



Harithakarmasena - our pride

501 Grama Panchayats, 58 Urban Local Bodies and 30 Block Panchayats in Kerala have attained 'Suchitwa Padavi' (An achievement in Sanitation sector) today. Harithakarmasena played a crucial role in helping these Local Self Government Institutions gain this achievement. Hope you all would recall the 'Making an Impact' Article - 35 in which the details of the Harithakarmasena was well explained. It has been one year since we published that article. And after one year, there's considerable progress in both numbers and service delivery standards of Harithakarmasena. In today's article, we are focusing that.

'Harithakarmasena' is providing services to 859 Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs) and 25,318 women are part of this 'green army'. Harithakarmasena functions as an enterprise

(Kudumbashree micro enterprise) in most of the places. In some places it's functioning under the leadership and administrative authority of local bodies. In a handful of local bodies, the services are outsourced and private players are providing the services.

The activities for converting Harithakarmasena (which functions as a consortium) into an enterprise model is progressing now. Out of the 859 LSGIs, 515 LSGIs have started enterprise registration now. Harithakarmasena which consists of 30 members will function as 3 enterprises with 10 members each. The consortium of these enterprises would be in charge of the activities of these Harithakarmasena. Until now, 1377 enterprises were formed in 515 LSGIs. It is expected that all Harithakarmasena would complete the enter-



prise registration of Kudumbashree within the upcoming two months.

Harithakarmasena members collect the non biodegradable waste from households, shops and other institutions in regular intervals and take it to Material Collection Facility (MCF). The waste is sorted in MCF and is taken to Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) for recycling. In RRF s, recycling of the segregated waste is coordinated. This is the process followed for recycling of non biodegradable waste. This is how a Harithakarmasena functions. The functioning of Harithakarmasena is set in such a model that a fixed amount is collected from the households and institutions as user fee. In addition, we are motivating the Harithakarmasena members to start Green Enterprises. These are encouraged to help the members to earn additional income.

'Green Enterprises' started by Harithakarmasena include cloth bag production unit, paper bag-paper pen production unit, 'event management' units which lend steel utensils for the public events that follow green protocol,

cleaning unit, gardening unit, disinfection unit etc. To earn additional income, Harithakarmasena members have started 233 Green Enterprises until now.

When the LSGIs attained 'Suchitwa Padavi', let me appreciate the Harithakarmasena members who played a key role to make it happen. The functioning of Harithakarmasena has not only paved way for arranging livelihood opportunities to quarter lakh Kudumbashree members, but also has played a major role in keeping our place waste free.

The formation of the Harithakarmasena in these 859 LSGIs might be one of the sustainable changes that happened in Kerala during the last three years. Kudumbashree, Haritha Keralam Mission, Suchitwa Mission, clean Kerala company and the LSGIs are jointly giving leadership to the functioning of these Harithakarmasena. Our next aim is to increase the income of our Harithakarmasena members. Tomorrow, we will explain about the activities we are implementing for achieving the same.