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PEOPLE'S SERVICE SOCIETY PALAKKAD

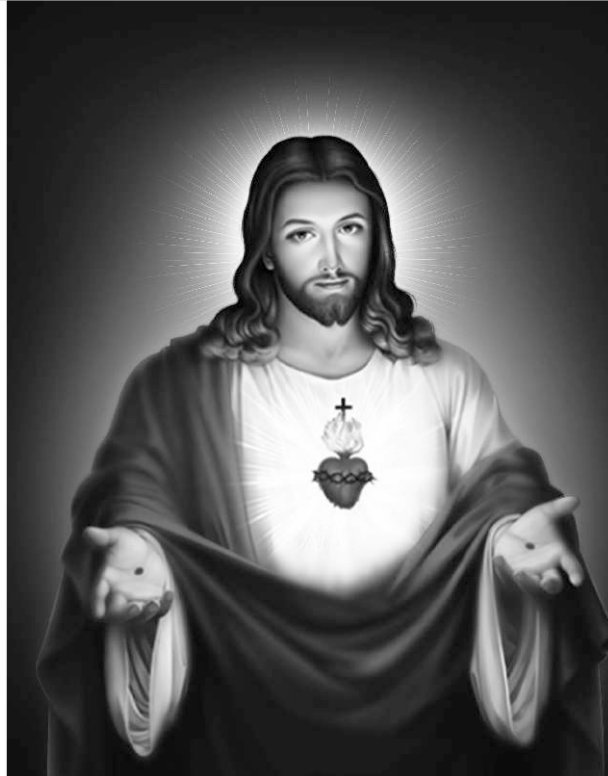
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DEVELOPMENT & LIBERATION

People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP), the official Social Service Organization of the Diocese of Palakkad, is a registered charitable organization with Reg. No. 55/78. Since 1978, PSSP has been engaged in pursuing the integrated development of women, children, marginal farmers, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and unemployed youth through informal education, capacity building, and empowerment.

VISION

Building up a community of Love based on truth, Justice and human Dignity.

MISSION

To organize and empower economically, socially and culturally poor, especially, women, children and marginal farmers through participatory process, assuring them self-sufficiency and thus enabling them to participate in and contribute to the common good of the society.

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OBJECTIVES

- To organize, form and strengthen people's organization at the grass root level through participatory process of planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, to conscientize people of their rights and duties
- To encourage leadership qualities among the marginalized and enable them to participate in the civil structures
- To inculcate the principles of social justice in to the structures of the socio-economic, political, and cultural life
- To work as a leaven exercising prophetic role and building up the capacity of the weak and marginalized sections of the society, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, especially women, children, farmers and youth

STRATEGIES ADOPTED

Through various entrepreneurship training empower the poor and enable them to participate in the life of the socio-economic society

PSSP initiates, directs, monitors, and co-ordinates charitable and social activities of the poor especially, women, children and the marginalized farmers

It undertakes, implements, and monitors various developmental activities involving people's participation

It plans and facilitates integrated development programmes in collaboration with Governmental and non-governmental agencies

It promotes various income generation activities among women and other weaker sections of the society

It promotes watershed Management projects and sustainable development activities

It promotes thrift among people and assist community based banking activities that enhances rural development

It promotes non-conventional energy based technologies among the rural people

It conducts scientific preparatory studies in view of Village, Panchayath, Block, and District level integrated social empowerment projects

It renders technical assistance to other institutions and civil authorities

Organizes and imparts training to social workers, animators and activists

Promotes organic farming, Kitchen garden, bio-fertilizers, vermi compost etc...

Facilitates farmers pear groups and support credit linkage for undertaking group activities

Promotes value addition avenues and facilitates backward and forward linkages

It supports family welfare programmes by collaborating with SAFP regular beneficiaries and project beneficiaries schemes

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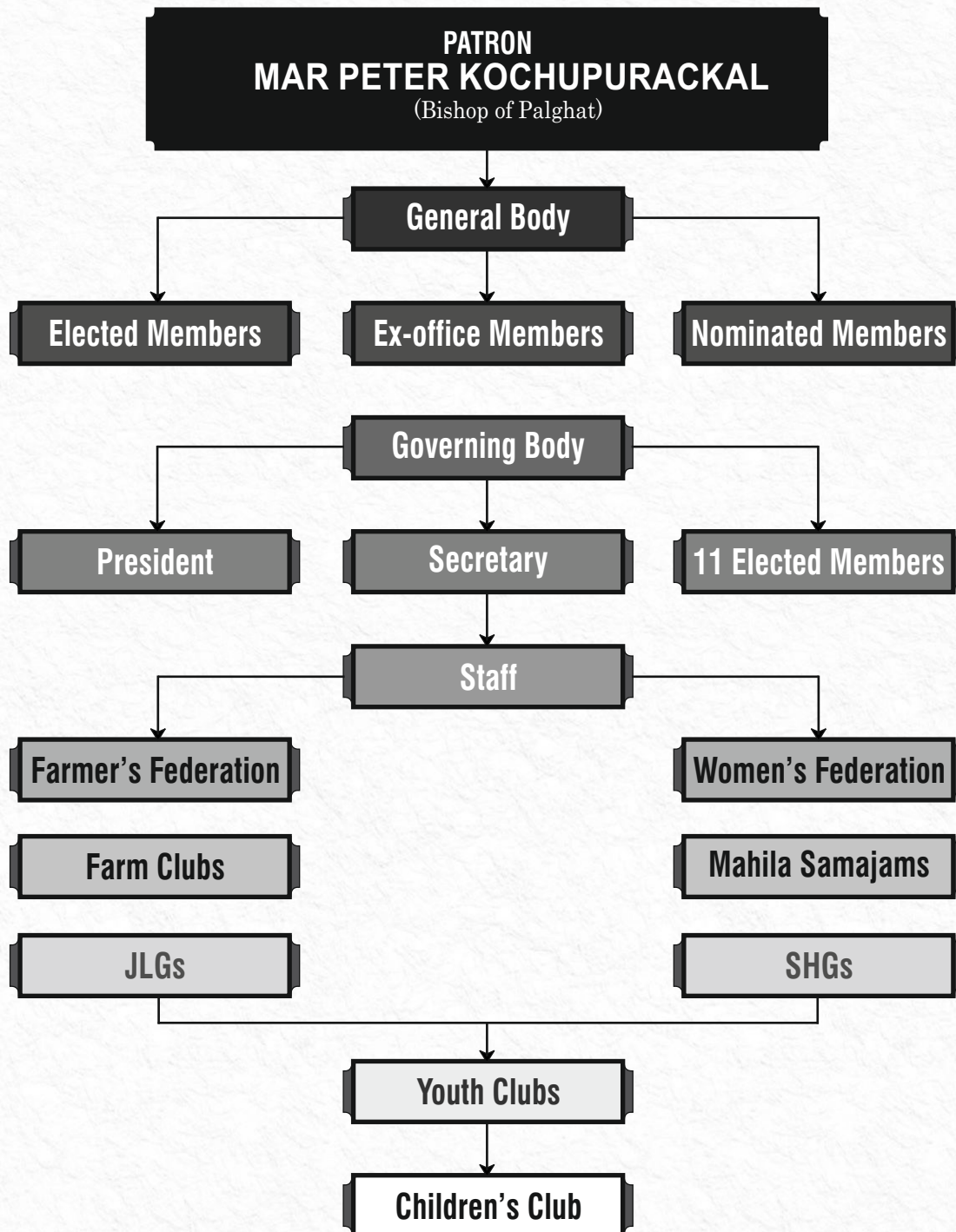
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REGIONAL OFFICES

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| 1. Cherupushpalayam, Palakkad | 7. St. Mary's Parish Hall, Palappuram |
| 2. St. Antony's Parish Hall, Ponnampode | 8. Regional Office Kannanur |
| 3. Christ the King Parish Hall, Nenmara | 9. Thathamangalam Parish Hall |
| 4. Fathima Matha Parish Hall, Agali | 10. Jalanidhi, Lakkidi |
| 5. Family Counselling Centre, Vadakkenchery | 11. Harithasamrudhi, Pudussery |
| 6. Regional Office, Mundur | |



PEOPLE'S SERVICE SOCIETY, PALAKKAD ORGANOGRAM





PATRON



Mar Peter Kochupurackal

Bishop of Palghat

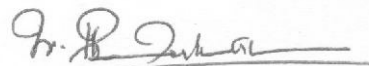
PATRON'S MESSAGE



"The Son of man came not to be served, but to serve." (Mk.10:45)

People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP), the official platform of social service of the diocese of Palghat, conveys in manifold ways the message of the above quoted words of Jesus by commendably actualizing the social commitment of the diocese. Jesus invites us all to follow his challenging model of self-giving service to humanity. The act of service is a help provided or a work done in need, especially for a person or for the public. Social service is ultimately a means for respecting the dignity of human beings as persons. It reminds us of our mutual connectedness of persons and of the need for joining hand in hand for a better living on earth.

