Details about Kudumbashree's selection for the National Award, for activities related to skill training has been elaborated in 'Making an impact article - 137'. The award was constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) for implementing Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY) efficiently by extending skill training to the rural youth in the state of Kerala.

We received the NATIONAL AWARD today, from Shri. Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Rural Development, Government of India in the presence of Minister of State
and the higher officials including secretary of Ministry of Rural Development. The function was held at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.

We are selected as the second best state in the country, for implementing DDUGKY skill training program. During 2016-17, Kudumbashree has bagged this national award for the first time (3rd rank in the country). In 2017-18, Kudumbashree was awarded 2nd Prize. We had the dream to the best state award this time, but missed the first rank by a whisker and got 2nd prize once again. Now we will work towards becoming the best next time!

We consider this National Level Award as a recognition for the hard work, dedication and commitment of our team. I hope that this award would motivate our team members to work even more harder with more efficiency. I hope that our Kudumbashree DDUGKY team would be able to create more opportunities for rural unemployed youth by providing them with skill training and placement.