

THIRUVARPPU

Community Development Society, Kottayam



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INTRODUCTION

Thiruvarp a Grama Panchayat in Akshara Nagari viz **Kottayam** District. Total population of the village as per 2011 status 29345. Kumarakom one of the famous tourist destination is the nearest village.

THIRUVARPP COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMETN SOCIETY AT GLANCE

Women Empowerment is the key focus of CDS Team Members. They wanted to nurture and nourish more micro enterprise units so that women will become self sufficient. There are 306 NHGs in with 5130 members.

DETAILS OF CDS

Particulars	Numbers
Total No. of ADS	18
Total No. Of NHGs	306
Total No. Of members in the NHGs	5130
Total no. JLGs (Joint Liability Groups)	58
Total No of MEs(Micro Enterprises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 Group Enterprises• 27 Individual

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

- **Organisation** : 306 NHGs are functioning in Thiruvarp . There are 24 Elderly NHGs and 2 PWD NHGs.
- **Micro Finance**: Number of NHGs live linked are 260. Total linkage loan is 71 Cr. 175 NHGs availed loan under Chief Minister's Helping Loan scheme and disbursed 1.22 Cr .
- **Micro Enterprises**: Both individual and Group MEs put together there are 38 MEs are registered under Kayyur Cheemeni CDS. Majority of enterprises are in Food Sector. CDS itself has taken many initiatives to provide General orientation training to Kudumbashree members with agencies like jan Sikshan Samsthan, CMS College and so on. CDS

provided training in paper bag making , Beautician course, detergent making etc. It has also provided yoga training to two members from each ADS so that they can in turn provide training to othe Kudumbashree Members. Event Management and Disinfectant units are also started recently



- **Agriculture:** There are 58 Joint liability Groups . Total land cultivated so far is 19 Acres. Organic farming is also encouraged in this CDS.
- **Animal Husbandry** – Almost all members are engaged in poultry farming as animal husbandry department itself has provided chicken for 200 members. Other than Kudumbashree members in Thiruvrapp is keen in poultry farming .Each received 20 chickens. Other than this cattle rearing is another important means of their livelihood. A very successful microenterprise Milky Latte which is not only famous for its dairy products but also for north Indian sweets.
- **Social Development:** 375 children are there in Balasabha . CDS regularly organize various programs for Balsabha members . Training in crafts, quiz competition, celebrations of important days like children’s day, environment day etc. some of the programs conducted by them. 55 families are included in Ashraya Project

- **Gender:** 55 isolated members are identified under Snehita calling Bell. NHGs are particular in supporting these members. It is a practice to provide food or assist in cleaning their house and so on. CDS set up a library in Gender Resource Center. Through professional Counselling 60 -70 family issues were resolved.

EFFORTS DURING COVID/ FLOOD:

Thiruvrapp was one of the flood affected panchayats of Kottayam . Almost all families were directly or indirectly affected by flood in 2018. Thiruvrapp CDS took a leadership role to support affected families . All most all Kudumbashree Members were engaged in cleaning houses, public places , distributing foods, providing shelter and so on . Community Kitchen was run by the CDS in association with Panchayat.



Though the first Covid Patient in Kottayam was reported in Thiruvrapp , it has not affected the people much . However CDS started budget hotel, formulated disinfectant team and are active in Break the Chain Campaign

CONVERGENCE ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER DEPARTMENT/ORGANISATION

- **Animal Husbandry:** Distributed Chicken to 200 Members .
- **Grama Panchayat :** A proposal to start eco friendly material production center that require a capital worth of Rs.5lakhs is approved by the panchyat .

- **Health Camps:** Many health camps were arranged by CDS in association with various organisation namely IRIS Eye Academy, SR Diagnostic, Edimannikkal Opticals and so on
- **General Orientation/Skill Training :** Various orientation and skill training were organised by CDS with the support of local body , Jan Sikshan Samsthan, and CMS College.

BEST PRACTICES

According to CDS Chairperson NHG play a major role in ensuring peaceful community life and calm law and order situation. Any incident that affects the social life comes under the consideration of the NHG. Best example to quote is that there were few alcoholics who used to sit in a particular junction and they use to pass comments while some one passes by especially if it is ladies. Many complaints were spread and it was told that ladies should avoid that junction. When it came to the notice of NHG Members they decided to resolve this issue by gathering in that particular place to organize their weekly meeting and showing their presence in that particular area very often . With a short span of time these youths stopped the practice of sitting there. There are many such incidents to prove that Kudumbashree CBOs good at conflict resolution

MOST SATISFYING EXPERIENCE OF CDS CHAIRPERSON

According to Smt. Rejani Mohandas, CDS Chairperson of Thriuvvarpp CDS giving opportunity to someone to stand in her on her own feet is overwhelming. She has many such stories to relate with. But one instance is very special where in which she could encourage a mother of a differently abled child to start micro enterprise in food sector as chairperson knew that she has fervor in doing it. Now this member is successful entrepreneur . Chairperson says that this has boosted her confidence in to manifolds.

GENERAL FEEDBACK

Thriuvvarpp CDS team is enthusiastic in bringing positive changes in society . All of them dream a society where there is no dowry system or any such issues that prevent women to dream a normal life.