Here is the report of the last financial year 2023-2024, which depicts a clear picture of the social apostolate of the Diocese of Palghat rendered its efficient and needy services to the most needy people in the districts. The organized and committed team of People's Service Society, Palakkad is now covering the all sectors in India. I am very much pleased to congratulate the tremendous initiatives taken by the volunteers of People's Service Society, Palakkad under the leadership of Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal, the President, Fr. Justine Kolamkanny, the Executive Secretary, Fr. Aswin Kanivayalil, the Asst. Director, Sr. Magi CMC, the Treasure and the entire staff of People's Service Society, Palakkad.



Mar Peter Kochupurackal
Bishop of Palghat



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Remember the Poor" the letter to Gal.2:10, St. Paul reiterates the duty of Christians as directed by First Pope Peter and Apostles James and John. All Charities and social service interventions of Christians emanate from the Bible and doctrines of the church. Poverty not only in financial and economic parameters but also in all the humanitarian concerns were the focus of PSSP service concentrated in the years and made the outcomes so marvellous. The annual report of 2023-2024 when presented before you, the content and gratitude felt upon the grace and mercy of lord sprouts the drops of joy in my eyes.

The many pages following show the data of services made to include the marginalised to move forward in the speed and structure of common's life style. Marginalised from children to the geriatric took under diverse projects, PSSP ensured the need based and right based approaches to uplift them to an inclusive growth and development.

Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, the Executive Secretary of PSSP, has played a pivotal role in leading the organization towards significant achievements. His insightful vision and extensive oversight have been crucial in brining about positive changes and progress within the organization. The entire team at PSSP including energetic staff has contributed significantly to the success of various projects and their hard work and dedication are deserving of praise. We wish the entire team at PSSP, continued success and blessings from the God in all their future endeavors.

Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal
President, PSSP



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to present the annual report of the People's Service Society Palakkad (PSSP) for the year 2023-2024. Reflecting on our journey since our founding in 1978, we take great pride in our dedication to fostering development and empowerment, particularly for women, children, and marginalized farmers. One of our major accomplishments is the creation and enhancement of Self Help Groups for women. These groups serve as the cornerstone of our grassroots initiatives, providing resources, training and support to empower women and uplift their communities.

Our 'Save A Family Plan' initiatives have played a vital role in assisting 300 women and their families by offering financial support and guidance for six years. This program highlights our commitment to promoting sustainable growth and development. Our Partnership with organizations like the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) have enabled us to provide many women with essential entrepreneurial skills, promoting economic independence and self-reliance. We prioritize offering support to women experiencing domestic violence and other challenges through our Family Counseling Centre and Legal Services initiatives.

Our collaborations with organizations like Kerala Labour Movement (KLM), Kerala State Aids Control Society (KSACS), National Aids Control Organization (NACO) and NABARD funded projects have broadened our impact, enabling us to support more effectively the marginalized and vulnerable members of society. In partnership with United Breweries Limited, PSSP has sustained its efforts on water conservation and sustainable development initiatives. With the support from Conferenza Episcopale Italiana, PSSP is implementing the Green Campus Campaign and Development Microclimate locations in the Palakkad district, with a focus on achieving carbon neutrality, or net-zero emissions.

I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to our Patron, Mar Peter Kochupurackal, and our President, V. Rev. Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal, for their unwavering support. I also deeply value the insightful contributions of our esteemed Governing and General Body members. I would like to recognize our dedicated team, whose tireless efforts are the driving force behind our success and extend my gratitude to Rev. Fr. Cris Koikkattil for his valuable contributions to our programs and initiatives. I am also thankful to Rev. Fr. Aswin Kanivayalil and Fr. Johnson Valiyapadath for their commitment to ensuring the timely publication of this Annual Report. As we move forward, let us reaffirm our commitment to the noble cause of serving the people of Palakkad with compassion, integrity, and dedication. Together, let us keep striving for excellence and making a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.

Fr. Justine Kolamkanny
Director, People's Service Society Palakkad



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting of People's Service Society, Palakkad was conducted at Pastoral Centre, Chakkanthara, Palakkad on 29th July 2023 at 11.am. Fr. Joseph Justine K C Executive Secretary of PSSP gave a warm welcome to Mar. Peter Kochupurackal, the Patron of PSSP, Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal, the President of PSSP and all the members present in the General Body Meeting. In his welcome speech, he pointed out the need to maintain a perspective that is inclusive of all religions.



Mar Peter Kochupurackal, Bishop of Palghat Diocese imparted the Patronal Message. The Bishop praised the members for their spirit of understanding and cooperation during the General Body meeting. He highlighted that their dedication and active participation were essential in tackling various issues and advancing progress. Their collaborative efforts were instrumental in meeting the objectives of the meeting and fostering a sense of unity and purpose. Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal, the President of PSSP presided over the meeting and gave the presidential address. He addressed the significance of social service.

Mar. Peter Kochupurckal, the Bishop of Palghat unveiled the Annual Report “LUMINOUS” for the year 2022-2023.

Fr. Joseph Justine K C presented the Annual Report ‘LUMINOUS’ and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2022-2023. The General Body unanimously approved the Reports and statement of Accounts.

The Executive Secretary emphasized that the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at the parish level, along with assisting them in accessing benefits from various government schemes and programs, will be a top priority for PSSP. Additionally, a significant focus will be placed on women's empowerment.





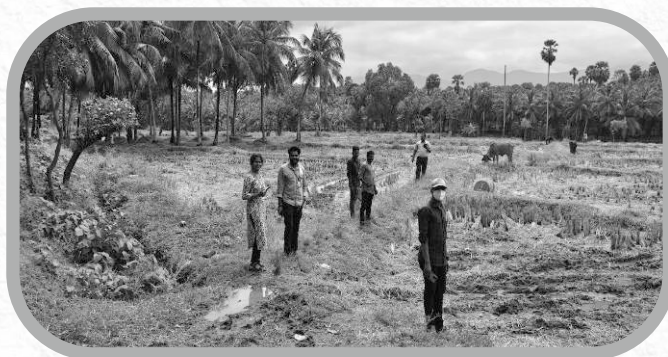
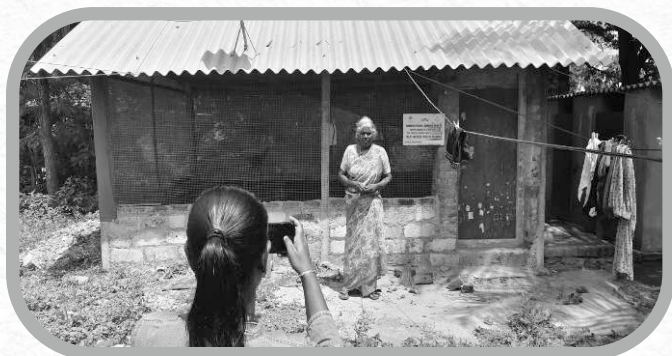
NABARD KfW SOIL PROJECT

With the financial assistance from NABARD, PSSP implemented a climate change adaptation project in 2020 in the Kuppandiwaru watershed in Vadakarapathi Gramapanchayath and Mullanthode watershed in Perumatty Gramapanchayath. The projects were completed and handed over to the Village Watershed Committees in July 2023.

The project aimed to enable farmers and villagers in the project area to adopt farming methods that are suitable for climate change, as a way to adapt climate change. It focused on organic cultivation methods and was carried out on a watershed basis in the areas of Mullanthode and Kuppandiwaru.

