



Neighbourhood meetings @ Night - Kudumbashree members celebrate Women's Day in a new way



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The details about affixing flags highlighting 'women's rights' as part of the women's day celebrations was explained in yesterday's article (Making an Impact Article-197). As a novel way of celebrating women day, we suggested our members to organise NHG meetings @ night on 7th March (yesterday). This 'night meetings' brought an opportunity for women to own those public places and spaces which they normally do not own at night. By owning the public spaces at nights which generally women don't own, Kudumbashree members are making a new proclamation that all these opportunities are their rights.

There are 3 lakh NHGs in Kerala with 43 lakh women as members. Usually they conduct their NHG meetings on Saturdays or Sundays of every week at the residence of one of the NHG member. As part of the Women's Day Celebrations, we suggested our members to conduct NHG meetings on 7th March any time after 7 PM. And those who could not conduct on 7th, meetings will be held today (8th). Most of the NHGs have organised such NHG meetings yesterday and converted the Women's Day Celebration as an entirely different experience.

The theme of our NHGs 'night meeting' was 'My Opportunity My Right'. A circular was given to all NHG s with three points to discuss and think during NHG meetings at night. The three concepts in our circular are given below

1. Let us think and work for securing new opportunities realizing that the opportunities of women are their rights.
2. In addition to all the activities we did until now, let us decide today to become the harbingers of change.



3. Through the fraternity of women and through new opportunities, let us work hard for equality and development.

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We are more than happy to know that these points were read out and were discussed in the NHG meetings. I hope the NHG members may be able to move forward in their lives, realizing that the opportunities are their rights. Let this women day bring more opportunities to women.