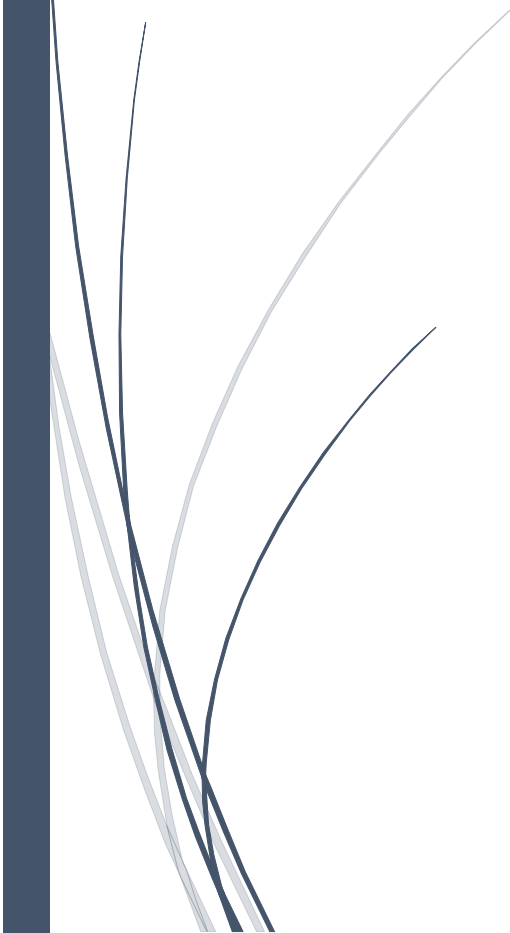


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# OLAVANNA C.D.S.



OlavannaCDS is the KudumbashreeCDS with the highest number of Kudumbashree neighbourhood groups in Kerala. During the last 3 years, Olavanna CDS has performed many exemplary activities. Olavanna CDS under Kudumbashree has made great strides in the areas of women empowerment, economic empowerment and social empowerment. Olavanna CDS has succeeded in creating new neighbourhood groups for disabled, old age group and transgender people. The activities of various Agriculture JLGs , Balasabha, Snehitha Callingbellprogramme, AgathirahithaKeralam project, creation of new job ventures, organisation of home shops, markets, Onam bazaars and arts and sports festivals have added brilliance to the operational excellence of Olavanna CDS Linkage loans, backward development corporation loans, RKLSand the CEF (Muttathe Mulla Scheme) have also given impetus to the economic growth of the members of the CDS. Manasa, Gender, Samatha Programmes and self-defense camps for women organised by the CDS has enabled them to build confidence, mental and physical abilities and resilience in women. Even in times of crises and difficulties during the flood and the current pandemic situation, the systematic activities of Olavanna's women's group has made them eligible to be selected as one of the Excellent CDS out of 1046 CDSs in Kerala.



## C.D.S AT A GLANCE

Kudumbashree Neighbourhood groups	640
Neighbourhood group members	11488
Elderly – NHGs	13
NHGs for differently abled	8
NHGs for Transgenders	1
Beneficiaries of AgathirahithaKeralam project	121 families
Balasabha Units	88
New ventures	49
JLGs	40
Members who got Job from DDUGKY	16
Thrift	16,46,45,861
Internal Lending	99,77,44,000
Linkage Loan	17,55,00,000
Linkage Loan – Subsidies	68,35,589
RKLS Loan	4,00,44,480
RKLS Loan – Subsidies	23,98,857
RKLS Revolving Fund	12,55,000
RKLS, VRF	12,55,000
Chief Minister’s COVID 19 Loan	5,63,57,900
Backward Class Development Corporation	2,00,00,000
Fund for establishing Kiosks	2,00,000
Janakeeya Hotel (Fund from Village Panchayath)	2,80,000
Model C.D.S – Block level	2,00,000
AgathirahithaKeralamProject (District Panchayath)	1,00,000
Revolving Fund	7,80,000
Matching Grant	19,61,419

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS**

- Olavanna Kudumbashree CDS won sixth place when the performance of 1065 CDSs were evaluated and graded in the state. 77 women's small business ventures, 75 Balasabha units, and their achievements of being the second CDS in Kozhikode district to conduct gender crime mapping and the first CDS to implement Agathirahithakeralam project in the state made them emerge as one among the top ten performing CDSs. The unit achieved this position with a total of 217 (86.8 percent) marks.

## **MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

### ➤ **Gender Campaign**

A Gender campaign called Neetham - 2018 was organized by the Olavanna CDS. Kudumbasree members from 23 wards from all over CDS were able to participate in the Neetham Gender Campaign held at the district level.

### ➤ **AgathirahithaKeralamProgramme:**

OlavannaCDS was the first to implement AgathirahithaKeralam Project in the state. The CDS has succeeded in identifying 121 families under Agathirahithakeralam project and has organised a medical camp for these families.

