

MINUTES OF THE PLAN REVIEW MEETING ON 2-11-2000.

Monthly Plan Review Meeting of Kudumbashree was held on 2-11-2000 in the Kudumbashree Conference Hall, Civil Station, Ernakulam. Shri T.K.Jose IAS, Executive Director, chaired the meeting. Directors, DMCs and ADMCs attended the meeting. A ten member team of CBNP Activists from Malappuram led by Smt. Beena Sunny, CDS President were also present as special invitees. The list of participants is given in the Annexure.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 AM. Shri C.D. Kuriakose, ADMC, Thrissur was felicitated for having been promoted as Deputy Collector. Shri Kuriakose offered 'laddu' to the participants. Executive Director inaugurated the launching of a Tender Coconut Unit sponsored by Kochi Corporation CDS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SETS THE TONE:

"We are in the last lap of the relay race", the Executive Director opened the Meeting. "And with perfection and concentration we have to reach the finishing point", he continued. He expressed his concern over the wasting of time on trivial and peripheral issues. "The result is we tend to lose our concentration on the main issues". He exhorted the Kudumbashree team to prepare for the finishing race with concentration and dedication towards the common goals. Teamwork is the most integral part of the game. Even in the most rigid and hostile environments the main task should be to make every obstacle an opportunity. To do this we should imbibe the spirit of optimism, positive thinking, creativity, sensitivity, sincerity and hard work. We should be open and frank in our review and monitoring. Self criticism should prevail in the process.

CAPAM AWARD

Executive Director then moved on to the prestigious CAPAM AWARD Kudumbashree won for the entire Nation. Kudumbashree had been in the final round of the competition at the time of the last PRM. It was one among the ten entries short-listed. Executive Director said that he had flown over to Cape Town, the capital of South Africa, where the biennial International Innovation Award Programme of the

Commonwealth Association for Public Administration & Management (CAPAM) was organised, with the blessings and prayers of all in Kudumbashree. Some of them had made offerings at the temples. Everyone had a silent prayer in one's mind. And when at the Dinner Session on the 18th of November, the Jury announced the medals, Kudumbashree carried away the Gold Medal. It was a rare moment of pride and ecstasy. Our team bagged for the nation International acclaim for our innovative approach towards poverty alleviation. It should not be forgotten that this was achieved against tough competition from all the Commonwealth countries. There had been 119 entries, out of which ten were short-listed after an elaborate process of screening and elimination. There had been three entries from our Country – one sponsored directly by Government of India, the other from Andhra Pradesh and the third by us. They could not reach anywhere in the last ten except we. Though the Award was presented to Kudumbashree, it would go to the Nation. Each of the 10 organisations short-listed had to make a presentation for half an hour each and to pass through the ordeal of a one hour interview with an 8 member learned Jury. What Kudumbashree presented was the CBNP Model of Malappuram District and the profound change it made in the lives of the poor. It was not the current profile of the CBNP, but its past glory that was presented. Executive Director repeated the high profile presentation he made in Cape Town. He felt sorry that the present profile of CBNP was very poor. He called upon them to access within five months what they had missed to achieve within five years. They should work as a continuous learning team. "We observe, learn, review, relearn and monitor", he said. Every spark of knowledge that comes our way should be internalized. A closed mind could not do this. Cobwebs that shroud our mind should be swept off, and cleared so that light would enter. The benefit of CBNP goes only to one twelfth of the BPL families in Malappuram. This should be improved. Number of NHGs had come down whereas other areas registered considerable increase. Every award is a 'recognition' with a small 'r' and a responsibility with a capital 'R', he reminded.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION – KASARAGOD AGAIN.

Executive Director had expressed his dissatisfaction in the presentation of Kasaragode District in the last PRM and they had been directed to make their presentation once

again. DMC assisted by his ADMC made the presentation. They presented the district Profile and achievements under the various sectors. The following points emerged during the presentation.

1. The growth of thrift in the district had not been satisfactory. Lending in Kasaragod Municipality was very poor.
2. SJSRY progress was very slow. In Kanhangad it was 33.6% and in Kasaragod 24.2%. The phasing was far away from achievement.
3. Kanhangad and Kasaragod Municipalities had not released 2% UPA Fund for the consecutive years from 1998-99.
4. The progress of housing under NSDP was very poor.
5. 650 Kudumbashree Ayalkoottams were formed in the seven selected Panchayats and an amount of Rs.10.44 lakhs collected as thrift.
6. The DMC highlighted the co-operation extended by the District Collector.

