Two NHGs of Kudumbashree are selected for National Award constituted by National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the leadership of Ministry of Rural Development. Panchami NHG from Kondoor Panchayath of Kottayam District and Ushas NHG of Azhikode Village of Thrissur District are the NHGs which bagged the prestigious National Award. Kudumbashree NHGs were selected out of the applicants from the states where NRLM programme is being implemented.

The award was given by taking into consideration the weekly attendance of the NHG members, total thrift, deposits, regular repayments of the loans, motivation to start micro
enterprises etc. The process of selection was in two stages. First, respective district missions submitted nominations of best 3 NHGs from every districts. Then selection committee from Kudumbashree State Mission selected the best 3 NHGs out of the NHGs selected by the districts and applied to the NRLM in prescribed format.

It is matter a pride for us that two neighbourhood groups from Kerala are able to get recognition at the national level, where their outstanding performance has been appreciated. Let me once again congratulate the award winning NHGs. Hope this award would inspire other NHGs and CDSs as well.