearing units across the state. Each unit is rearing at least 1000 chickens. They will be ready for sale on becoming 42-45 days old. KEPCO is distributing chicks in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta districts only. They were distributed in these districts at a rate of Rs 40 per chick. The mature chicken will be procured by KEPCO at a rate of Rs 85 per chicken.

In future, Animal Husbandry department will take actions to certify that the chicken is free from antibiotics or so. Kudumbashree mission also plans to start trial units in all districts except Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta, which will be under the supervision of concerned CDSs. The main objectives of the programme include to provide a steady income for Kudumbashree members through broiler chicken production, to ensure safe and clean chicken meat to consumers at reasonable price and to provide a steady and non fluctuating market price for broiler chicken.