Sl No	Activity	Unit	Mullanthode watershed		Kuppandiwaru watershed	
I	Redesigning/new construction of structures	Unit	Approved	Completed	Approved	Completed
1	Paddy Field Bund	Rm	15065	15065	0	
2	De silting of Well	Nos.	15	15	13	13
3	Bore Well Recharge	Nos.	4	4	5	5
4	Open Well Recharge	Nos.	5	5	2	2
5	Community Bore Well Recharge	Nos.	1	1	1	1
II	Soil health and productivity enhancement					
1	Deep Plowing	cent	7310	7310	10075	10075
2	Organic Manure	Kg.	58750	58750	44600	44600
3	Vermin Compost Pit	Nos.	2	2	2	2
4	Soil Health Card	Nos.	50	50	55	55
5	Green Manure/ Fodder Cultivation	cent	0	0	3450	3450
III	Sustainable NRM, CCA farming practices & nutritional security					
1	Nutrition Garden (BMP Parivar)	Nos.	436	436	573	573
2	Crop Rotation	Cent	2550	2550	4100	4100
3	Agro Horticulture	Nos.	5935	5935	3490	3490
4	Traditional Farming	Cent	0	0	1225	1225
5	Pollution Free Poultry Farm	Nos.	3	3	2	2
	System of Rice Intensification	Cent	300	300	900	900

IV	Measures to Mitigate CC Risks					
1	Village Knowledge and Common Equipment Centre	Nos.	1	1	1	1
2	Biogas Plant	Nos.	5	5	12	12
3	Trainings	Nos	16	16	16	16



On October 6th and 7th 2023, NABARD RO conducted a post-project appraisal visit in the Mullanthode and Kuppandiwara watersheds as part of the project's completion and graduation.

A Special Audit in the Mullanthode Watershed was conducted by NABARD as part of the project evaluation. Financial and physical verification of the implemented activities were conducted by Bhutah Sha and Co. on December 2nd, 2023, as part of the special Audit.

In continuation of the evaluation and assessment of climate change adaptation interventions in watersheds, an impact evaluation study was conducted by the ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) in the Kuppandiwara watershed on December 7th, 2023. The area was thoroughly studied, along with the interaction with beneficiaries by a 5-member team.

Mullanthode Watershed				
Release	Release Date	Released Grant	Grant Utilized	% of Utilization
1st Release	28/11/2019	6.84	6.84	100%
2nd Release	10/8/2020	14.81	14.81	100%
3rd Release	15/01/2021	9.84	9.84	100%
4th Release	05/10/2021	4.56	4.56	100%
5th Release	12/07/2022	19.96	19.96	100%
6th Release	19/01/2023	0.12	0.12	100%
Total		56.14	56.14	100%



NABARD Meenvallam Springshed Project

Karimba Gramapanchayath

With financial support from NABARD, a spring-based watershed development project was initiated in the Meenvallam and Moonnekkar areas encompassing the 2nd and 3rd wards of Karimba Grama Panchayath. The project is being implemented by the People's Service Society Palakkad.

The Meenvallam Spring-Shed Watershed Development Project Hosts World Environment Day Celebration and Recognizes Students for Outstanding Academic Achievements.

To promote the conservation of land and water resources while maintaining ecological balance, the People's Service Society Palakkad, under the supervision of NABARD, organized a World Environment Day celebration as part of the Meenvallam Spring-Shed Project, currently being implemented in selected areas of Wards 2 and 3 of the Karimba Grama Panchayath. The event took place on Friday, June 9th, at 5 pm at the Moonnekkar Center and featured an environmental awareness program along with a felicitation ceremony for students from the project area who excelled in the recent SSLC and +2 examinations.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Environmental Awareness Program:** The initiative focused on raising awareness about the importance of environmental protection and promoting sustainable practices within the community.

- **Felicitation Ceremony:** Outstanding students from the Meenvallam project area were honored for their academic achievements, receiving gifts and cash awards from the People's Service Society Palakkad and the Meenvallam Valley Arts and Sports Club.

- **Guest Speakers:** Shri P.S. Ramachandran Master, President of Karimba Grama Panchayath, inaugurated the event. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Executive Secretary of the People's Service Society Palakkad, delivered a message emphasizing the significance of environmental conservation. Shri H. Jaffar, Chairman of the Health and Education Standing Committee of the Panchayath presided over the function. Shri Ramesh T.R, President of the Meenvallam Valley Arts and Sports Club, gave the felicitation address.



- **Welcoming and Closing Remarks:** Shri Johny Michael, President of the Meenvallam Spring-Shed Project Committee welcomed the gathering, while Secretary Shri Siju Kurien expressed gratitude.
- **Program Leadership:** PSSP Project Officer Bobby P, Spring-Shed Project Coordinator Babu Paul, and members of the Meenvallam Spring-Shed Village Watershed Committee led the program.

Basic Data Collection, Survey and Preparation of Detailed Project Report:

In preparation for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the spring-based watershed development project, a basic data collection survey was conducted among families in the Moonnekkar-Meenvallam areas. Following this, the Detailed Project Report for the Meenvallam Spring-Shed Project was completed and submitted to NABARD for approval.

Before the project's commencement, NABARD officials conducted a preliminary assessment, visiting the Meenvallam spring-based watershed development project area, which includes Ward Two and Ward Three of Karimba Gram Panchayath. This three-year project, covering 296 hectares, is financially supported by NABARD. It aims to implement initiatives such as spring conservation and regeneration, soil and water conservation, agricultural development, livelihood enhancement, as well as training and demonstration activities. The project is scheduled to begin in May 2024.



Rain Water Harvesting Tanks

Rainwater harvesting tanks are specialized containers designed to collect and store rainwater runoff from roof tops, catchment areas and other surface for later use. The tanks play a crucial role in sustainable water management by reducing the demand on traditional water and helping to mitigate the impact of water scarcity and storm water runoff.

A typical rainwater harvesting tank with a capacity of 10,000 litres is a sustainable sized container suitable for residential and 50,000 litres for commercial or agricultural use. Here's a description of it's main features and components.



- 1. Capacity:** The tank has providing ample storage for harvested rainwater. The capacity can vary from 10K litres to 250K litres on harvesting areas.
- 2. Material:** Rainwater harvesting tanks are commonly made of ferrocement technology.
- 3. Design:** The tanks typically have a cylindrical/rectangular shape with a flat base for stability. The design may also include a reinforced structure to withstand external pressure and environmental conditions
- 4. Inlet and outlet :** The tank has equipped with an inlet through which rainwater from the catchment area is collected and channeled in to the tank. An outlet is also provided to allow easy access to the stored water when needed
- 5. Filtration system:** A rainwater harvesting tank includes a filtration system to remove debris, leaves, and other impurities from the collected rainwater before it enters the storage compartment. This ensures the stored water remains clean and suitable for various purposes.
- 6. Overflow system:** To prevent the tank from overflowing during heavy rain fall an overflow system is integrated. Excess water is directed away from the tank and may be directed to additional rainwater structures or recharging to nearest open well or bore well or storm water.
- 7. Ventilation:** Adequate ventilation is essential to prevent the growth of algae and maintain the water quality inside the tank.
- 8. Water level indicator:** Rainwater harvesting tanks have a water level indicator that allows user to monitor the water level inside the tank easily. It helps in efficient water management and ensure the tank doesn't turn dry unexpectedly.
- 9. Pumps and distribution system (optional):** For application requiring pressurized water supply, rainwater harvesting structures may include pump and distribution system to supply water to different parts of building or property

Mile stone works of 2023-2024

Prajyothy welfare centre Bengaluru – 2,00,000 litres capacity

St. Ann's English medium school Gadag – 2,50,000 litres capacity



THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF INDIA (EDII)

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) is an autonomous and not-for-profit Institute, set up in 1983, located at Ahmadabad, Gujarat. Entrepreneurship Development gives people the encouragement and business skills to help them establish a successful enterprise. EDII's mission is to become a catalyst in facilitating the emergence of competent first-generation entrepreneurs and the transition of existing SMEs into growth-oriented enterprises through entrepreneurship education, training, research & institution building. The Institute is actively engaged in promoting entrepreneurship education, research, training, and institution building. The Institute plays a major role in creating and sharpening the entrepreneurial culture in the country.

Micro Skill Development Programme (MSDP)

The Micro Skill Development Programme (MSDP) is aimed at creating and fostering women entrepreneurs and also has an essential role in the country's economic growth. The objective of MSDP Training is to strengthen and increase the number of enterprises by building up skills and enhancing their livelihood. People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP) is the Partner Implementing Agency of EDII for conducting the Micro Skill Development Programme (MSDP) since 2017. PSSP has successfully trained 317 interested candidates in the years 2023-2024 and altogether 1843 members were trained through 34 batches. In the current year, 227 trainees from 5 batches had started units and increased their livelihood. The details are as follows.

