Providing entrepreneurship development and skill training for initiating livelihood programmes is one of the important activities of Kudumbashree Mission. We have empaneled training institutions to impart skill training in more than 160 sectors. 20,000 enterprises which had been formed through this are successfully functioning now.

Some of the entrepreneurs begin their enterprise without getting trained through the training agencies functioning under the leadership of Kudumbashree Mission. Instead, they learn skills from performing artists or experts available locally. Our women Chendamelam groups are one among such enterprise sectors where we don't have empaneled institute in all places. Many interested women are coming forward to this sector and are earning good income. This could be considered as one of the examples of the enthusiasm and passion exhibited by Kudumbashree Neighbourhood group members. You would realize this on seeing the performance of one of our groups (Swaralayam Shinkari Melam group of Kuruvattoor of Kozhikode district of Kerala) whose video is uploaded here.
As of now, 48 Shinkarimelam groups are registered in Kudumbashree CDS as micro enterprises. They are getting many stages and opportunities for performance from inside and outside the state. As they are professional groups, usually they identify the opportunities on their own. We also help them find chances whenever possible. Ajeevika Saras Mela is being held at India Gate, New Delhi where we have ‘India food court’ (Making an Impact-67). During the first three days of this prestigious Mela, the cultural programmes were started with the performance of our Shinkarimelam.

In addition to the normal groups, there are bigger Shinkarimelam teams which have up to 20 members. Some groups are getting Rs 20,000/- for one hour programme. In many panchayats/municipalities, local self government is providing support to Shinkarimelam teams by providing funds for the purchase of musical instruments. Hope you all will invite our Kudumbashree Shinkarimelam teams for adding more colours to the cultural programmes being organised under your leadership.

**The details of the 48 Shinkarimelam teams are as follows:**

**Alappuzha**
1. Gramajyothi (Aryad Block)
2. Mararikalanilayom (Arayad Block)
3. Srerajarajeswari (Aryad Block)

**Ernakulam**
1. Vanitha Singarimelam (Koovappadi Block)

**Idukki**
1. Kannaki (Elemdesom Block)

**Kollam**
1. Rajakeeyam (Pathanapuram Block)
2. Sivaparvathy (Sasthamcotta Block)

**Kottayam**
1. Deepam (Pampadi Block)

**Kollam**
1. Samatha (Perambra Block)
2. Varnamudra (Balusseri Block)
3. Layanam (Vadakara Block)
4. Dreams (Thodannur Block)
5. Gramasree (Thooneri Block)
6. Bharathsree (Vadakara Block)
7. Layam (Thooneri Block)
8. Nandanam (Thooneri Block)
9. Penma (Thooneri Block)
10. Swaralayam (Chelannur Block)
11. Swaram (Thooneri Block)
12. Thalam (Thooneri Block)

**Kollam**
1. Kantakannya (Pathanapuram Block)
2. Sreevishnumoorthi (Neeleswaram Block)
3. Sreeshakthi (Karadka Block)
4. Bedakam (Karadka Block)
5. Kalikamba (Kanjangad Block)

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**Malappuram**
1. Krishna Kripa (Tanur Block)
2. Nalini (Nilambur Block)

**Thiruvananthapuram**
1. Vandhanam (Vellanad Block)
2. Mayilenthikkavu (Athiyannoor Block)

**Wayanad**
1. Darshna (Sultan Batheri Block)
2. Maninadam (Sultan Batheri Block)
3. Sruthilaya (Sultan Batheri Block)
4. Thalalaya (Kalpetta Block)