

## **Report on Field Visit**

**Districts Visited:** - Kottayam, Ernakulam, Trivandrum

**Date of visit conducted:** - 15/10/17, 21/10/17, 30/10/17, 31/10/17

### **Activities Done**

I visited Kottayam as part of the duty assigned as the district in charge of the block coordinator exam conducted on October 15, 2017. Since the next day was harthal, I couldn't able to conduct the field visits at Kottayam. Then I made a visit to Ernakulam district on October 21, 2017 as part of Kudumbashree School Inauguration. I had visited the Railway A/C Waiting hall and Railway parking at Ernakulam North. Later I went to visit the Kudumbashree school inauguration at Pallippuram Grama Panchayath. On October 30, 2017, I made a visit to the Green Bites unit at secretariat and also visited Snehitha- the Gender Help Desk at Peroorkkada. And on October 31, 2017, I visited the Railway Premier Waiting Hall and Railway Parking area operated by Kudumbashree units.

### **Observations**

When I was at Kottayam, I found that there is a good team spirit among the employees at Kottayam District Mission. The employees can approach the D.M.C and A.D.M.C for to discuss any kind of problems they had faced in their field operation. And the D. M.C and A.D.M.C are monitoring the activities with much attention. When I visited Railway waiting Hall, I was feeling very proud to be a part of Kudumbashree. The waiting hall as well as the parking area was maintained well. The premises were kept very tidy. And the Kudumbashree School Inauguration at Pallipuram Grama Panchayath was found to be organized very well with active representation of Kudumbashree members. When I observed the interaction of D.M.C with the C.D.S chairperson and with A.D.S, I found that it was a good example of Participatory Leadership. Everyone is getting the respect that they deserved from the authorities of District Mission and may be it is the success mantra of Ernakulam district mission. The green bites unit I visited at Secretariat was found somewhat satisfactory. It's because they were not adopting any new marketing strategies. They could only sell 7 packets out of 25 packets till noon. It's because they were selling the product only to those who approach the shop. But if they started to sell the packets from department to department, they can able to sell the whole packets. And in the afternoon I made a visit to Snehitha- the gender

help desk at Peroorkada. I had gained knowledge on the activities of Snehitha through the visit and found the inmates are kept clean and tidy.

### **Suggestions**

- Green Bites unit should adopt new marketing strategies for to gain more profit.
- Mobile vehicle washing facility can be adopted by the parking units in order to utilize their free time and gaining more profit.
- Software can be developed for the smooth functioning of Snehitha. The main aim of the software is to trace out the cases quickly.

### **Conclusion**

The field visits helped me to understand the grass root level activities of Kudumbashree. And also able to study about the leadership qualities adopted by the district mission authorities and also helped me to maintain a good relationship with the district mission authorities.