Sl. No.	MSDP Code	Name of Trade	Place	No. of candidates completed training	Number of trainees started enterprises
1	MSDP072	Eco-friendly Jute Laptop Bags	Koduvayoor	62	43
2	MSDP073	Agro Millet and Food Processing Products	Nemmara	57	41
3	MSDP074	Agro Millet and Food Processing Products	Mannarkkad	53	37
4	MSDP075	Upcycling of clothes (Laptop Bags)	Ponnamkode	67	47
5	MSDP076	Eco-friendly Jute Laptop Bags	Vadakkenchery	78	55

The trainees have a positive impact and hence many of them have started their livelihood.

Women Entrepreneurs- Access Connect Transform (WeAct)

Women entrepreneurs are making strides across various sectors including technology, personal care, food and beverage, fashion, and even real estate. Women entrepreneurs not only generate income for themselves and their families but also reinvest in their communities, thereby creating a ripple effect of socio-economic impact. By fostering entrepreneurship opportunities for women, we can reduce gender disparities in employment and help to alleviate poverty.

We-Act also serves as an all-inclusive platform dedicated to several women entrepreneurs offering them comprehensive support to make their business competitive and sustainable development in partnership with EDII, and Accenture. We-Act provides valuable handholding assistance to both nano and micro women enterprises. The program extends its support through various avenues including market access, knowledge and networking, mentoring, product and business development, and technology empowering women entrepreneurs in their ventures.

The activities undertaken are:

Conducting WeAct Exhibitions to promote We Act Members and to give a platform to various small-scale enterprises to exhibit their products. The exhibition featured a wide range of products. These exhibitions, in particular, have been immensely useful in bringing small entrepreneurs to the forefront and giving them the much-deserved platform to grow. It has also connected women entrepreneurs with investors, mentors, and other stakeholders. We-Act encouraged, motivated, and supported to grow the entrepreneurs.

At present, 691 active entrepreneurs have registered under the We-Act program.



Success Story 1

The Inspiring Tale of Girija, Sindu, and Ajitha

Girija, Sindhu and Ajitha, a resident of Koduvayur in Palakkad District, Kerala, three determined women embarked on a journey of resilience and enterprise. Despite belonging to a middle-class family and with financial constraints, envisioned a path towards financial stability by founding a stitching unit in their hometown. They learned how to make jute laptop bags through MSDP skill training program. Even though their families didn't have a lot of money, these ladies wanted to help by making extra income.

But it was tough. They struggled to get money to start their business. They never gave up, though. They kept searching for ways to make it work. Finally, they got a loan amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- with some help from the Block and Local Government with subsidy.

Collaborating with neighboring stores, these enterprising women forged alliances, offering high-quality jute bags and files at competitive rates. Their dedication to delivering top-notch products swiftly created a demand, propelling their business into a growth trajectory.

Their success wasn't just about making money. They also hired two other women who needed jobs. Together, they showed that with hard work and helping each other, we can make dreams come true. Girija, Sindu, and Ajitha proved that anyone can succeed, no matter how tough things seem.



Success Story 2

The Inspiring Tale of Shahidha, Vijisha, Messy, Anumol. C.Jose, Renjitha, Karpakam Suresh & Ramya

All seven members are same Self Help Group. They heard from their SHG that EDII- MSDP skill training on making Eco-friendly Jute Laptop bags at Lourd Matha Forane Church Parish Hall, Vadakkenchery with the help of Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) and People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP). They planned to attend the interview and was selected for the training program.

After eight days of successful completion of the EDP program and 22 days of skill training, they got an EDII – MSDP Training Certificate. They started their dream bag-making unit in the name of Souhradam Bags and Tailors at Mini Industrial Area, Vadakkenchery. Chaithanya Arts and Sports Club financially helped them to start their bag-making unit. They have applied to Kudumbashree for a Loan and will be sanctioned within two months. The club provided their building for six months without a lease. They are making school bags, college bags, laptop bags, Pouches, Big shopper, and Cloth bags and are also doing ladies' garments. They are getting bulk orders for bags. They will attend all the exhibitions in the District and also within the State. All of them are getting Rs.250/- per day as their profit. They are very happy. They provided job opportunities to other trainees also. They are very much grateful to Accenture, EDII, and PSSP.



Success Story 3

CINI Geroge – CINI's GREEN WORLD, Mannarkkad

Cini heard from her Parish that EDII- MSDP skill training on making Agro Millet and Food Processing Products Training at Holy Spirit Forane Church Parish Hall, Mannarkkad with the help of Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) and People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP). She planned to attend the interview and was selected for the training program.

After eight days of successful completion of the EDP program and 22 days of skill training, she got an EDII – MSDP Training Certificate. She started her unit in the name of CINI's Green World at Mannarkkad. She applied to Kudumbashree for a loan and availed Rs.1,50,000/-. She is mainly concentrating on millet and organic food products. She is also doing jackfruit processing and value-added products. She is making organic hair oil also. She attends all the exhibitions in the District and also within the State. She is getting Rs.500/- per day as her profit. She is very happy. She has provided job opportunities to six members. KCBC honored her as the best Organic Entrepreneur of this year and also District Women Federation Awarded her as the Best Entrepreneur. She is very much grateful to Accenture, EDII, and PSSP.



Success Story 4

Eshan Tailors and Bags, Kalladikkode, Palakkad

Eshan is a Self Help Group consists of seven members Sareena, Shajitha, Suleikha, Aminakutty, Anju Krishna, Sabira and Nwasiha at Kalladikkode, Palakkad. All are housewives. They attended the EDII MSDP Training on Upcycling of Clothes (Laptop Bags) at St. Antony's Forane Church Parish Hall, Ponnampkcode, Palakkad. After successfully completing the training, they started the unit named Eshan Tailors and Bags at Kalladikkode, Palakkad.

They are getting orders for Madrasa bags and laptop bags from shops and neighbours. They are stitching bags for Kudumbashree units as per order. Also they are getting stitching works from neighbours and nearby shops and also from Madrasa. Along with this, they are stitching ladies garments. All of them are good tailors. Each of them are getting Rs.350/- per day now. They are publishing their products through social media. Hence they are getting orders for their products. They are very happy and the unit is going on smoothly. The training programme helped them a lot for increasing their livelihood. They are engaged in their unit and earning a decent income from their unit. They are very enthusiastic and planning to develop their unit slowly.



Success Story 5

Cake Gallery, Chathamkulam, Nemmara

Shakkeena is a Self Help Group Member. She is a housewife. She attended the EDII MSDP Training on Agro Millet and Food Processing products at Christ the King Church Parish Hall, Nemmara. After successfully completing the training, she started a unit named Cake Gallery at Chathamkulam, Nemmara. She is making the millet products in her home itself. She is branding the products in the name of Cake Gallery. She is mainly making 16 varieties of millet cakes. Also she is making millet products such as millet snacks, millet powder etc. She is mainly concentrating on millet cakes. She is getting Rs.400/- per day now. She is getting orders for millet products from homes and nearby shops. She started a Whatsapp group for marketing. Her husband is also helping her in marketing the products. There is a good demand for millet products. She is very happy and the unit is going on smoothly.



Success Story 6

Baithil Homemade millet snacks and foods, Melarkode

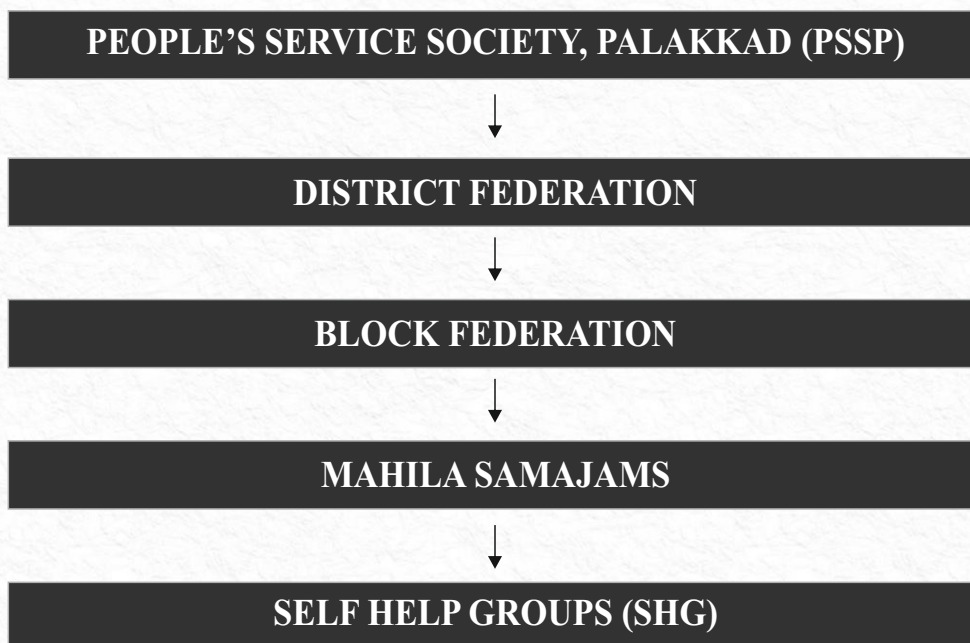
Shajina is a Self Help Group Member. She is a housewife. She attended the EDII MSDP Training on Agro Millet and Food Processing products at Christ the King Church Parish Hall, Nemmara. After successfully completing the training, she started a unit named Baithil Home made millet snacks and foods at Melarkode, Nemmara. She is making millet products such as millet snacks, millet squashes and millet cakes. She is getting orders for millet products from homes and nearby shops. She started a Whatsapp group for marketing their products. Her husband is also helping her in marketing the products. There is a good demand for millet products. She is getting Rs.500/- per day now. She is very happy and the unit is going on smoothly.





