



# Memoirs (Ormapusthakangal)



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Kudumbashree, the Poverty Eradication Mission of Kerala was formed in 1998. Within the first three years, Neighbourhood groups, Area Development Societies (Federation of Neighborhood Groups) and Community Development Societies (Federation of Area Development Societies) were formed in all Local Self Government Institutions. The idea of publishing the memoirs of Kudumbashree members originated in 2018, during the 20th anniversary of Kudumbashree. In that year’s budget, government announced that the memoirs of Kudumbashree members would be published.

For sharing the memories of 20 years and for converting the same into a book, we decided to conduct one workshop in every district. ‘Writesops’ were conducted in all districts.

It was coordinated by the Public Relations team of Kudumbashree. Our CDS ensures active participation of Kudumbashree members in the workshop. We organised workshops at all districts across the state during February-March 2018. Around 500 Kudumbashree members took part in the workshop. The write-ups prepared then were given for including in the memoirs. Along with that, stories of those who shared their experiences orally were prepared by our Public Relations team. We now published 14 books by compiling the stories received from 14 districts.

On going through these books, one would be able to know about the growth of this organisation, the stories of sacrifices of Kudumbashree members, the start of the changes that Kudumbashree had brought in to the society and also about the substratum of Kudumbashree network in detail.

You may read these books absolutely free of cost from this link: <http://www.kudumbashree.org/pages/159....> I welcome you all to read these books and know about the growth, empowerment and self reliance that a generation had attained through Kudumbashree.