The progress of SJSRY was slow because there had been not enough BPL families in the district, the DMC said. One of the members from every family would be in the Gulf or engaged in Beedi manufacturing units here. In the housing sector the main issue was that the houseless often lived in the *poromboke* and had no *patta*. The Executive Director challenged the contention of the DMC. If the DMC had surveyed the number of SSLC failed youth, if he had tried to look at the health conditions of children in Anganwadis, and see the mothers afflicted by malnutrition round the corner, he would not have come to such a conclusion. He also informed the DMC that Government had issued orders on the issue of Patta to the inhabitants of poramboke in 1997. Either the DMC or his team had done precious little to ascertain the real problems and tackle them. Executive Director also suggested to study the problems of the poor fisher folk of Kasaragode.

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF SJSRY

The performance under various sectors was reviewed Region-wise. Regional Directors initiated the presentations, which were supplemented by the District Mission Co-ordinators.

SOUTHERN REGION

Shri. M.Nanda Kumar, Director (SR) described in a romantic vein that there was a jingle of bangles of achievements again in the Southern Region. Training programmes for the elected representatives of the Urban Local Bodies were scheduled. Brisk activity was going on in the selected Panchayats of the Region. The Region had the privilege to host Ms. Hellen Shampoo, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Mr. Allen Court and Ms. Isabella Austin, the UNICEF representatives of the Indian Chapter and Ms. Julie Davila of the London University. They attended NHG meetings and visited various DWCUA units. He said that the visitors were spellbound on seeing the enthusiasm and dynamism of the NHG members of Thiruvananthapuram CDS. They highly applauded the efforts of the DMC and his team. The campaign in Thanneermukkam Panchayat against wheels disease, inauguration of training programme in Kanjikkuzhi Panchayat by Shri.V.S. Achuthanandan, the State Convener of LDF, the sponsorship of Rs. 3000 given by Shri T.Balakrishnan IAS, Secretary (LSG-U) to the Unique REC, the cash awards given by Punalur Branch of Federal Bank to all the students belonging to BPL families, scoring 400 plus marks were highlighted by the Director (SR). He also reported that Pathanamthitta District, which had been the sorrow of the Region, had roused out of its slumber. He concluded that there would be an upsurge of DWCUA units in the coming days.

Shri Santhappan Nair, DMC, Thiruvananthapuram claimed that his District showed the way in DWCUA with projects like IT, Ethnic food and Catering Units. By December he hoped that there would be tremendous improvement in DWCUA. Shri K.R. Mohan, Under Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India was all praise for the Tender Coconut Unit started.

Dr. Sreekumar, DMC, Kollam briefly presented the details of Kollam and Pathanamthitta districts. He said that most of the USEP applications forwarded to the Banks would be got sanctioned by the end of March. Councillors training

programmes were organized. Formation of a number of DWCUA Units was completed. In the rural areas, 758 NHGs were formed in the selected Panchayats. Charge officers were appointed in all the Panchayats. The rural NHGs had collected a thrift of Rs.5.65 lakhs. In Pathanamthitta 680 rural NHGs were formed. A thrift collection of Rs.6.45 lakhs had been made. Charge officers were appointed in 5 Panchayats.

Dr. Krishnan Nair DMC, Alappuzha highlighted the campaign against wheel disease in Thanneer Mukkam Panchayath and the hospital cleaning taken up in Chengannur. 96 USEP applications were sanctioned. The performance was very poor in Mavelikkara. He said that a meeting would be convened in Kanjikkuzhi Panchayat to sort out certain issues there. 1095 NHGs were formed in the selected 15 Panchayats and an amount of Rs.15.04 lakhs collected as thrift. Executive Director appreciated his presentation of the rural areas with full details.

