Kudumbashree always strives to identify innovative sectors and try to arrange livelihood opportunities for NHG members in such novel sectors. Gardening Units in the Urban areas is one such sector we have identified recently. There will be demand for those who are skilled enough to set up and conserve household gardens and kitchen gardens, especially in the urban areas. Foreseeing this, we decided to form enterprise units with four to ten members for these activities. ‘Green Carpet’ Units are such service units specialised in gardening sector.

The selection of the unit members has been completed in 14 districts. There will be 5 teams each in every district. We are envisaging to set up 70 ‘Green Carpet’ Units across the state. These ‘Green Carpet’ units would function in the enterprise model. They would support setting up kitchen garden and ornamental garden. Also they will be experts in maintaining gardens including roof top/ terrace garden. They will also take up landscaping assignments.

The activities to arrange technical training to the selected team members is progressing now. The training to these selected units will be extended through State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SA-METI), under the Agriculture Development & Farmers’ Welfare Department. We conducted discussions with SAMETI and agreed mutually on the course and curriculum. Training for the first batch of ‘Green Carpet’ will be started in October itself. Two week training would deal with the topics such as agricultural crop production, setting up gardens, managing.

‘Green Carpet’ to serve urban areas!
kitchen gardens, landscaping etc. And, our training would be by maintaining covid protocol. We hope that the ‘Green Carpet’ teams will be ready in all districts across the state by 1 December 2020.