GENDER

FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE



DISTRICT FEDERATION MEMBERS

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Block
1	Adv. Saranya	Legal Advisor	
2	Mrs. Manju Binu	President	Attapady
3	Mrs.Sakunthala	Secretary	Kuzhalmannam
4	Mrs. Sathyabhama	Treasurer	Mannarkkad
5	Mrs. Annamma Zacharia	Committee Member	Ottapalam
6	Mrs. Remya	Committee Member	Mundur
7	Mrs. Smitha Shybu	Committee Member	Sreekrishnapuram
8	Mrs. Hymavathy	Committee Member	Chittoor
9	Mrs.Smitha	Committee Member	Alathur
10	Mrs.Sumathy Valson	Committee Member	Kuzhalmannam
11	Mrs.Lini Jose	Committee Member	Palakkad
12	Mrs. Philomi Jose	Committee Member	Alathur



REGIONAL OFFICES

Sl.No.	Place	Address
1	Attappady	PSSP Regional Office, Goolikkadavu
2	Mannarkkad	St.Antony's Church Parish Hall, Ponnampkode
3	Sreekrishnapuram	Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, Pulappatta
4	Palakkad	PSSP Regional Office, Mundur
5	Ottappalam	St.Joseph's Parish Hall, Varode
6	Kuzhalmannam	Vayanasala, Anikkode
7	Chittur	TRC, Elappully
8	Malampuzha	Sathrappadi, Kanjikode
9	Nemmara	Christ The King Church Parish Hall, Nemmara
10	Alathur	Family Counseling Centre, Vadakkenchery
11	Kollengode	St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Vattekkad

GENDER TEAM

Sl.No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Arun KL	Co-ordinator
2	Leena Jose	Animator
3	Sakunthala	Animator
4	Shiny Vinod	Animator
5	Valsamma	Animator
6	Rosamma Baby	Animator

STYLE OF GENDER ACTIVITY

Sl.No	Activity	Date
1	District Federation Meeting	1 st Wednesday of every month
2	Block Federation Meeting	Once in a month
3	Mahila Samajam Meeting	Once in a month
4	Self-Help Group Meeting	Once in a month



WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP PROGRAMME

With the aim of empowering the ordinary homemakers in the district who play a crucial role in the economic and cultural aspects, the People's Service Society, Palakkad formed Women Self Help groups(WSHGs). Empowerment activities are carried out through collective initiatives, such as Awareness Programs, Financial Literacy Campaigns, Income Generation Training, Entrepreneurial Skill Development Programs and access to necessary bank loans for starting enterprises are some of the activities undertaken. Now 400 Self Help Groups are operating in the district. Initiatives such as NABARD WSHG and NABARD E-Sakthi have been highly supportive of this endeavor.

CREDIT LINKAGE WITH BANKS

Sl.No	Name of Bank	Place	No.of SHGs	Amount(Rs.)
1	State Bank of India	Agali	56	2,48,00000
2	Canara Bank	Mannarkkad	8	30,00,000
3	Kerala Grameen Bank	Palakkad	9	29,00,000
4	Canara Bank	Kallekkad	2	10,00,000
5	Canara Bank	Elappully	8	16,00,000
6	Canara Bank	Mangalamdam	7	30,00,000
7	Kerala Grameen Bank	Ottapalam	3	10,00,000

The women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) receive linkage loans, along with subsidies, to support their self-employment initiatives. This year, 90 groups secured loans totaling 37.3 million Rupees from various banks at subsidized interest rates. The beneficiaries use these loans to launch and sustain their self-employment ventures and repay them responsibly.

Joint Liability Group (JLG) Loan

A group of 100 women, organized into 25 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) are engaged in agricultural activities through Women Self-Help Groups, received a Joint Liability Loan of 50 lakh Rupees from the Palakkad Branch of Kerala Gramin Bank, with a Government subsidy. This loan is intended to support their agricultural endeavors.

District Level Onam Celebration

The Onam celebration of PSSP for this year took place on August 24, 2023, at the Pastoral Centre in Palakkad, featuring a variety of programs. Approximately 100 participants, including PSSP staff and members of the District Federation, attended the event. Msgr. Jeejo Chalakkal, President of PSSP

inaugurated the celebration. The festivities included games and sports competitions, followed by a delightful Onam feast.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

The District Women's Federation of People's Service Society Palakkad organized a Gandhi Jayanthi celebration on October 3, 2023, at Sneha Jwala. Under the leadership of animators and federation members, food was provided to the residents of Sneha Jwala. Additionally, they gifted clothes, donated 50 kg of rice, and other essential groceries. A small monetary contribution was also made.

During the event, Coordinator Arun K. L. delivered the welcome address, while Honorable Assistant Director Fr. Chris Koikkatil presided and shared a message of love. Sri. Thankachan, Patron of Sneha Jwala, shared his experiences, followed by a vote of thanks from Mrs. Manju, President of the District Women's Federation. The Gandhi Jayanti celebration concluded with a communal lunch.

Agricultural Entrepreneurship Fair Nellara-2023

The Gender Department of PSSP actively participated in the Agricultural Entrepreneurship Fair Nellara, jointly organized by NABARD and KfW Bank. The District Women's Federation operated a food stall at the fair, which was held from December 20th to 24th, 2023 and it was a resounding success.

Participation in Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Mr. Bobby, Project Officer of PSSP, Mr. Arun, Gender Department Coordinator, and several women representatives from self-help groups took part in the Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. This initiative, organized by the Central Government in collaboration with NABARD, spanned from Panchayat to Panchayath in Palakkad district. The efforts received special recognition from Mrs. Kavita Ram, DDM, NABARD.

International Women's Day Celebration

PSSP's initiatives in women empowerment are commendable. This year, People's Service Society Palakkad and Mercy College Palakkad jointly celebrated International Women's Day. The event was presided over by PSSP Women's Federation President Mrs. Manju Binu, and the function was inaugurated by Bishop of Palakkad Diocese, Mar Peter Kochupurakkal. NABARD District Manager Mrs. Kavita Ram delivered the keynote address.

During the celebration, outstanding women entrepreneurs, including Mrs. Sajini Ummer, Mrs. Sujatha Nair, Mrs. Sini George, and Mrs. Asha Devi were honored with mementos by Mar Peter Kochupurakkal. Additionally, selected self-help groups under PSSP were recognized by NABARD District Manager Mrs. Kavita Ram. Mercy College Principal Dr. C. Jori TF extended greetings during the event.

A skit presented by Mercy College students, which conveyed a powerful message, was a highlight of the celebration. Fr. Justine Kolamkanny, the executive secretary of People Service Society, Palakkad gave the welcome address, and District Women's Federation Secretary Mrs. Shakuntala Ramesh offered the vote of thanks.

As part of the International Women's Day celebration, a women's rally was held, starting from the KSRTC premises with around 600 participants. The rally was flagged off by Palakkad Jayamata College Principal Sister Latha. The event was led by Assistant Director Fr. Ashwin Kanivayalil, Project Officer Mr. Bobby P., Gender Coordinator Mr. Arun, along with other PSSP members and District Women's Federation members.

JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN PALAKKAD

The Scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) formerly known as Shramik Vidyapeeth was a unique creation of Government of India in the country since 1967 with 100% grants from the Government of India. It is conceived as an institute for conducting skill up - gradation programme in non-formal mode in the urban and rural areas of the District. The scheme was renamed as Jan Shikshan Sansthan in the year 2000. JSS scheme was transferred from Ministry of Education (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development) to Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in July, 2018. At present, 290 JSSs in 26 States and 7 Union Territories are functional. All the Jan Shikshan Sansthans are registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The affairs of Jan Shikshan Sansthan are managed by respective Board of Management approved by the Government of India. The mandate of the scheme is to provide vocational skills in non-formal mode to nonliterate, neo-literates, persons with rudimentary level of education up to 8th and school drop-outs up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years. The priority groups are women, SC, ST, minorities and other backward sections of the society. JSSs are reaching to the unreached areas to cater the needs of the poorest of the poor. They work at the door step of the beneficiaries with a minimum infrastructure and resources. Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad was sanctioned to the parent body, People's Service Society Palakkad by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in November 2007. It is registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with Reg. No. CA 27/2008.

Since 2007, Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad is contributing to improve the lives of the marginalized people through building the skills and developing the human resource to suit their livelihood requirements has successfully completed more than 29599 trainees under target category. In the financial year 2023-2024, Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad with the financial help of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and with the objective of providing occupational skills and technical knowledge and to raise the efficiency and ability of the people has prosperously completed Skill Training in 90 Batches of different courses benefiting 1800 beneficiaries in Palakkad. Following are the details imparted skill training under target category in the financial year 2023-24



ACTION PLAN COURSE OF JSS PALAKKAD 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of the Main Course & Sub Course	No. of Batches Proposed	Batches Achieved	Total Beneficiaries
1.	Apparel. Made-Ups & Home Furnishing [Assistant Dress Maker]	20	20	400
2	Beauty & Wellness [Beauty Care Assistant]	12	12	240
3	Domestic Worker [Domestic Care Attendant]	3	3	60
4	Electronics & Hardware [Helper- Electrical Technician]	3	3	60
5	Food Processing [Assistant- Fruits and Vegetable Processing and Preservation]	8	8	160
6	Handicrafts & Carpets [Assistant Hand Embroider -(Phulkari /Chickankari / Kashmiri / Zari Zardozi / Kantha)	12	12	240
7	Handicrafts & Carpets [Assistant-Jute Craft Product Maker]	6	6	120
8	IT-ITES [Assistant Computer Operator]	5	5	100
9	Plumbing [Assistant - Plumbing and Sanitary Work]	3	3	60
10	Textiles & Handlooms [Assistant Textile Printer]	6	6	120
11	Leather [Helper- Finishing (Goods & Garments)]	4	4	80
12	Handicrafts & Carpets [Stringing/Beading Artisan (Fashion Jewellery)]	8	8	160
	Total	90	90	1800



IMPORTANT PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY JSS PALAKKAD

Special Guests of MSDE under Emerging Entrepreneur category for Republic Day celebrations 2024 at New Delhi

One of our successful beneficiaries, Smt. Radhika Karthik was selected as one of the special guests of MSDE under Emerging Entrepreneur category for participating the Republic Day celebrations of the year 2024 and witnessing Republic Day Parade and other celebrations at New Delhi along with MSDE and NSDC officials.



PM Vishwakarma Yojana :-

PM Vishwakarma, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched on 17th September, 2023 by the Prime Minister to provide end to end holistic support to the traditional artisans and craft people in scaling up of their conventional products and services.

In 2023-2024 JSS Palakkad was selected to organize PM Vishwakarma Yojana scheme of Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Industries Department. JSS Palakkad was allotted with a target of 240 Beneficiaries under three different job roles (Tailor (Darzi), Assistant Barber & Saloon Services and Coir Weaver). After successfully completing the allocated target further the Ministry has assigned new target under PM Vishwakarma Scheme which has to be accomplished by JSS Palakkad.



JSS Performance Review and Capacity Building Programme at Goa

JSS Performance Review and Capacity Building training was conducted in the month of March 2024. JSS Staffs and Resource persons were provided with capacity training on the New Working pattern of the JSSs and also changes in the portal. Along with the review and training there was an exhibition of different products that was made by the beneficiaries of all JSSs from the skill training attained.



Capacity Training for Resource Persons and Staffs:

JSS Palakkad provided capacity training to its active Apparel Sector resource persons in this financial year. The skill upgradation programme on Industrial Power Machine was led by an expert in the Apparel Sector of JSS Palakkad. Along with this training, all the resource persons of this financial year were given capacity training on the employability skills.

Evidence Based Assessment Test:

Jan Shikshan Sansthan, team has conducted Evidence Based Assessment Test in the Year 2023-24 for the whole 90 batches. The Evidence Based Assessment Test had three steps of evaluation process i.e., theory based written examination, Practical based test, Viva voice is conducted for each Student. External examiner was given the mark on the basis of 2 steps / stages of examination.



Details of the Important Activities conducted by JSS Palakkad in the year 2023-24

May Day (01.05.2023)

JSS Palakkad observed May Day at its Head Quarters with the Municipal Chairperson and Advocate serving as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest gave brief session on Labor Acts and Labor Rights for our upcoming Entrepreneurs. Mehendi Competition was conducted as Part of the day observation.



Jan Bagidari G-20 Events (01.06.2023 to 15.06.2023)

Jan Bagidari event was observed by JSS Palakkad throughout the 15 days in all the on-going skill training batches. By conducting the list of events as directed by the Ministry, awareness about G-20 was created among the beneficiaries.

Ex-trainees Meet and Certificate Distribution at Palakkad Block 15.06.2023

Certificate distribution of trainees who completed the skill training from JSS Palakkad was conducted on behalf of District Collector Palakkad. Along with certificate distribution prizes were awarded to beneficiaries who won in the G 20 events and the session was carried out by Lead Bank Manager for the upcoming entrepreneurs.

Yoga Day (21.06.2023)

Yoga day was observed at JSS Palakkad District Head Quarter and Kizhakkenchery Skill training centre. Mr.Sanoop Yoga Acharya performed yoga and took the session on importance and prevalence of yoga in daily life.

Independence Day (15.08.2023)

Independence Day was observed by JSS Palakkad at Alathur Erimayur, JSS District headquarters and ST Hostel. National Flag was hoisted at Erimayur Panchayat and Patriotic Group song competition was conducted at ST hostel where our beneficiaries were the main audience. The SHI beneficiaries conducted facing painting competition in the District Head Quarters.

Ex-Trainees Meet-Kaushal Deekshant Samroh at Alathur Block (17.09.2023)

Certificate distribution of trainees who completed the skill training from JSS Palakkad was conducted on behalf of Panchayat Officials at Alathur. The beneficiaries who received the certificates had completed skill training in and around the Alathur area.



Swatchhata Hi Seva Programme (1.10.2023 to 31.10.2023)

Swatchhata Hi Seva Special Campaign was organized by JSS Palakkad at all the on-going skill training centers in the month of October. Swatchhata Activities were carried out in schools, residential areas, Railway Station, Anganwadi, Primary Health centres etc.

Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration (2.10.2023)

Gandhi Jayanti was observed at Govt. UP School Kadampazhipuram with the Chief Guest Ward Member and also program was addressed by the Principal of the school. After the Inaugural function the beneficiaries of JSS Palakkad did Shramadhan in the school premises.

Ex-Trainees Meet-Kaushal Deekshant Samroh at JSS Palakkad (12.10.2023)

Certificate distribution of trainees who completed the skill training from JSS Palakkad and also for PMKVY 4.0 SHI batch students was in the JSS headquarters. Along with the certificate distribution the best student, top attendance and best record book keeper was also honored in the event.

National Unity Day (31.10.2023)

National Unity Day was observed by JSS Palakkad at the headquarters. The participants were the resource persons along with staffs. The Unity pledge was taken by the resource persons and the staffs.

Janjathiya Gaurav Diwas (18.11.2023)

This day was observed as the birthday of a Tribal Freedom fighter who is named as Birsa Munda. JSS Palakkad observed this day by launching this event in a Tribal hostel by giving the budding stars informative capacity training on empowerment. Another event conducted was starting a skill training batch for the tribal in Attappady.

Indian Constitution Day (26.11.2023)

Indian Constitution day was observed at JSS Palakkad where the participants include in house trainees from various batches of the headquarters, resource persons and staffs. The day was observed by a session delivered by the Director JSS Palakkad.



World AIDS Day (1.12.2023)

World AIDS Day was observed at the Skill Training Center in Kollenkode and Palakkad. The day featured an informative awareness session covering latest data on HIV-AIDs and highlighting how is India addressing the issue.