NORTHERN REGION

Shri. M.Abdul Kareem, Director (NR) presented the over all picture of the performance in the Northern Region. Against a USEP phasing of 1949 units in the region, 530 had been achieved. The achievement was zero in Koothuparamba. Performance in Malappuram, Manjeri, Koylandi, Kannur, Kanhangad, Kasaragod had been very marginal. In DWCUA 35 units could be set up against 189 units phased. In 8 Municipalities there had been no achievement in DWCUA. UWEP progress was 23 against 293 works phased. Training programmes for the Municipal Concillors were started in the Region. Training of charge officers of Kudumbashree Panchayats were also started except in two Blocks in Kannur District. He said that the Kudumbashree team attended the State level Janakeeyasoothranam training organised by the Planning Board in Kozhikkode. Training programmes for soap making were conducted at Mayanad.

DMC, Malappuram said the USEP performance was very poor in Manjeri and Malappuram Municipalities. Not a single DWCUA unit could be started in Ponnani. The over all performance was less than 50% in Malappuram, Tirur and Ponnani. Executive Director enquired the DMC why there was poor achievement of USEP in

Malappuram CDS. DMC said that the groups were not active. Again to a query why the soap unit did not start functioning even after training was imparted, DMC said that the group was in search of a building. Executive Director reminded the DMC that the group from Vadakara trained simultaneously had already started functioning.

Smt. K.J.Elsamma, DMC, Kozhikkode reported that 25 beneficiaries were assisted under USEP for the month of September. The achievement under DWCUA was 4 units. There was no achievement under UWEP in Kozhikkode Corporation and Koylandi Municipality. One work was completed in Vadakara. She expressed the hope that all targets would be achieved by December. Training programme for councillors was conducted in Vadakkara.

Shri. K.Appukuttan, DMC, Wayanad, reported that 62 applications were forwarded to the Banks and a credit camp was conducted. He raised the issue of under-financing by the Banks. Executive Director, directed him to take up the matter with the LDM and send a copy to the Convener of the SLBC through the Executive Director. Under UWEP no work had been completed. No expenditure incurred so far. In the Tribal sector 230 NHGs were formed of which 175 NHGs started thrift collection. The thrift collected by them is Rs.6,53,986. 675 Kudumbashree Ayalkkootams were formed in the selected 7 panchayaths.

Shri. K.Vasu, DMC, Kannur reported that action had been initiated to start a Smokeless Choola Unit under the guidance of ANERT. Executive Director asked him to explore the possibility of starting Vanitha Mason Units. Training of Councillors was over in Payyannur & Koothuparamba. In Thalassery it was scheduled on 14-11-2000. 5 DWCUA Units were formed in Thaliparamba, 5 in Thalassery and 2 in Mattannur. Training for soap making and Herbal Nursery had been completed. He expressed the concern that no specific directions were forthcoming regarding the future course of action in the selected Panchayats where Kudumbashree Ayalkkootams were formed.

Shri. Kunhiraman, District Mission Co-ordinator, Kasargode told that all applications pending in Municipalities would be forwarded immediately. He hoped that all the units would start functioning before December 31st.

CENTRAL REGION

Shri. M.A.Aboobacker, Director (CR) in his presentation stated that the performance in the Central Region was not that bad compared to the Southern Region and Northern Region. In the minutes of the last Plan Review Meeting there was an attempt to create an impression that some thing disastrous was happening in the Central Region. This was against facts. The overall performance of SJSRY in the three regions would show that it was 49.8% in Southern Region 52.1% in Central Region and 54.4% in Northern Region. This analysis was based on the figures available in the Head Office. The component wise break up also would suggest that there was no substantial variation across the regions. It was 26.3%, 22%, 27.8 % in USEP, 92.5%, 82%, 77.4% in DWCUA and 44.4%, 41% and 48.2% in USEP and DWCUA combined. In the implementation of UWEP and Skill Upgradation Central Region was much ahead of other regions. In UWEP it was 37.9%, 52% and 43.1% and in Skill Upgradation the figures were 40.5%, 63.3% and 48.6% respectively. In the case of DWCUA units set up across the regions that Central Region topped the list. Out of the 229 units in the State the Central Region had 87 units Southern Region 75 units and Northern Region 65 units. In respect of IT units out of a total of 53 units Central Region had 22 units. Again out of the 35 Remedial Education Centres, the share of Central Region was 16. Southern Region 12 and Northern Region 7. Director (CR) said that maximum efforts were taken at the Regional and DMC level to better the performance. Limitations and weaknesses were there of course. Achieving the target under USEP seemed to be a staggering task and its diversion to DWCUA was being successfully tried at. There were problems in Idukki and Kottayam regarding the implementation of UWEP. There were some municipalities where they could not open their account in USEP, DWCUA and UWEP. DMCs had been directed to monitor the problems and achieve better results. Training Programmes for the Municipal Councillors were in full swing in the municipalities. As new entrants to the civic bodies it was hoped that their enthusiasm could be exploited. He elaborated on the works being done in the selected Kudumbashree Grama Panchayats.