### ➤ **Balasabha:**

The Balasabha Library was built by collecting books at the ward level to build the reading habits of the children and to improve the educational environment. Balasabha was also able to organize drama classes and music classes for children with a taste for acting and music. Guppy fish farming training was made available to the children of Balasabha. The children were given all the possibilities to start aquaculture. "Clean Olavanna Green Olavanna" pencil campaign was organised by the CDS for children of Balasabha.

➤ **NHG for Elderly:**

There are thirteen elderly neighbourhood groups under the Olavanna CDS. The CDS has successfully organised medical camps, Arts and sports festivals, interactive sessions with children of balasabha and online counselling programmes during COVID 19 pandemic for the Elderly neighbourhood group members.





➤ **NHGs for Disabled and Transgender Community**

One neighbourhood group for the transgender community and eight neighbourhood groups for the disabled has been formed and are working under the Olavanna CDS. The CDS has helped Abhayatransgender neighbourhood group to get loan from Calicut Town Service Cooperative Bank under the Chief minister's SahayaHastham programme.



➤ **Micro Enterprise and Marketing**

Several new ventures have been set up at the CDS level, including catering units, tailoring units, mushroom farming units, IT units, textile shops, AYUSH home shops, grocery stores, quail breeding farms and women's driving schools. CDS has also implemented several small and large enterprises with loans from the Backward Classes Development Corporation.



➤ **Ladies Shinkarimela Team**

The “Kathir” ladies Shinkari Mela team of the neighbourhood group members prepared and organized their shinkari Melam debut at the CDS.

➤ **BUDS school**

In the Buds school district level Arts festival held under the leadership of Kudumbashree, Olavanna shared the first place with Mavoor and Puthupadi schools. 300 contestants participated in the children's festival organized by Kudumbashree to nurture the creativity of students with disabilities. 34 Buds schools participated in the festival.



### ➤ **Kudumbashree Shop**

Olavanna Grama Panchayat has also become a part of the Home Shop project to create a permanent local market for the locally made Kudumbashree products of the panchayath. In addition to finding markets for the local products, it will also provide permanent employment to 46 women in Olavanna Grama Panchayat. As a part of the completion of the project in the Calicut district, work has been started to transform Olavanna Grama Panchayat into a home shop.

### ➤ **Snehitha Calling Bell**

The Snehitha Calling Bell programme aims in finding and providing security for those living alone. During the inauguration of the project in Olavanna, the amount collected by the members of the CDS committee for the programme was handed over to the Grama Panchayat President.

### **ACTIVITIES DURING FLOOD**

During the 2018 flood, an amount of Rs 4,40,250 was collected from the NHGs and the same was handed over to Chief Ministers Disaster Relief Fund. Olavannakudumbashree members

were present everywhere to support the flood-ravaged district. OlavannaKudumbashree members were involved in cooking and serving food



through the community kitchen, distributing food and clothing, counselling and cleaning activities.

## **EFFORTS DURING COVID 19**

During the COVID 19 pandemic, an amount of Rs 1,02,000 was collected from the NHGs and the same was handed over to Chief Ministers Disaster Relief Fund. ADS and CDS members played a major role in delivering medicines and daily essentials to the people under home quarantine. Kudumbashree in convergence with Panchayath led 58 days Community Kitchen, where food was prepared and home delivered to the needy. The CDS members created awareness among the families of the neighbourhood groups about the importance of social distancing and personal hygiene to prevent COVID 19. The CDS has succeeded in organising special online counselling for members of the NHGs of elderly people during the pandemic. Food was prepared and home delivered to “Agathi Rahitha Keralam” beneficiaries. The CDS has taken special care to deliver food kits to the BUDs school students and members of the transgender NHGs. The CDS has produced and distributed 5200 masks during the COVID time.



### **MOST SATISFYING EXPERIENCE AS CDS CHAIRPERSON**

One of the most satisfying experiences of the chairperson was the association of the CDS with the BUDS school children especially during the BUDS school Arts Festival organised by KudumbashreeCalicut District Mission. The CDS members were actively involved in the training of the children. She sites one of the greatest achievements of Olavanna CDS as the 16 points of the Olavanna BUDS school during the arts festival. Olavanna shared first place with Mavoor and Puthupadi schools.

The establishment of a neighbourhood group for the transgender community and assisting them to attain loan from Calicut Town Service Cooperative Bank under the Chief Minister's SahayaHastham programme is another satisfying experience of the CDS



chairperson and members during their tenure.

## **CONCLUSION**

Olavanna CDS has been able to carry out the Kudumbashree activities in an excellent manner which enabled them to attain the sixth position among the 1046 CDSs in Kerala.

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