P.K Kalan Project in Alappuzha getting completed

P.K Kalan Project, which was initiated for the tribal families of the Ullada Community living in scattered houses (not as a colony or hamlet) at various locations of Alappuzha is getting completed. The project is being implemented with the financial assistance of the Scheduled Tribes Department. This project aimed at making the development possible by preparing individual micro plans for each family and fulfilling the needs as per those micro plans. Rs 5.06 crores was allotted by the Scheduled Tribes Department to Kudumbashree for the same.

In the first phase of the P.K Kalan Project, 142 families were identified. But when the Project was expanded, 167 families were included as beneficiary families. As per the project, the beneficiaries were extended basic development services like construction of new houses, completion of the construction of houses which were stopped in halfway, renovation of houses, construction of toilets, electrical wiring of the houses, obtaining drinking water connection etc.

Later, we started the activities of securing livelihood opportunities for them. Skill training was extended to the tribal women in making coir products, in association with the Kerala State Coir Corporation (KSCC) and a livelihood opportunity was arranged for 36 people. In addition, ‘Ullada Traditional Wood Craft Society’ was formed of 70 tribal men who have taken wood cutting as their source of livelihood.

It is expected to complete this project by the month of February. From the success of this project, it is proven that it is possible to bring development to the poorest families if family based micro plans are prepared and if implementation is focused as per those plans. The Government has announced a new project in the State Budget of 2021-22 financial year, imbibing the model of P.K Kalan Project, as this project has attained success in the field level.

Government announced this project aiming at wiping off absolute poverty. As part of the project, four to five lakh poorest families in the state would be identified based on the risk factors and will be listed by conducting a state level
survey. The eligible people who are included in Asraya Scheme and the families nominated by Kudumbashree and LSGIs will also be included in the list for the survey. Micro plans will be prepared for them in the model of P.K Kalan Project, and will be implemented through Kudumbashree.

Let us consider the Government's announcement about this new project in the State Budget, as the recognition for the methodology adopted by Kudumbashree in formulating and implementing the P.K Kalan Project.