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Duration of service as CDS Chairperson: **7.5 years**



Life Changes

We formed Kudumbashree in our panchayath on December 31, 1999 and started its functions. I was elected as the secretary of that group. In 2002, I was elected as the ADS president. Thereafter, I focused upon the ward's development and to increase the number of groups. By 2018, 15 groups were created and operations were made. In 2010, I was elected as CDS member. In the vacancy came up in 2011 I was selected as CDS chairperson. I was able to serve as Chairperson for seven and a half years

Challenges Acquired

There were two incidents of pain occurred during my reign. A 24-year-old girl in the Panchayat area was married under our leadership. Her husband who had a job abroad went back two months after two months their marriage. Since then, the woman has to suffer mental torture in her husband's house and she even tried to commit suicide. The girl was so distressed that she did not hear a good word even from her husband. I got information regarding this I filed a complaint with the police regarding this issue. Later we were able to find a solution for this. Now this lady is well with her two children. I am very proud and happy to work for Kudumbashree and Panchayat work for seven and a half years. It was a proof of women's empowerment that women were sent alone to Delhi. The District Mission and the State Mission team were studying us when we were sent to Delhi. A project worth Rs. 2.75 crore has been prepared which provides the employment of 150 Kudumbashree workers. The project aims at producing rice, rice, and other products from the rice, from pallipaadu which is abundant in farming. However, this could not be implemented as part of disobedience from the panchayat division.

Go ahead

In 2011, we laid the foundation for the Asraya old age home in order to protect the destitute. In a phased manner, Mangalyam scheme for the indigenous women has been created. Kudumbashree activists from 16 wards joined their hand together, took the effort for the marriage of 5 women in the CDS. One lakh rupees and 5 sovereign of jewellery were given to each of them as gift. With the help of the panchayat, houses were provided to many women. By 2018 number of groups has been increased to 238 from 144 groups in 2011. Of these 18 groups are SC groups. Prosperity units, cow dung, livestock, poultry, catering, JLG Groups, and various micro enterprises are now working in the CDS. There are 278 JLG's from 238 units. Many of the slush paddy lands were made suitable for agriculture. Kudumbashree, Panchayat, Krishi Bhavan and NREGS are together being currently cultivating at 35 acres of land. Ending with the satisfaction that all the decisions made during my tenure has been successful.