



## BUDS Institutions of Kudumbashree



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BUDS is a major project being implemented by Kudumbashree Mission in convergence with the Local Self Government Institutions of Kerala. BUDS extend training to the children who are specially abled. It would be difficult for their parents to leave houses and find livelihood as they need to take care of children, if they stay at home. Eventually the whole family would fall into poverty.

BUDS aims at providing education, rehabilitation, and day care to children, ensuring care and providing opportunity for parents to work to earn. BUDS Special Schools are functioning for the children under 18 years of age and BUDS Rehabilitation centres for those above 18 years of age.





Government of Kerala sanctioned budget provision for starting 200 new BUDS Schools during 2018-19. The first instalment of Rs. 12.5 lakhs (50% of the budget of Rs 25 lakhs per school) each to 200 Local bodies has been given. Out of this, 72 news BUDS Institutions have started functioning.

A total of 181 BUDS Institutions are already functioning in the state. By adding new 72 new BUDS Institutions to the list, the total number of BUDS Institutions functioning in the state at present would be 253. A total of 7000 students are studying in these institutions altogether.

BUDS Institutions could be considered as one of the best social interventions of Kudumbashree. Yet another 100 new BUDS Institutions are announced in the 2019-2020 Budget. In short, there would be 481 BUDS Institutions altogether functioning in various parts of Kerala in the next one year.

During the last two / three years, many policy level decisions were taken for improving the infrastructure and pedagogy of BUDS Institutions. The approval to start 200 new BUDS Institutions

and to give Rs 25 lakhs each to new BUDS is the most important among them. The local bodies which need more BUDS Institutions would also be considered along with.

The dedicated teachers and staff who work selflessly for the welfare of students are the real backbone of BUDS Institutions. Our team took special effort to extend continuous training to them. Special Youth Festivals (titled BUDS festival) were organised for the BUDS Institutions for the last three years. This had brought in so many positive changes in the children.

Those children who joined BUDS Institutions are included in the Niramaya Insurance Scheme too. Kudumbashree was able to extend skill training to the students and to their mothers as well. By giving them exposure in agriculture, and by trying to improve the care and therapy, we are striving to provide better assistance to them. Kudumbashree is always committed to give our best for the betterment of children studying in BUDS institutions. ■