In the previous articles, we had explained about Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY), skill training program being implemented in Kerala through Kudumbashree. Out of the 53,114 candidates who successfully completed DDUGKY training, 40,803 have secured job placements. Due to the crisis of Covid-19, we were forced to stop all the classroom trainings. This had affected the implementation of this programme. Now, we have received the approval to restart the functioning of the training agencies by maintaining the covid protocol, starting from October. So we aim at restarting the functioning of the majority of the training centres, by this month itself.

Till date, Kudumbashree had signed MoU with 125 agencies for implementing DDUGKY programme. Through these agencies, training is being extended in 126 various courses (of 3 months or 6 months or 9 months duration) in 27 sectors. These courses are certified by Sector Skill Council (SSC). This programme is conceived in such a way that, along with extending training in these certified courses, job is ensured for 70% of them who complete the course.

Now, we received approval to extend training to the next batch through this training. This time, we could find 29 new agencies to be part of this skill training programme. Proposal was received from these agencies and our team had completed the three level verification (Desk verifi-
cation in first phase, Qualitative verification in second phase and field verification in third phase). As per this, the proposal for extending training to additional 8540 people was submitted before State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and had secured approval for the same.

In addition to the current 125 agencies, 29 new agencies have came in contract with us now. In short, a total of 154 agencies have partnered with us for DDUGKY training program. This time, new novel courses are introduced through DDUGKY. Some of them are Plant Tissue Culture Technician, Social Media and Digital Marketing Manager, Data Scientist, Domestic Biometric Data Operator, Airline Reservation Agent etc. In the next 60 days, all the newly empanelled agencies would start training centres and start extending training. We hope to start classes by these new agencies from 1 December onwards.