In Kerala’s annual budget for the financial year 2020-21, it was announced that Janakeeya Hotels which serve meals at Rs 25 would be started under the leadership of Kudumbashree. We were identifying spaces at all Local Self Government Institutions and were organising Kudumbashree units. It is during then the crisis of covid-19 pandemic arise and the lock down came into being. During this situation, Government decided to start community kitchens for serving food to the needy. Following that, community kitchens were started under the leadership of the LSGIs associating with the identified enterprise units of Kudumbashree. The details of the same was explained in ‘Making an Impact Article - 224’

As community kitchens are functioning well now, some are earmarked as Budget Hotels as well. In some places, the Janakeeya Hotels functioning in the enterprise model of Kudumbashree are functioning as community kitchens. In the budget, it was announced...
that meals would be served at Rs 25. When lock down was notified in connection with the covid-19 pandemic, honourable Chief Minister of Kerala announced that meals would be served at Rs 20. In this situation, parcel meals from Janakeeya Hotels are served at Rs 20. For those who order to deliver the meals at their homes, an additional amount of Rs 5 is charged as delivery fee. Special teams are arranged to deliver the meals at the door steps under the leadership of the LSGIs and Kudumbashree. As of now, 313 of the community kitchens are Janakeeya Hotels, functioning in an enterprise model. The details regarding the same is available in Kudumbashree’s website under this link:

http://kudumbashree.org/pages/826

The details of the Janakeeya Hotels in each district are given below:

1. Thiruvananthapuram - 31
2. Kollam - 37
3. Pathanamthitta - 33
4. Alappuzha - 22
5. Kottayam - 25
6. Idukki - 8
7. Ernakulam - 52
8. Thrissur - 12
9. Palakkad - 18
10. Malappuram - 31
11. Wayanad - 16
12. Kozhikode - 14
13. Kannur - 6
14. Kasaragode - 8

The details regarding how many people were served through Janakeeta Hotels everyday, how many were given free food (supported by LSGIs) out of the served meals, how many parcels were delivered at the door steps (home delivery) etc are also available in the link given above. We hope that, Kudumbashree would be able to serve to the common people at nominal rates and be a support to them in the upcoming days through these Janakeeya Hotels.