There are more than 180 metro railway services functioning all over the world, in 56 countries. Out of these, from the London Metro started in 1890 to the Nagpur Metro started in 2019, only the Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) started in 2017, holds the fame of being an ‘All Women Metro’ and we, the ‘team Kudumbashree’ is proud of this as it’s Kudumbashree which is vested with the responsibility of running Kochi Metro.

Kudumbashree had been entrusted with for providing services ranging from parking management, ticketing to house keeping. For us, the offer from metro to take care of these activities was indeed a recognition and at the same time a great challenge. We had to take up a huge task of selecting more than 650 women for various jobs and extending training to them.
Moreover, we had to study about ‘Metro Management’, a sector in which Kudumbashree had no past experience, that too within a short span of time. But when Kochi Metro started functioning from 17 June 2017, with the strength of these women, we marked a milestone in the history of Kudumbashree.

It had been two years since we started managing the operations of Kochi Metro Rail Limited. Within these first two years, we bagged three awards for best performance and services. During the unprecedented floods occurred in Kerala during August 2018, houses of many of the metro staff were affected. But even then, as most of them managed to be present for their work and even worked overtime for those who couldn’t make it and kept their professionalism up. Only a few complaints had been received so far and from that itself, the commitment of this 650 membered team is well evident.

We would always be thankful to Government of Kerala and Kochi Metro Rail Limited for extending such a great opportunity for poor women and help them earn their own livelihood.

Congratulations and wishing for greater heights for the whole Kudumbashree team and these super-women for making this happen!