Shri. Joseph Abraham, DMC, Kottayam said that the co-operation of the Community Organiser in Vaikom and Project Officer in Kottayam was not

forthcoming. Special attention was being made to better the performance in Vaikom. Thrust was being given to DWCUA units. Seven groups were formed in Kottayam, two in Changanassery, two in Vaikom and eight in Pala. In the selected Grama Panchayats 1094 Kudumbashree Ayalkoottams were formed.

Shri. K.V.Chacko, DMC, Idukki said that there was no adequate response in Thodupuzha to UWEP and that he was planning to divert the funds to DWCUA. Two more DWCUA units were formed. In the 15 Grama Panchayats 1639 Kudumbashree Ayalkoottams were formed. The tribal programme had also gained much momentum after the election. Thrift operation was started in all the NHGs except Pazhayarikandom.

Shri. Kabeer.B.Haroon, DMC, Ernakulam reported that the thrift collection in the district has exceeded Rs.4 crores. He was glad to announce that 54 DWCUA units had already started functioning in the district. This would be the highest figure in any of the districts. A one day workshop was organised for the members of the IT centres. Efforts were being made to tackle the slow progress in USEP. UWEP performance was rather satisfactory in the district except in Aluwa Municipality. He requested that Kudumbashree magazine should be issued to the Block Panchayat Presidents also.

Shri. C.B.Mohandas, DMC, Thrissur said that banking problems in the district were being sorted out. He had the highest number of Panchayats under Kudumbashree and nearly 4000 Kudumbashree Ayalkoottams were formed. The tribal NHGs were also strengthened and thrift operations were moving satisfactorily. The District Collector had assigned him other duties also in connection with the Election, Keralalolsavam and Nanma Project, a people's initiative for campaigning against the increasing suicides in the State.

Smt. K.L. Sudhamony, DMC, Palakkad expressed her happiness that she had the privilege of the presence of two dignitaries to the district - One the Executive Director and the other Shri.K.R. Mohanan, Under Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, GOI. Tender Coconut projects in the district had vigorously picked up thanks to the intervention of the Executive Director. The plan was to set up Elaneer Panthals at 14 points. There was a discussion with the farmers group for the procurement of tender

coconut. The Executive Director lead the discussion. A house building unit was being planned in Attapadi for which training would be started by November 15th. Meeting of Panchayat members was conducted which was chaired by the Executive Director. The Second Phase of RIS training was also conducted in Palakkad.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Shri. K.R.Viswambharan IAS, District Collector, Ernakulam addressed the Kudumbashree team. He thanked the Executive Director for having selected Ernakulam District for the first Plan Review Meeting outside the Headquarters. He felt it as a special privilege to the district. He felicitated the Executive Director and the Kudumbashree team for having won the prestigious CAPAM Award against heavy odds. Kudumbashree under the able leadership of its Executive Director has brought International recognition for the nation for innovative approach to poverty alleviation, he said. He extended his whole hearted co-operation in all the activities of Kudumbashree in the district.

DWCUA UNITS INAUGURATED

Apart from the Tender Coconut unit inaugurated by the Executive Director at the outset of the meeting there were two more inaugurations. The District Collector inaugurated the launching of a **Mobile Provision Store** in N.Paravur by handing over the key and RC book of an autorickshaw to Smt.Jayshree, Leader of the group. The District Collector flagged off a vehicle driven by Jayashree in the collectorate premises. **Mythri Ethnic Food unit** of the Thrippunithura CDS was also inaugurated. The Executive Director handed over a pack of Ethnic Food to the District Collector. The Executive Director congratulated the DMC and his team for having arranged the inauguration of DWCUA units. These inaugurations, especially that of the autorickshaw should have been given wider publicity in the visual media, the District Collector suggested.

