

Kudumbashree offers support to spl children of Buds schools

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Thiruvananthapuram: Kudumbashree is providing creative support to children with learning difficulties as they are stuck in their houses due to lockdown over the outbreak of Covid-19.

To reduce hyperactivity in students of Buds Schools under local bodies, Kudumbashree has introduced various activities to make them agile and happy. Around 8,521 children are studying in 270 Buds institutions run by Kudumbashree in the state.

In a press release, Kudumbashree said the programme was conceived to instil confidence and encourage students to be creative at the time of lockdown. "Parents are happy because children are following the tasks suggested by teachers," it said.

Regular activities, in accordance with the IQ level of each child, is integral for the emotional development of children with learning disabilities. Regular activities were hit by the lockdown. Thus, Kudumbashree developed programmes which the children could do at homes with or without the support of parents. Guidelines were given to district mission officers and district-wise WhatsApp groups were formed with parents, Buds School teachers, district mission officers, CDS chairpersons, etc., as members. Daily activities of children are coordinated through such groups.

Individual activities were planned considering the interests and difficulties of each student in Buds Schools. Similar approach has been taken for indoor activities too. Teacher informs the daily tasks on the group.

Painting, handicrafts, pencil drawing, helping in cooking, planting saplings, watering etc, are some of the tasks given on a daily basis.

In Malappuram district, a new calendar 'mzhavillu' was designed and activities are based on it. Shamna, a student of

Manovikas Kendra under Kudumbashree Buds School finds interest in making brooms using midriiffs of coconut palms while Dichu Dilip of Buds School, Kadakkal in Kollam, spends his lockdown days playing percussion instruments. Parents are encouraged to post pictures and videos of such activities on WhastApp groups.

In the second phase, Kudumbashree is planning to introduce more programmes such as recitation, paper-bag making, paper-pen making, TikTok videos, mimicry, fancy dress.