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Kerala State Poverty Eradication Mission

Kudumbashree Ernakulam District Mission's 'Oppam' Scheme provides help to 104 Destitute families

The role of Community is inevitable in the rehabilitation process of the destitute families in Kerala. Kudumbashree Mission and Local Self Government Institutions have jointly found out 17,569 destitute families in Ernakulam district through a survey conducted using a Mobile App. The basic needs of these destitute families include food, medicine, hygienic toilet, electrification of houses and maintenance of dilapidated homes. Among the needs mentioned, food and medicine had been provided from the challenge fund allocated to Local Self Government Institutions by Kudumbashree Mission. The other needs mentioned are the responsibility of Local Self Government Institutions. It is a fact that the other needs like hygienic toilet, electrification of houses and maintenance of dilapidated homes have not been materialized due to the dearth of funds in local bodies. With a view to offer the help to the most needy destitute families, Kudumbashree Ernakulam District Mission has launched a programme called Oppam.

The 101 Community Development Societies (CDS) in Ernakulam District collect money from the Neighborhood Group (NHG) members of the district with a minimum target of Rs 10 from each member to materialize



Before



After

the Oppam scheme. Each CDS has already found a most suitable destitute beneficiary to whom the service would be rendered. The services include hygienic toilet, electrification of houses and maintenance of dilapidated homes. 104 beneficiaries have already been selected by CDS for providing various services. A sum of Rs 28.5 lakh has been collected by the Kudumbashree community in Ernakulam so far and the amount is likely to increase. Some CDS in the districts have started implementation

and the other CDSs would start implementation soon. This scheme is expected to increase the participation of community in Destitute Free Kerala (DFK) project in the district. This year, Kudumbashree Mission aims to make available all the services proposed in DFK project to the beneficiaries. In Manjapra, Malayattoor, Poothrikka and Kavalangad CDSs the maintenance works will be undertaken by Kudumbashree construction groups. This can be considered as a model of convergence as well.

Sakheya- Snehitha Counselling Centres launched at SC Hostels of Kannur District



From now onwards, counselling services of Snehitha Gender Help Desk would be made available to the students staying in the Government Premetric Hostels of Scheduled Caste Development Department in Kannur District. The programme which extends counselling services of Snehitha to the students at SC hostel is named as 'Sakheya', which itself means 'a friend'. The counsellors of Snehitha Gender Help Desk would visit the premetric hostels two days a month and arrange sittings. The inauguration of the programme was held at Government Premetric Hostel, Thaliparamba, Kannur on 6 July 2019.

The programme aims at extending mental support to the students staying at premetric hostels thereby helping them to achieve success in their lives by making right decisions. It is also planned to start Kudumbashree Mission's Balasabhas, which aims at preventing inter-generational transmission of poverty through capability enhancement of children at SC hostels in the district. During the sittings at hostels, personality development classes would also be organised. For women and child related issues, Snehitha Gender Help Desk can be contacted through the toll free number 18004250717. It is for the first time that Kudumbashree Mission is launching such a programme in the state.

Kudumbashree Malappuram District Mission Gender Sensitization Programme for the Police Officers of Malabar Special Police



Kudumbashree Malappuram District Mission organised Gender Sensitization Programme for the Police Officers of Malabar Special Police, the paramilitary unit of the State Police of Kerala. The training programme was organised as part of the Gender Self Learning Programme team of Kudumbashree Malappuram District Mission associating with Malabar Special Police on 18 and 26 June 2019. The officers were divided into four groups and group discussions were conducted. Awareness classes were given on sex and gender. The police officers were then given detailed training on sexual attraction, sexual identity, socialization, male domination etc. Class was also given on the topic 'transgender'. Group discussions were also conducted on Women's Reservation. As many police officers who attended the training programme said that the training programme itself was an eye opener on their perceptions towards inter sex, transgender etc. The services of Snehitha Gender Help Desk was introduced among the police officers as well. Smt. Savithri, Smt. Reshma and Smt Febina, members of State Gender Resource Pool led the classes. A total of 102 police officers attended the training programme.