The details about Kudumbashree's ‘training team’ was mentioned in 'Making an Impact' Article-72. Now, we are introducing details about our Audit team through this article. In Kudumbashree there are 2,91,507 Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs). There are 19,489 Area Development Societies (ADSs) which are federation of these NHGs in ward level. Further, there are 1064 Community Development Societies (CDS) which are federation of ADSs at Local Self Government Institution level. Kudumbashree Account and Audit Service Society (KAASS), our own audit team is entrusted with completing the audit of all these societies/groups.

The concept of KAASS has its beginning in 2004. As the then Kozhikode Kudumbashree team found it difficult to complete the audit of NHGs, they selected 50 people from the Kudumbashree families for doing the audit. These selected members were either graduates or post graduates in commerce. The kozhikode district team provided intensive training in auditing to them and our KAASS
was born. On completion of the training, these 50 members were divided into five groups and they started conducting the audit of NHGs. The success of this enterprise model led to extending this idea to the entire state. During 2007, Audit was completed in every district under the leadership of KAASS and in 2011, the Kudumbashree governing body selected KAASS as the sole enterprise to conduct audit for Kudumbashree.

Like our training team, KAASS also emerged as a successful and competent enterprise of Kudumbashree family members. As of now, there are 348 members in the KAASS team. KAASS, our in-house Audit team, is able to complete the audit of Kudumbashree NHG, ADS and CDS every year within stipulated time with utmost accuracy. KAASS team members are also getting an income from the fixed amount paid by each NHG/ADS/CDS for conducting their audit.

KAASS team is also entrusted for providing training to the community on book keeping, for conducting performance audit of NHGs and for handholding NHGs to increase the effectiveness and transparency of Kudumbashree organisational system. We aims to improve the capacity of KAASS team so as to enable them to take up the jobs outside Kudumbashree. In this regard, we envisage imparting more trainings to KAASS team (even though they are busy almost throughout the year with the audit process).