'Connect to Work' program progressing to success!

We had introduced the ‘Connect to Work’ Programme in ‘Making An Impact Article - 316’. This program has been conceptualized and is being implementing through Kudumbashree as part of the Rebuild Kerala Initiative. Though there are as many qualified youth in our society, they find it difficult to find jobs or connect themselves to jobs. We implemented the concept of ‘Connect to Work’ for finding a solution for this. Now, we are happy to let you all know that this programme is becoming a great success. 12 people who had received one month training as part of the ‘Connect to Work’ Programme have now secured job placements.

We understand that the deficiency of soft skills, lack of knowledge on how to attend an interview, the inability to identify jobs through online sources and other media and the lack of skills in turning such opportunities to jobs etc. pose great challenges to the youth and they fail in getting the right job on time. And they fo not succeed in securing their dream jobs in their prime period. We implemented the concept of ‘Connect to Work’ as a Finishing School Programme to extend support to all such people. In the first phase we selected one panchayath each from 152 blocks in the state and 33 youth each from every block had been selected for training. In short, we started the activities for equipping 5000 people to get jobs. The activities of the programme are coordinated through the CDSs. The selected youth were provided with the course of 120 hours duration. They would be taught personal skills, social skills, organizational skills, professional skills, presentation skills, entrepreneurship skills etc. as a part of the course.

Now, training has been started in the training centres in 100 CDSs. All basic amenities and support were provided in the class rooms. The training was started by the end of December 2020 through master trainers.
from ASAP. When this training course started one month back, 6 people from Kollam, 3 people from Ernakulam 2 from Kottayam and 1 person from Malappuram have secured job placements. The details of those who secured jobs are given below.

Kollam
1. Deepthi. S (Data Analyst, Panmana CDS, Chavara Block)
2. Amrutha (Data Analyst, Thekkumbhagom CDS, Chavara Block)
3. Jeny John (Data Analyst, Neendakara CDS, Chavara Block)
4. Veena Vishwanath (Sales Officer, Piravanthoor CDS, Pathanapuram Block)
5. Vijith. V (Collection Agent, Alappad CDS, Oachira Block)
6. Soumya Manikuttan (Computer Faculty, Poothakkulam CDS, Ithikkara Block)

Ernakulam
1. Vinu Prasad (Engineer Trainee, Nedumbassery CDS, Parakkadavu Block)
2. Sona (Social Accountant, Nedumbassery CDS, Parakkadavu Block)
3. Athira Narayanan (Accountant, Nedumbassery CDS, Parakkadavu Block)
4. Prabitha (Accountant, TVS, Areekkode CDS, Areekkode Block)
5. Bisna Vargheese (Office Assistant)
6. Sandra C.K (NREGS Surveyor)

Kottayam
1. Bisna Vargheese (Office Assistant)
2. Sandra C.K (NREGS Surveyor)

Malappuram
1. Prabitha (Accountant, TVS, Areekkode CDS, Areekkode Block)

It brings us great inspiration that, we are getting the hints of the success of this programme, within one month of the commencement of the training. We hope that we would be able to connect more people to work through this programme.

(Those people with qualifications such as Plus Two/ITI, Polytechnic Diploma, Graduation, Post Graduation etc could participate in this training programme. Any family member of the trainee should be part a Kudumbashree Neighborhood Group or they should belong to a BPL (Below Poverty Line) family. Maximum age is 35. Interested youth may contact the nearest CDS.)