Unnathi- Primary Awareness Classes to be held on Monday

Hope you recall the 'Making an Impact' Article- 321, in which we explained about the Unnathi Programme, which is being implemented through Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU GKY), in association with MGNREGS. The Unnathi programme is conceptualized for the unskilled labourers who have successfully completed 100 person days in MGNREGS. At present this is for those who completed 100 days during 2018-19 and are between 18 and 45 years of age. Unnathi programme aims at extending skill training to them and eventually bring them to the skilled sector. As part of the Unnathi Programme, they will be extended skill training in the interested courses/ sectors as part of the DDU GKY programme.

The officials of the MGNREGS programme have collected the details of 7491 job card holders who have completed 100 person days in MGNREGS and have expressed interest in the Unnathi Programme. Their data base is also prepared. It is planned to extend awareness training to these 7491 job card holders on 22nd February as an initial orientation prior to the commencement of skill training.

For this, we aim at organising one day workshops in 152 blocks in Kerala under the leadership of Kudumbashree. Officials of MGNREGS would facilitate bringing of those who have completed 100 person days in MGNREGS. This workshop in each block will be initially for those are registered already in the data base. During that time, classes would be given on importance of skill training. Also, details on various courses and opportunities will be provided and their areas of interest will be noted.

Three types of opportunities would be available in Unnathi, for those who completed 100 days in MGNREGS. One option is to get trained in any of the 100+ courses as part of the DDUGKY programme.
Another opportunity is to be trained for starting your own self-employed business by getting trained in the RSETI (Rural Self Employment Training Institute). Third option is to get skill training in the agricultural sector by undergoing skill training at Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Our team members would give classes on these three opportunities at the Awareness class proposed to be held on 22nd and would mark areas of interest expressed by participants. Following that, they would be given the opportunity to get trained when the next batches will be started. The mobilization camp which is proposed to be held will be on coming Monday (22/02). It is our first step towards leading the unskilled labourers to the skilled sector which has many opportunities. This workshop also aims at increasing the pace of the implementation of the Unnathi Programme in the field level to extend full-time employment. Hope all those who are interested and have made their registrations would take part in this programme.