INTERFACE WITH AN ENTREPRENEUR

Shri. V.S.Muraleedharan, Proprietor of Priya Instant Foods, Perithalmanna, Malappuram District was introduced to the participants. He shared his experience of how from very simple beginnings he struck a flourishing enterprise. He explained his project and introduced the product. He assured that he was ready to impart training for DWCUA groups interested in the project. He said that he trained the DWCUA group, Palazhi Palada and Instant Mix of Thiruvananthapuram Corporation. The secret of his success, he said was that wherever he went he kept his eyes wide open and embraced innovations.

REINFORCEMENT OF SJSRY IMPLEMENTATION- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Executive Director summed up the review of performance presented by the Regional Directors and the DMCs. He said that it was with mixed responses that he listened to the presentations:-

1. The phasing of the programmes was done to set the goals straight and to monitor the achievements and shortcomings.
2. The functioning of the DMC and the ADMCs in Malappuram District should invariably be improved. So also in Kasargode District. We should create good models ourselves.
3. From the beginning itself we had been talking about innovations. Thiruvananthapuram district had worked as an innovative team. It was not because of the presence of the Executive Director and Regional Director. 'The idea of IT was mine, that was all. The rest was theirs'. We have already been fed up with conventional models. We should do something different. It was with this in mind that we insisted on innovative projects. Such innovative projects should emerge from each district.
4. Apart from the Seven Wonders the DMCs and ADMCs were asked to identify one innovative scheme each. The Executive Director requested them to speak out the activity to be taken up by each DMC and ADMC. The following projects were suggested.

District	DMC	ADMC

Kasargode	CFL Lamp	Cloth dyeing (Damodaran)
Kannur	Smokeless chula	Handkerchief (Venugopal)
Waynad	Turmeric powder	Coffee Powder (Baby)
Kozhikkode	Gold Plated ornaments	
Malappuram	Organic Manure	Milk Shake (Paily)
Palaghat	Plantain cup and saucer	
Thrissur	Computer Leaf	1. Offset press (Kuriakose) 2. Urbana – wheel barrow (Thilakan)
Ernakulam	Kalyana Saugandikam (Marriage store, Beautician, Photography, Video etc)	1. Nutrition Mix (Saseendran) 2. Disposable plates (Saly Joseph)
Idukki	Rubberised Coir foam	Papaya products
Kottayam	Processed latex products	
Alappuzha	Handicrafts	
Pathanamthitta		-
Kollam	Leather Chappals	1. Greeting Cards (Muraleedharan) 2. Wayside market (Khan)
Thriuvananthapuram	Herbal Tea	

5. The Executive Director said that the DMC and ADMC should be a little more aggressive in their functions. It is the performance that ultimately matters. DMCs should examine the performance of each Municipality and intervene in those municipalities where the achievement is marginal. They should bring the matter to the attention of Regional Directors and if the problem could not be solved at these levels the Executive Director should be addressed. He felt that the reporting of expenditure by the DMCs was sometimes imperfect. He cited some of the ULBs where special attention was needed. Mavelikkara, Nedumangad, Palakkad, Chavakkad, Kodungalloor, Angamaly, Vaikom, Kottayam etc. The figures of expenditure furnished by the Northern Region and those available at the Head Office did not tally. Director (NR) should examine the discrepancy.

6. Revolving fund at the rate of Rs.25000/- should be transferred to the DWCUA units started functioning for 6 months. But in the case of RECs and Tender Coconut units this time frame need not be insisted. This exercised should be over by November 15. Revolving Fund should be transferred to the accounts of the DWCUA units.
7. Survey funds that had not been refunded so far should be refunded within 10 days.
8. Skill Upgradation training for identified activities should be arranged immediately.
9. A Calendar for General Training should be finalised and the training completed before December 31st. The training should be strictly monitored at the DMC level.
10. Details regarding the formation of DWCUA units, forwarding applications to the banks, their sanction and disbursement should be reported directly to the Executive Director every week with copy to the Regional Director. In the case of USEP Regional Directors should monitor the progress every week. DMCs should furnish weekly reports to the Regional Director with e-mail copy to the Executive Director.
11. All estimates for works under UWEP should be taken before November 30th, failing which, the ULB should be informed, the funds would be withdrawn from the Municipalities concerned.
12. Diversion of SJSRY funds for other purposes would be treated as misutilisation of funds and the ULBs concerned would be proceeded against accordingly. All the diverted funds should be got refunded. Cases of such misutilisation should be identified and reported immediately to the Secretary of ULB with copy to the Executive Director and the Director of Municipal Administration. This exercise should be done within 10 days. Arrangements would be made to recover such amounts from the plan fund.

