

Reports on field visits

29th October 2017

I had visited few NHGs as a part of the Disha campaign in urban areas earlier but wanted to experience one in the rural area. I can say that it was then that I understood the real role of the Kudumbashree three tier system in alleviating poverty.

It was a Sunday 29.10.17 that I visited the Deepam ayalkootum in Panavur Panchayat. Even though the NHG was just 6 months old, the NHG has become completely functional with regular thrift and credit operations, good attendance percentage and well maintained financial book of records and minutes of meetings.

Incidentally since the Kudumbashree school programme is also being implemented currently, the same could also be experienced. The topic of the day was "Organisation". The ADS resource person Ms.Ciji explained in a very effective manner how to start an NHG meeting with proper seating of NHG members, prayer followed by thrift and credit activities, discussion about issues to be addressed etc. ending with National Anthem.

It was indeed a great experience for me to visit such an "Ayalkootum" where as I could understand all the members are really poor finding it hard to meet ends. I shared with them some of the benefits offered by Kudumbashree under various schemes and urged them to avail such benefits.

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My personal project titled " Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer initiative of GoI" requires me to make the PFMS system functional. For this purpose officials from the PFMS cell Thiruvananthapuram asked me to visit their centre with all details of NULM to register NULM scheme and for further approval.

On 30.11.17, contacted the Urban Affairs department official who has to do the approval for our scheme and visited the PFMS cell.

Registration of PFMS for 7 components of NULM was done and the scheme was approved by Urban affairs department. Steps to be done for further implementation was explained.