

## Persons With Disabilities batch of DDU-GKY pass out from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences

The Persons With Disabilities (PWD) batch of DDU-GKY pass out from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi. Dr. K.T. Jaleel, Minister, Local Self Government Department gave away the certificates to the candidates who successfully passed out after the completion of the course on 31 July 2018. It was as part of Inclusion of all in DDU-GKY skill training programme that Kudumbashree Mission initiated an exclusive batch giving special focus for the Persons With Disabilities and other weaker sections, with the support of Project Implementing Agency, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi. A total of 28 candidates had passed out of which 8 have already received job placements. The skill training was conducted at Kripa Centre, Chunanganveli, Aluva.

As larger number of PWDs were of Locomotor Disability, who experienced the inability to execute distinctive activities associated with moving, both personally and objects, from place to place, needed special attention as they were denied the opportunities in jobs. These candidates also need special attention as they don't have any bread winner or support for the survival of family other than them. It is in the light of this realisation that Kudumbashree initiated a special batch for PWDs and other weaker sections, with a sanctioned strength of 150 PWDs was commenced to provide skill training.

The passed out candidates include Shri. Albin Jose, Shri. Amal Joshy, Smt. Anitha Luka, Shri. Bibin. P. Jose, Shri. Gokul V.J, Shri. Irshad T.M, Ms. Greena Joy, Smt. Jancy Joy, Shri. John P.T, Shri. Jose C.J, Ms. Jyolsna. K.V, Shri. Mahin K.A, Smt. Meera Seghar, Shri. Mohammed Thalath, Shri. Najeeb, Smt. Mislal Najeeb, Ms. Muneeba P.S,



Shri. Noushad, Shri. Rahul Babu, Shri. Riswan. V.A, Smt. Salmath Muhammed, Shri. Samal V.A, Smt. Sini Prasad, Smt. Suhara Beevi, Ms. Sulaikha P.A, Shri. Swalih C.M, Shri. Tomy Vargheese and Ms. Vijitha C.C. They were provided skill training in Book Binder, Front Office Associate and Housekeeping Attendant jobs. Their curriculum included domain, computer skills, english skills, soft skills, internal assessments, counselling, sector skill assessment etc. They were also given a stipend of Rs 125 a day along with the free uniform, bag, book and other learning materials.

After that the mobilization for the programme the first batch for the Orthopedically Handicapped & mild Mentally Challenged was started. The second batch of Front Office Assistant batch had already been started and the second batch of book binding would be started soon.

## The Gurukulam 2017 programme of Idukki receives National Recognition



The Gurukulam 2017 programme, organised by Kudumbashree Mission associating with Idukki District Administration and Scheduled Tribes Development Department with an aim of enabling the Scheduled Tribes candidates at Marayoor received National Recognition. The Programme received the Award-'Skoch Order of Merit in the Pilot Level' constituted by Skoch Group, a think tank dealing with the socio economic issues with a focus on inclusive growth since 1997.

Gurukulam 2017 was a residential training programme for Scheduled Tribes candidates organised by Kudumbashree Mission associating with Idukki District Administration and Scheduled Tribes Development Department. The training programme was conducted during May- June 2017 at Marayoor, Idukki. It was for the first time in India, that a two month residential programme was organised for a particular category. A total of 150 candidates attended the Gurukulam 2017 Residential training programme out of which 18 candidates qualified for Lower Division Clerk (LDC) Test and 17 candidates qualified in the Last Grade Service (LGS) Test. It was Eduzone Academy that trained the candidates of Gurukulam 2017 training programme. A total of 165 candidates have registered for Gurukulam 2018 training programme.

## Kudumbashree's new cut vegetable unit started in Kochi



A two member group under National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) has recently started cut vegetable unit in Kochi Corporation. The unit markets the product labelled as 'Fresh Vegetables'. Cut vegetables for Avial, Sambar, Thoran etc are cleaned, cut and hygienically packed and are being sold. Peeled garlic and small onion are also sold in this manner. The unit also used to sell jack fruit and jack fruit seeds during its season. The cut vegetable unit was inaugurated by Smt. Soumini Jain, Mayor Kochi Municipal Corporation on 9 July 2018. Smt. Jency Saji and Smt. Omana Johny are the women behind the 'Fresh Vegetables' cut vegetable unit.

The unit is selling their product in LULU Mall Hypermarket and Centre Square Mall at Ernakulam. Half kilogram of cut vegetables cost Rs 50. More than 100 boxes are sold on Saturdays and Sundays and more than 80 boxes are being sold during other working days. The unit also sells cut fruits and grated coconut at Centre Square Mall, Ernakulam. The unit uses garlic peelers, driers, wash tubs and cutting tables for cutting the vegetables. The unit is also intending to start a shop for the purpose.

## Kudumbashree's Arogyasena reaches out to the flood prone areas of Kuttanad



Kudumbashree Mission's Arogyasena reaches out to the flood prone areas of Kuttanad. It is for preventing the spread of epidemics that Kudumbashree's Arogyasena made the timely intervention at Kuttanad. Training regarding the same had already been given to 50 Kudumbashree members associating with National Health Mission in the first phase and under their leadership training has been extended to 300 more in different phases and are sent for the rehabilitation activities at the relief camp. The Arogyasena has been visiting the various rehabilitation camps and houses and has been giving health awareness classes.

The disaster management volunteering team formed under Kudumbashree Mission includes block coordinators, micro enterprise consultants, gender resource persons,

community counselors, Eksath training team, Area Development Societies (ADS) and Community Development Societies (CDS) members in the urban areas. The food, clothes, medicines, drinking water, first aid boxes etc collected by the team had been distributed among the flood prone areas. The disaster management volunteering team is extending the rehabilitation services under the leadership of Smt. Suja Eapen, District Mission Coordinator, Kudumbashree Alappuzha District Mission, Shri. V.J Vargheese, Shri. K.B Ajayakumar, Shri. P.Sunil and Shri N. Venugopal (Assistant District Mission Coordinators-Kudumbashree Alappuzha District Mission). Various CDSs in Alappuzha had actively contributed food, clothes, drinking water etc for the people at the flood prone areas. Through Arogyasena Kudumbashree Alappuzha District Mission has set a unique model of compassion.

## Kudumbashree's Urban Service team launched at Kochi Corporation



In the model of Paravoor urban service team, 4 U, new urban service team was started in Kochi Corporation. Shri. A.B.Sabu, Welfare Standing Committee Chairperson, Kochi Corporation inaugurated the urban service team on 30 July 2018. The teams are set up with the help of the centrally designed programme National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM). A total of 20 persons are identified for the group. The group includes Plumber, Electricians, Painters, drivers, masons, beauticians etc. Public may avail the service through a phone call and the service providers will provide it at their door step. To avail the service the customer may call in the no. 9995608203. By launching urban service team, Kochi Corporation has managed to make their mark.