13. There should be uniformity in monitoring. Monitoring should be strict and serious. Just like we monitor figures, problems should also be monitored. Problems should be identified and the way to better the performance should be chalked out. There should be monitoring at all levels – Municipal, District, Regional and State level. The figures reported to head office and those presented at Plan Review Meeting were seen often at variance. It should be ensured that such discrepancies would not recur.

GENERAL MATTERS

Smt. L.Vijayalekshmi, Director (A&F) presented the general matters.

1. Request for the extension of deputation should reach Head Office 3 months prior to the end of deputation.
2. Confidential Reports if not already furnished should be furnished immediately.
3. Advance tour programmes / work diaries should be submitted in time. Assistant District Mission Co-ordinators should submit the tour programme to the DMCs and the DMCs to the Regional Director. Directors should submit the tour programmes to the Executive Director. Only Director (NR) had submitted tour diary to the Executive Director.

IT UNITS

Shri. Sreekantan Nair, ADMC, Thiruvananthapuram and Charge Officer IT suggested the main points to be attended by the IT Units in connection with the works assigned by the Registration Department.

1. A register in the prescribed proforma should be maintained in all the units. The proforma had been given to all the District Mission Co-ordinators.
2. DMC should be in touch with the District Registrars and the SROs.
3. The CD would be supplied by Friday. If any problem with CD was detected the NIC should be contacted. If there was any doubt regarding the data the SROs should be contacted. If the problems were not solved at these levels they could contact the ADMC.

They could make use of the following numbers 324529 and 329894 NIC, Thiruvananthapuram. Shri. Jayakumar and Smt. Saramma. Registration IG Office 472118 (O) 530139 (R) Mr. Sasidharan Nair, AIG.

4. Operation instructions were available with the CD.

The Executive Director gave the following instructions

1. The possibility of printing SSLC Rank File (10 years Question Papers) should be explored. This may be sold at Rs 250/- for people outside the CDS.
2. Each IT unit invariably should have 10 computers.
3. There is need for data entry in the check post. Efforts may be made to set up computer centers in the inter State check posts with a net work of 2 computers, 1 printer and 1 UPS.

OVER QUALIFICATION - SJSRY

Shri. M.R.Ramanunny, Programme Officer (UPA) requested the District Mission Co-ordinators to review the status of applications rejected by banks owing to over qualification in SJSRY. District Mission Co-ordinators should identify such cases under their jurisdiction and report them immediately.

MIS for NSDP

Programme Officer (UPA) presented a new proforma for the preparation of MIS for NSDP. The proforma report should be furnished within 15 days. Government of India would not release further funds if utilisation certificates were not furnished in time. The District Mission Co-ordinators were therefore requested to closely monitor the issue and furnish the report within the stipulated time.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Shri. P.Kesavan Nair, Programme Officer (CR) reported the participation of Kudumbashree in the India International Trade Fair being held at New Delhi from 14th to 27th November 2000. He said that 550 sq.ft space was allotted for display and 100 sq.ft for sale. All the products for display and sale should be handed over to the

first batch starting on 4th and 7th second batch on 9th and third batch on 16th. Considering the minimum space only nominal quantities of attractive items need be sent. The Executive Director informed that Regional Directors (SR) & (CR) and District Mission Co-ordinator, Thiruvananthapuram would attend the global conference on micro enterprises organised by World Association for Small and Micro Enterprises (WASME) for the period from 12th to 14th November 2000 at Vigyan Bhavan and would stay back at New Delhi till 21.11.2000. TA for the Trade Fair should be drawn from the respective offices but the Head Office would arrange the Train Tickets.

UAPP

Programme Officer (UPA) discussed the details of proposals sanctioned under UAPP 2000-01.

1. State level Community Convergent Action workshop - 1 day.
2. Municipal level workshop on CCA - 2 days
3. Orientation for Urban Poverty Alleviation programmes
4. Training on Leadership
5. Exchange study visit to Pradhan, Madurai
6. Kudumbashree monthly magazine
7. Development of an IEC Package
8. Documenting best practice on SJSRY 2 day workshop.

