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We have been explaining about the various activities planned and implemented by each districts on their own as part of covid-19 countering activities. Already we shared the activities of Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Alappuzha, Wayanad, Thrissur, Malappuram, Kottayam and Kananur districts with you. Today, we will explain about the activities of Kollam district

Kollam

3,65,103 women are members of Kudumbashree NHGs in Kollam district. There are 24,377 NHGs and 74 CDSs (Community Development Societies-Panchayath level federation of NHGs) in the district. Given below are few of the import-

ant activities of Kollam district.

1. Rhythm of Nature and 'Prakruthikoru Thaarattu'

Rhythm of Nature and 'Prakruthikoru Thaarattu' are the activities formulated and implemented by Kollam District Mission during this lock down period to make the younger generation more aware of nature and surroundings. The Rhythm of Nature was organised for the Balasabha children in the district. 'Prakruthikoru Thaarattu' is the special module being implemented as part of the activities being implemented for the children of BUDS institutions. Innovative activities like planting medicinal plants, bird watching, know about

the olden times and farming etc from elderly people are implemented as part of Rhythm of Nature programme. These programmes are implemented associating with all family members. The activities for the specially abled children include, 'walk to nature with parents', sowing plants, my home, knowing various physical activities, get to know more about corona virus etc.

2. Nirbhaya Volunteers making notable interventions

Nirbhaya Volunteers of Kollam district are the NHG members who had received the special training of Kerala police. They are providing various services during this lock down time. They are extending services like giving awareness observing the lock down protocol, delivering food to the destitute from community kitchens, helping to buy groceries for households, taking those who are living alone to hospitals when in need etc. They are also helping in packing of grocery packets for supplyco and also are reaching out to the camps of the guest labourers to provide awareness. There are 156 Nirbhaya Volunteers in the district.

3. Sevika setting a model

Sevika, the group of Micro Enterprise

Consultants, functioning in Pathanapuram block of Kollam district of Kerala as part of the Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) being implemented through Kudumbashree in Kerala is making a different intervention during lock down. 15 MECs are coordinating these activities. The cloth for the entrepreneurs who stitch masks and cloth bags as per the order are bought from the whole sale dealers by devils team. These are taken to Punalur Apparel Park and are cut and distributed among the entrepreneurs for stitching. The masks and cloth bags they produce are bought back and are taken to the district mission and other needy. This activity, which became a solution for the challenge faced by the entrepreneurs for getting cloth and deliver the goods was started by them even before lock down. They got special permission for functioning from district administration during this lock down. At present they are extending services to 25 units.

Appreciations to the district team and NHG members who are coordinating the activities in Kollam district.