National Youth Day (12.01.2024)

National Youth Day was observed at Kumaramputhur Govt. School. On this day ST beneficiaries of JSS Palakkad organized exhibition showcasing artificial Jewelries. The Jewelry was hand made by the Tribal beneficiaries, who finished Stringing/ Beading artisan (Fashion Jewelry) Skill training from JSS Palakkad.

Republic Day Celebration (26.01.2024)

Republic Day was observed at Plachimada & Govindapuram by flag hosting among the tribal beneficiaries. The day observation was concluded by giving a fruitful session on importance of Republic day of India.

PM Vishwakarma State Level Launch ceremony (03.02.2024)

In 2023-2024 JSS Palakkad was selected to Organize **PM Vishwakarma Yojana** scheme under the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Industries Department. JSS Palakkad was allotted with a target of **240** Beneficiaries under three different job roles (Tailor (Darzi), Assistant Barber & Saloon Services and Coir Weaver). As JSS Palakkad was the first JSS to Launch PM Vishwakarma scheme in the State, a state level launch was held in the district headquarters.

Mother Language Day (21.02.2024)

Mother language day was observed at JSS Palakkad headquarters. The participants were JSS & PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries. A session was covered on the importance of mother language.



Women's Day Programme (08.03.2024)

Women's Day was observed by JSS Palakkad in different events. JSS parent body organized a Women's Day Rally, with the participation of trainees and JSS Palakkad. Also there was a certificate distribution programme of PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries. An awareness session was carried out by district coordinator of Bhoomika in the beauty care assistant batch of JSS Palakkad at Alathur.



Achievement highlights of JSS Palakkad

- **“Kaushalacharya Award 2020”**- Resource person of JSS Palakkad Smt. Valsamma was awarded for best faculty awards by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Govt. of India in the year 2020.
- During the period of Covid-19 pandemic JSS Palakkad received certificate of appreciation from the Ministry as we played an important role in the precautionary life safety activities.
- **PMYUVA Yojana Award:** Under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Govt. of India JSS Palakkad received best institution award in the year 2021-2022 as part of PMYUVA Yojana.
- In the year of 2022-2023 JSS Palakkad was selected as Extension centre of IGNOUSDE.
- In the year of 2022-2023 JSS Palakkad started Working as **PMKVY Skill Hub Initiative Skill Centre**.
- Among JSSs all over India, 30 JSS was selected for **SANKALP** Programme under NSDC in which JSS Palakkad also took its place.
- In 2023-2024 JSS Palakkad was selected to Organize **PM Viswakarma Yojana** scheme of Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Industries Department.

SUCCESS STORIES NO. :1

Name of the Entrepreneur : SMITHA
 Place : Thachanattukara, Palakkad
 Skill training Attained : Food Processing
 Batch Code : BCH/FPP/221041 Beneficiary Code: KLPKK221041

After the completion of the course, Smitha started her own Food processing unit right near to her house. She made her dream come true by starting the shop where she is making food materials which are non-preservative and healthy with her own skill which she gained from the skill training provided by JSS Palakkad. On the other hand she is now able to contribute financially for her family as she is earning above rupees 22,000/- per month.



SUCCESS STORIES NO. 2

Name of the Entrepreneur : Radhika L
 Place : Palakkad
 Skill training Attained : Assistant Beauty Therapist
 Batch Code : BCH/AST/211763
 Beneficiary Code : KLPKK2101017

After the completion of the course, Radhika started her own Beauty Parlour right near to her house. She made her dream come true by starting her 1st Beauty Parlour after receiving the certificate from JSS Skill Training. Within 3 Months she started another branch of the parlour in the other side of the city. She is handling the clients with proper pre scheduled appointment. This was made possible by the skill training provided by JSS Palakkad. On the other hand she is now able to contribute financially for her family as she is earning above rupees 35,000/-per month.



Consolidated Details of Vocational Course (2007 to 2023)

Year	No. of Courses	No. of Batches	No. of Beneficiaries
2007-2008	8	12	202
2008-2009	41	127	2440
2009-2010	22	120	2479
2010-2011	21	111	2120
2011-2012	20	114	2461
2012-2013	12	125	2306
2013-2014	16	108	2048
2014-2015	12	68	1620
2015-2016	13	67	1371
2016-2017	11	82	1679
2017-2018	6	38	768
2018-2019	9	35	705
2019-2020	15	90	1800
2020-2021	14	65	1300
2021-2022	16	90	1800
2022-2023	10	90	1800
2022-2023 Additional	6	45	900
2023-2024	12	90	1800
Total	264	1477	29599



The skilling initiatives supported by Jan Shikshan Sansthan under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship are aligned towards achieving the goal set for the citizens of the nation. JSS is not only been instrumental in reaching out to the remotest parts of the districts, but also has given an impetus to the Vision of making India the Skill capital of the world. Aligning the programme to the National Skill qualification framework will help in standardizing it to one common format of competency based framework. In short, a culture of continues learning and development for inclusive and holistic growth of the marginalized in the district is enabled through the effective involvement of Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, SAFP INDIA

Save A Family Plan, is an International Charitable Organization founded by Msgr. Augustine Kandathil in 1965. It assists the poor to walk on the road of self-reliance. The family Development program is the core program of SAFP. This Canadian-based organization supports poor families in India with regular monthly assistance for a sustainable livelihood. Donations to the Family Development Program are forwarded through the SAFP India office to the bank accounts of the recipient families.

Historical Background of the Family Development Program

The Family Development Program has been successfully run by the People's Service Society, Palakkad (PSSP) since 1978. From 2021 onwards, partner families have been identified from six selected Panchayaths of Palakkad district as per the prescribed criteria of Save a Family Plan. From 1978, around 3800 families benefited from this program. The families have upgraded their livelihood through various Income Generation programs, construction/renovation of their houses, infrastructure development, education of their children, medical treatment, small business initiatives, etc.

Operating Areas of the Family Development Program

No.	Name of Panchayath/Municipality	District
1	Malampuzha	Palakkad
2	Akathethara	Palakkad
3	Puthupariyaram	Palakkad
4	Mundur	Palakkad
5	Pirayiri	Palakkad
6	Vadakarapathy	Palakkad

Project Strategy for Selecting New Partner Families

PSSP has 500 active Self Help Groups in the District of Palakkad. It is managed by Field Organizers and has a Programme Coordinator. With the help of these people, we will select the deserved families for this program. Besides these, PSSP has a good rapport with PRI in Palakkad. We are seeking their help to get the most deserving families for this program. PSSP will use these people's expertise field-level knowledge and experience in selecting deserving families for the family development program. PSSP has an active Executive Committee and a General Body for the proper function of social activities. So we can easily identify deserving families. Along with this, we also approach Asha workers and ward members to collect the personal details of families as per the requirements.

Families Empowered for Self-Sustainability through continuous training and effective planning

• Cluster Meeting:

As per the directions of SAFPI, cluster groups of 20 families were formed in each panchayath. Partner families were divided into 18 clusters. Two cluster meetings are held in a year. The first one is held from July to September in conjunction with the monitoring visit. During the meeting, the members shared updates on their respective activities. In this financial year, the coordinator took a class on 'Financial Literacy' in all cluster meetings and encouraged an open discussion among the participants. The families expressed their thoughts on the advantages of effectively managing their income. Following a brief introduction, the coordinator guided them in preparing their own monthly income and expenditure statements. The participants completed this exercise. After the sharing session, the coordinator provided insights on creating a family budget and developing skills to effectively manage it. The second cluster meeting was conducted between October and December. It is mainly focused on Annual Fund withdrawal activity planning. The Field Coordinator provided instructions and guidelines regarding the fund withdrawal activity planning, fund withdrawal, and utilization process, and completion report. Leaders were selected from each cluster and created WhatsApp groups for each cluster to convey the information easily.



• **Monitoring of Small Business Initiatives**

During the months of July, August and September, the coordinator observed and evaluated the small business initiatives of all FDP partner families. During the reporting period, the coordinator visited 159 partner families. The Field Coordinator conducted the monitoring visit by visiting the Partner's family and assessing the implemented activity. The field coordinator evaluated whether the activity implemented was profitable or not and how it was profitable for the family.