The dates and venue were announced. All the UAPP Training programmes should be completed before 10th of December 2000. Communication for the participants to the programmes organized at the State level had already been sent. He said that a 12-member team would go over to Madurai on an exchange visit to PRADAN. The exact date would be communicated after contacting DHAN Foundation, Madurai. He requested the DMCs/ADMCs interested to go there to give nominations for the programme. He also proposed the names of DMCs and ADCMs who should participate in the workshop for the preparation of Success Stories at Ponmudi, Thiruvananthapuram.

Kudumbashree Newsletter - 2000

The September issue of Kudumbashree News letter would be on Women Empowerment to be edited by Smt. L.Vijayalakshmi, Director (A&F). The articles so far received were not sufficient and they should be sent by November 7th. Shri.P.Kesavan Nair would edit the October issue. The Executive Director said that the editing would be on a rotation basis thereafter, Director (SR), CR, NR and DMCs starting from Kasaragod.

Anchor Activities

Remedial Education Centres:-

Executive Director said that the main concern in REC was how to reach 100% success. He gave the following instructions.

1. Ensure that charge officers were posted to each REC. Their list should be given to Head Office.
2. 10 years Question and Answer Papers should be made available.
3. Charge officers should make weekly/fortnightly visit/. Their visit report should reach Head Quarters.
4. Fortnightly test papers should be conducted and students' progress monitored.
5. Arrangements for VCP and TV by sponsorship should be made by November 15.
6. Every REC should have a computer and this must be facilitated by 30th November.
7. SSI Registration, telephone and Internet connection should be made.
8. Extra curricular activities should be arranged, essay elocution, quiz, literary activity, study visit/tour etc.
9. Visitors / VIPs should be brought to the RECs.
10. Sponsoring students, food etc should be canvassed. The ultimate aim is that nobody in the REC should fail

Soap Unit

Dr.Krishnakumar, PO (NR), said that despite a target of 41 soap units only 5 have been materialized. He requested the DMCs to expedite the formation of the groups and in the case of groups already formed to start the unit immediately.

Paper Bag

PO (UPA) furnished three project reports on paper bag to DMCs. He said that training could be arranged as soon as the groups were identified. The scope would be very wide, as there was enough demand in Neethi Medicals stores and other Medical stores, Civil Supplies etc. It was an enterprise, he said, which was non-existent in the State.

Courier Unit

Shri.P.Kesavan Nair, PO(CR), reported that Courier units were started in Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam. In Ernakulam and Kozhikkode groups were formed. Executive Director intervened and said that Courier units should be started in all the Municipalities where the railway network existed. There were offers from Kerala University, Canara Bank, State Bank etc.

PO (CR) also intimated that the hand book for community Health Volunteers 60 copies each supplied to the DMCs should be utilized for health conscientisation programme.

2% UPA Fund

Details regarding the position of transfer of 2% UPA fund should be immediately intimated to take up follow up action with the higher ups. Details such as yearwise 2% UPA funds due, received, balance due etc.

CDS Audit position: -

DMCs should expedite the completion of the audit of accounts in the CDS and report immediately.

Kudumbashree IN Grama Panchayaths:-

The PO (CR) reported that it was decided to provide Kudumbashree Ayalkoottams Registers, Pass Books etc for proper maintenance of accounts. He explained the standard forms of registers designed for the purpose. The following registers should be kept: -

1. Minutes book
3. Pass book
3. Account Register consisting of
 - (a) Membership Register (four pages)
 - (b) Loan Register (Eight Pages)
 - (c) Consolidated Register (20 pages)
 - (d) Transaction Register (70 pages)
 - (e) Monthly consolidated report (2 pages)
1. The District Mission Co-ordinators would print the required number of copies of Registers, Pass Books etc., after inviting quotations as per rules. They would intimate the lowest rate quoted immediately to the Head Office.
2. The Resident Community Volunteers (RCV) should be designated as Secretary in the Kudumbashree Ayalkoottam.
3. CDS/ADS Chairpersons should invariably be members of BPL family. It should be ensured that APL members would not enter the elected bodies of ADS/CDS.

The meeting came to a close at 7.30 P.M. The Director (A&F) thanked the Director (CR) and his team for having made the Plan Review Meeting an unforgettable one.