Kerala’s first canteen by transgenders started at Palakkad

The first ever transgender canteen in the state was opened at Palakkad district of Kerala jointly by Kudumbashree, Palakkad District Administration and Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala. This project was included in the annual action plan of Palakkad District Panchayat (year 2018-19). This unique initiative started functioning in the premises civil station, Palakkad.

Kudumbashree, as a part of its ‘special NHG’ project, has two transgender Neighbourhood groups in Palakkad district. The canteen at Palakkad Civil Station would be run by one of them, viz. ‘Oruma’ Transgender...
Neighbourhood group. The 10 members were given skill training for running this canteen. Space was provided district administration. The project was included in the annual plan of palakkad district panchayat. The canteen which functions from morning till evening would serve food items like, dosa, idiyappam, puttu, idli, tea snacks, chattikanji, puzhukku etc.

Hope you all will recall the 'Making an Impact Article-36,' in which the interventions of Kudumbashree in promoting the micro enterprises run by trangender communities was explained in detail. This canteen at Palakad district could be considered as an example of expanding such initiatives with the convergence of various Governmental departments.