



**7071 people's representatives  
from Kudumbashree! Appreciations  
to all members elected to local bodies**

We are restarting the 'Making an Impact' article series after a small break. Today, upon the completion of the election procedure, all the elected members have sworn in as members/ counsellors of the local bodies in the state. Appreciations also to all those who contested in the Local Body Elections. Hope the elected representatives will be able to ensure local economic development in the best possible manner.

We can say that Kudumbashree secured the greatest success during the Local Body Elections. 16,965 Kudumbashree members contested in the local body elections. Out of this, 7071 of them were selected. Today, 21,865\* ward members/councillors have sworn in. It is a great achievement for us that, out of the entire set of people's representatives, about 1/3rd are Kudumbashree members! This could be considered as the epitome of Women Empowerment.

The experience attained by working along with the public for longer periods, the skill to identify and resolve the issues of the public (especially that of women),

the experience earned by providing leadership to the various programmes of Kudumbashree (implemented in convergence with the LSGIs), the trainings received in connection with the same and the experience thus gained about working with the Government etc. would have contributed to the participation of Kudumbashree members in local body elections. This resulted in huge opportunities for them as well.

Hope the public support, leadership, experience, practical knowledge, confidence gained through social activities and willingness for selfless service they have attained through Kudumbashree will help them in their activities as elected representatives. Appreciations again to all those who participated in the elections. We request all the winners to make use of the opportunity to serve the public with their best efforts.

The details of those competed in the local body elections with the number of winners are given below (In the order of the District, number of Kudumbashree members who competed and number of members who won elections)

1. Thiruvananthapuram- 1415- 547
2. Kollam-1607- 551
3. Pathanamthitta- 889- 333
4. Alappuzha-1668- 609
5. Kottayam-1279- 457
6. Idukki- 733- 381
7. Ernakulam-1918- 656
8. Thrissur-815- 537

9. Palakkad-1617- 654
  10. Malappuram- 1429- 678
  11. Kozhikode-1676- 694
  12. Wayanad-382- 228
  13. Kannur- 1266- 602
  14. Kasaragod- 171- 144
- Total- 16,865- 7071  
\*As per [www.trend.kerala.gov.in](http://www.trend.kerala.gov.in)