‘SAMA’ is a new project from Saksharatha mission, envisaged as a convergence project of Kudumbashree and local self governments. Some of our neighbourhood group members could not study up to class 10 or class 12 because of their circumstances. SAMA aims at teaching and training them so as to write equivalency exam of class 10 and class 12.

In the first stage of SAMA project, we will select 50 Kudumbashree members from each panchayat who did not clear class 10. Also we will select 50 members who are desirous of clearing class 12. In the next stage, we will motivate and request each local body to earmark funds for their study course.
The total free required for class 10 equivalency classes is Rs 2250/-. This includes the course fee of 1750/- and an exam fee of Rs 500/-. Local bodies will have to earmark Rs. 1,12,500/- for a batch of 50 people. The total course fee required for class 12 equivalency is Rs 4,400/- for two years. Adding fees of Rs 1500/- which Saksharatha mission charge for conduct of exam, the total expense per candidate will be Rs.400/- for class 12 exam. For a batch of 50 students, local bodies will have to earmark Rs. 2,95,000/-. Once local bodies keep Rs 4,07,500/- 100 Kudumbashree members can start learning. Local bodies can keep it as a component of their women component plan or general plan. Upon receipt of the fund’s, Saksharatha mission will start their course work.

If 1000 local governments of Kerala keep funds for teaching 100 Kudumbashree members each, it will result in higher education and receipt of equivalency certificate for 1 lakh members. This higher education will lead to more women empowerment as it will boost the confidence and pride of our members.

Classes are planned from January 2020 onwards. After 10 months of study, there will be exams in November 2020. (Class 10 exam and class 11 exam) Those clearing Class 11 can study for class 12 from January 2021 to Nov 2021, completing their two years of ‘Plus 2’ education. They can appear for class 12 equivalency exam in Nov 2021.

In addition to the effort to provide higher education for more than 1 lakh Kudumbashree members, SAMA also plans for appointing two Kudumbashree members as course coordinators at panchayat level. This will provide opportunity for them to coordinate the course through their leadership.

Now our district mission coordinators are in the process of getting convergence from local bodies for earmarking of funds for SAMA project. We hope that we will be able to cross the milestone of 1 lakh registrations by the mid of January. We also aspire that the dream empowerment through education will be fulfilled through SAMA.