

» Election Time in Kudumbashree



Election has been declared at Kudumbashree Three tier system. Elections at NHG level will be from 8-14 January 2018. The Elections at ADS will be from 18-21 January and the Election at CDS is scheduled on 25 January 2018. The new office bearers will take charge on 26 January 2018. The last election was on January 2015. The tenure of the existing office

bearers will end on 25 January 2018.

The training for the election officials are progressing at districts under the leadership of Kudumbashree District Missions. The notification of the election will be declared on 23 December 2017. The training for the presiding officers for the NHG election will be from 26-30 December 2017.

So far, 43 lakh members are there in 2.77 lakh NHGs altogether. There are 19854 ADS and 1073 CDSs. Each NHG would consist of 10-20 members. These members would select 5 office bearers among them through election method. The 5 membered office bearers in a particular ADS constitute ADS General Body. they will select the ADS Governing Body. The Governing Body of CDS comprises of one member from ADS.

After the elections, 13.85 lakh office bearers will take their charges.

» Tribal Outlets opened at Idukki attracts many

The tribal outlets opened at Idukki stands out attracting many. Two tribal outlets were opened at Kanjikuzhy Panchayath and Adimali Panchayath of Idukki District. It is planned to open the third outlet at Kanthalloor Panchayath.

Idukki is the second largest district in the state with maximum number of tribals. Malayarayan, Mannaan, Muthuvan, Ooral, Paliyan, Hillpulan, Malapandaram, Ullaadan & Malayan are the different clans of tribes who reside in the district. They were meeting their livelihood by selling the products collected from the forests. The tribals weren't getting enough payments for their hard work. It is for avoiding the delay in getting their payments that tribal outlets are opened.

40 NHG groups of Adimali, Kanjikuzhi, Kanthalloor, Marayoor and Mangulam Panchayath were given training for starting sale outlets. The trained 4 membered group started 'Pulari' outlet at Venmani. Products made of Bamboo Products, Honey and Medicinal Plants are available in the outlets. The Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) is the main capital of these outlets. These tribal outlets are getting orders as they are located near Munnar and Idukki Dam.

It's also planned to start tribal outlets in Palakkad, Thrissur, Pathanamthitta and Wayanad Districts as well.

» Women friendly canteen catering unit at Edamalakudy to be launched soon

Kudumbashree's activities aiming at the development of Edamalakudy, the only tribal grama panchayath in Kerala is progressing in its full swing. A women friendly canteen catering unit will be launched at Edamalakudy soon. Rs 10 lakh has been allocated by the Scheduled Tribes Development Department for the same. Training has been given to the 6 membered group for starting the women friendly canteen catering unit. AIFROM, Kudumbashree's Catering training group had given training to Kudumbashree Women for starting the canteen catering unit.

Initial activities have been started for launching women friendly study centres aiming at self reliance in Health, Agriculture, Job, Education, Savings etc. Resource persons for the same had been identified and training had been given to them. The women friendly study centres would address the issues like unemployment, malnutrition in children etc.

Kudumbashree's activities in CDS level had been progressing in Edamalakkudy from 2008 onwards. Around 720 families of Muthuvan clan reside in this area. Kudumbashree had been doing group farming for bringing the scheduled tribes back to agriculture. Sports activities focusing on tribal youth are also progressing in Edamalakkudy.

» JLG's farming activities progressing



Farming activities of Joint Liability Groups (JLG) are progressing well all over Kerala. 51574 JLGs are pursuing farming 28563 hectares of land and so far Rs 310 Crore had been given as Bank loan. This is for the first time that this much JLGs are availing bank loan.

Kudumbashree plans to make avail Rs 400 crore bank loan for the JLGs.

During the last onam, the availed bank loan was only Rs 266 crore and year before it was Rs 250 crore.

Banks give loan starting from Rs 1 lakh to JLGs for a financial year. Those who repay the loan in time are given special concessions. In fact, these loans become interest free loans then.

It's on behalf of the centrally designed programme, that Kudumbashree is involved. To improve the representation of women in agricultural sector, to promote the livelihood of women through organic way of cultivation are the aims of the centrally sponsored programme, Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP). Kudumbashree is the nodal agency of MKSP in Kerala.

» Kudumbashree Election 2018: Workshop for District Election Officers held



One Day Workshop for District Election Officers of the Kudumbashree Election 2018 was held at Kudumbashree State Mission on 11 December 2017. The Election officers who were selected by the concerned District Collectors were given classes on Kudumbashree Mission, Community Based Organization Struc-

ture and Kudumbashree Three-Tier framework, Kudumbashree NHG, ADS, CDS, Byelaw etc.

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