



## Through the districts-13

Today i will explain about the special activities executed and are being implemented by Kudumbashree Kasaragod District Mission in the background of covid-19 pandemic in today's 'Through the Districts' section of 'Making an Impact Article'. Hope you all would have read about the activities of the other 12 districts explained few days before.

### **Compassionate Kasaragod**

There are 42 CDSs (Community Development Societies-Panchayath level Federation of NHGs) and 11,204 NHGs

in the district which has 1,78,664 women as members.

### **1. Special food for guest labourers**

Kasaragod district set a model by serving special food to the guest labourers working in the district. They were in crisis as they neither could do their daily works nor could return to their homeland due to lock down. The food was served to more than 100 guest laborers under the leadership of Kuttikol Panchayath who came to work in there. The activity which was started on 28 March lasted till 7 May.



Kudumbashree CDS was also running community kitchen associating with the panchayath. Special food was served to the guest labourers along with that. As per the instruction of the Panchayath, the Navajyothi Kudumbashree unit from ward 8 cooked food for the guest labourers at Govt. L.P School Thavana. Chappathi, Porotta and curries were mainly served. The food packed as parcels were delivered to the areas where the guest labourers reside with the help of ward member, Jagrutha Samithi members in the ward and volunteers.

## **2. Showcasing talents of Kudumbashree women through facebook:**

The activity of presenting the creative talents of Kudumbashree women through the official facebook page of the district team as facebook live had attracted the public. The activity which was started on 14 April lasted till 24 May. The performances were made by the talents of 'Kudumbashree Theatre'. This theatre was started by associating all NHG women in the district who won first prize in Kudumbashree's Arangu Arts Festival. The NHG members made live performances at 5 PM everyday. Their performances included songs, mimicry, mono act, folk song etc.

## **3. For food security**

'Njanum ente Ayaljootavum Krushiylek', 'Njanum ente oorun Krushiylek' the campaign launched by the district team which aim at attaining food security was started implementing in the district from 4 May. The campaign activities are implemented through NHGs and Scheduled Tribe special NHGs. The campaign which aim at attaining self sustainability in food also make use of the MGNREGS programme. As part of the MGNREGS programme, elephant yam, colocasia, purple yam, tapioca etc are cultivated in inter-cropping method. In addition, each NHG members were asked to cultivate drum stick, curry leaves, plantain etc as mandatory. Each NHG was asked to form farming groups and do farming in at least 50 cent of land. The farming activities of NHGs are progressing. As part of the campaign, 1129 farming groups had already been formed.

The Kasaragod district team who formulated and implemented such model activities in addition to the activities implemented in the state level is an inspiration for many. My appreciations to all NHG members who happily welcomed and became part of all the novel initiatives.