Kudumbashree always aims to promote enterprises in new sectors and help women earn better income of their own. Every year, more than one crore tourists visit Kerala, the God's Own Country. As some of them prefer to stay in ‘home stays’ to get to know more about the rural lifestyles, we put forward the idea of starting ‘HOME STAY’ as an enterprise. This initiative to motivate women entrepreneurs to start ‘home stay’ started in 2017-2018. I am happy to let you know that, within two years, 28 home stays initiated by women from Kudumbashree neighborhood group commenced operation, providing accommodation to guests.

In the first phase, we tried to identify those families who have their own homes near the tourist spots and are interested to launch enterprises by turning their own homes into home stays. Kerala Academy of Skill Excellence (KASE) gave the financial support to Kudumbashree for extending training for the entrepreneurs. We had extended training in customer care, hospitality management, business management and housekeeping to our entrepreneurs, and 28 home stays are now ready.
As of now, Kudumbashree entrepreneurs have home stays at famous tourist spots like Munnar, Thekkady, Alappuzha, Kumarakom, Kumbalangi etc. Now, more entrepreneurs have came forward to start new ‘home stays’. We hope that through this venture more women may secure sustainable income. The details of the home stays by our entrepreneurs, functioning in various districts across the state are given below. I hope that when this article would be shared, more people would get to know about this service and these ‘home stay’ units would receive more and more opportunities.

(District - and Details of ‘home stay’ enterprise)

**Thiruvananthapuram**
Kudumbashree Homestay, Kovalam (8111833025)

**Kollam**
The Count of Manro (9747159270)
Best Inn, Manro (9747159270)
Nature palace, Chadayamangalam (9567918480)

**Alappuzha**
Snehatheeram Home stay, Arattupuzha (9446668229)

**Kottayam**
Nalukettu Homestay, Kumarakam (8078084119)
Silvaniya, Kumarakom (9446024061)
River view, Kumarakom (9747713532)
Sparkling shore, Kumarakom (9846931736)
Yamuna Homestay, Vaikom (9747521105)

**Idukki**
Rain forest residency ,Kumily (9495773893)
Green view Homestay, Munnar (8593878395)
Roopa Homestay, Vazhathope (9495910432)
Flora leaf Homestay, Munnar (9745159505)
Woodpecker Homestay, Kumily (9446609280)
Camel back Home stay, Kumily (9747774638)
Cindrella Homestay, Kumily (9496490921)

**Ernakulam**
Caribbean Casa Homestay, Kumbalangi (6238311186)

**Palakkad**
Heaven's Homestay, Nelliyanpathy (9496144988)

**Malappuram**
Nakashthra, Thirur (9567632277)
White star, Vallikkunnu (9947534817)

**Wayanad**
Vinaya Homestay, Vellamunda (9562729291)
Anugraha Homestay, Meppadi (9961650751)
Bamboo villa, Meppadi (9645737536)
Rose Garden, Meppadi (9605333260)
Ethnic Homestay, Meppadi (9645354195)
Kochupurakkal Homestay, Meppadi (9048993950)
Green Garden , Meppadi (9744562685)