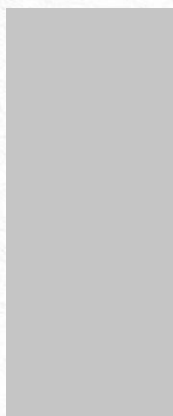


• **Family Level Activity Plan 2023-24**

Family Level Activity Planning helps the partner families to plan effectively as per their needs and available resources. Systematic planning will motivate the family to utilize the funds received from the FDP more effectively to bring profitability to their small business initiatives. The field coordinator has to assess the proposed activity of each partner family with the profitability, consistency, growth potential, and relevance of the activity in the particular area in connection with the capacity /skill /experience of the

partner family. The responsibility of the coordinator in this activity starts from conducting the cluster-level meetings, giving training and motivating the families to prepare all the requirements for the Family Level Activity Planning.

The coordinator visited families who have completed 65 months to one month in the FDP program and discussed with the families regarding the fund utilization for the coming year. From October to December, the FDP coordinator prepares the fund withdrawal activity plan in a specific format. After verification, the duly signed documents were uploaded in the DDMS portal. During the reporting period, the coordinator submitted Family-level action plans for 192 active families and action plans for 2 families who completed six years in the family development program.



Activity Plan Fund Transfer Request 2023 – 2024

While uploading the documents and entering the details of the Family level activity plan into DDMS, the fund withdrawal applications will be generated from DDMS. The coordinator has to collect signatures from partner families, the FDP coordinator and the NGO Director on the fund withdrawal application forms. After the verification of all the documents, the hard copies of the applications were sent to SAFPI. As per the Family – level Activity Plan of the Partner families, 194 Partner families had withdrawn their annual funds for various Small Business Initiatives or other basic needs as per their planning.



Sl. No	Purpose of fund utilization	No. of family	Total fund utilizes
1	Infrastructure	27	638167
2	Small Business Initiative	87	1928281
3	Purchase of Goods	3	67202
4	Livestock Infrastructure	10	246620
5	Agriculture	5	111934
6	Livestock Farming	60	1344275
7	Education	2	44732
	Total	194	43,81,211

Submission of Completion Reports in DDMS 2023-24

Within two months of the fund withdrawal, the partner family must use their funds according to their activity planning. The coordinator has to prepare the completion report along with 2 photos and bills/receipts/vouchers of the implemented activity which should be uploaded to the DDMS portal.

Selection of New Partner Families

Criteria for new family selection:

The following two criteria should be strictly followed and are mandatory:

- One child in the family under the age of 13
- At least one family member willing and capable of doing a “sustainable” Income Generation Program

At least one of the below-mentioned three criteria should be satisfied:

- Woman-headed family (Widow abandoned woman, single mother)
- Family member with Cancer/HIV/AIDS/Tuberculosis/Leprosy
- Differently abled family member (at least 40% disability - need valid certificate)

In the reporting period, with the assistance of SAFPI, we provide support to 260 families which are economically and physically backward. Once the family is selected for SAFP support each family will get regular monthly assistance to initiate a livelihood project for their economic sustainability. The selection of the families are done in allocated panchayaths by strictly following the new family selection criteria given by SAFPI.

In the reporting period, 50 new families were selected for the FDP program. The families are chosen in a participatory manner by the Parish and local Sangham, based on priority of need and SAFP family selection criteria. The names of the chosen families are sent to the PSSP office for review and finalization. Once families are approved, photos of the families are taken, and profiles are provided explaining the needs. The photos and profiles are uploaded to the DDMS portal for a final inspection by the SAFPI office before being sent to the SAFP office in Canada. They are recorded and stored until the family gets linked with a sponsor.

New Partner Family Applications – Selected Panchayath

- Mundur Grama Panchayath
- Malampuzha Grama Panchayath
- Puthupariyaram Grama Panchayath
- Akathethara Grama Panchayath
- Vadakarapathy Grama Panchayath
- Pirayiri Grama Panchayath



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PG3703 Jancy Rani

Donor Letters:

It is the most important document that connects the Partner Family with the Donor. It creates a positive impression on the donor by sharing the outcomes of the donor's support. It helps the donor to understand the Partner family and how much their contributions and support helped the families to achieve their goals. The coordinator collected data for preparing letters to the donor from the partner families who are active status in the family development program. This letter has to be converted in English and uploaded it along with the family's photo in the DDMS portal. The coordinator had sent all the letters to the donors by post.

Sending Christmas Greeting Cards to Donor

Sending a Christmas card to a donor is a thoughtful and meaningful way to express thankfulness for their support. It not only recognizes their contribution but also reinforces the relationship between the Partner Families and the Donor. During this financial year Christmas and New Year greeting cards were sent.

Six-Year Planning for the Newly Active Families

Six-year planning is the long-term planning for the entire program period of the Family Development Program [6 years]. This planning helps the partner family to overcome the challenges mentioned in the new family application through the proper utilization of local resources and enables overall progress and well-being for the family.



Progress Report Preparation of the Graduating Families

The coordinator has to prepare the progress report of the graduating families, who are completed their 70 months of support in FDP. In this report, the partner family shares their development and express their gratitude towards the donors as well as the SAFP Team. Also, the coordinator explains how the family has changed from the beginning and attained the set goals in these years. During this reporting period 24 partner family's progress reports along with their family photo uploaded to the DDMS portal.



Semi-annual and Annual Training Workshop of Family Development Programme Field Coordinators at SAFPI:

The Semi-Annual and Annual Review Meeting is an occasion for the field coordinators to reflect their work and to reignite their enthusiasm as well as capacities to achieve more. The process empowers Field Coordinators to review the progress they are making toward the goal of the Family Development Programme. As the program is settling down and gaining its rhythm after the troubling times of its multi-faceted transition, it is now time to set the path in the right direction with the correct perspective. Ms. Lois Cote President of Save A Family Plan Canada and Marisa Thorburn Executive Director at Save A Family Plan of Canada office were also present in the annual training workshop. Mr. Greg De Souza, the Videographer / Editor at the University of Western Ontario, took classes on BASIC videography.





Success Story - 1

Name of the Family : Shitty A J
 Cluster Name : Jellippara
 NGO No : PG 3446
 Active on : 24th April 2018

Previous history

Mrs. Shitty lived with her husband and two children. Her husband Jinson is a daily wage worker. Her younger child Sana is suffering 60% mental retardation. They lived in a small rented house with no amenities. They were struggling to meet the daily expenses of the house and education of the children. At the time of joining the SAEP program, she is mentally disturbed about how to protect her children and her life.

Present Situation: Shitty lives with her husband Jinson and her two daughters at Jellippara village of Agali Grama Panchayath. Her elder daughter Sona is studying in 8th standard and her younger daughter Sana is in BUD's school. Shitty did not go to work because Sana is mentally retarded. She is struggling hard to meet the ends. At the time of selection for the Family Development Programme, Shitty's husband is the only earning member of the family. The family bought a weed-cutting machine by utilizing the 1st year fund. They are getting a good income from it. With the second and third-year funds, they took land under lease and started banana cultivation. Attappady is suitable for banana cultivation. So Shitty and her family is getting an additional profit from banana cultivation. With the profit from this, they bought a tailoring machine. Shitty knows tailoring very well. She is getting stitching works from nearby houses and shops at a piece rate. Her wish is to start a tailoring center in Attappady town. As Attappady is a remote area, Shitty will get stitching works on a large scale. Also, she plans to start a textile shop attached to the tailoring center. So she could care for her daughter also. Shitty is a very confident housewife. Shitty effectively made use of the funds received from the Family Development Program to improve the quality of life. With the funds received from the Family Development Program, she started her tailoring center. She spent most of the funds for expanding of her tailoring center. The family earns a decent income from all of these initiatives. Their dream blossomed through the Covid Rehabilitation Project. Shitty started a tailoring shop 'Prathyasha' on the roadside near their house with the funds they received. Without this help, Shitty's family would never have been able to start such a shop. Through the Family Development Programme, she became a known skilled tailor in their locality. She gets enough orders for stitching. She

gets work from the textile shops in the city. She is getting good business. Regular customers now order materials well in advance. Her shop is beside the road, so people can easily come to her center. So she is getting good business. Shitty is supported by her husband Jinson. Shitty is confident that this venture will succeed.

During the festive season she could earn more than Rs. 1500/- per day from the center. The tailoring center is a real blessing for the family and she can earn a good regular income from it. Today she doesn't have to struggle hard to meet the expenses of Sana's treatment, education, and household needs. All these are possible just because of the successful implementation of the Covid Rehabilitation Project. Sana comes to the shop on days when she doesn't go to school. Since the shop is on the roadside, Sana would watch the vehicles passing by on the road. It makes her very happy. Shitty's family will forever be indebted to Save a Family. Today she doesn't have to struggle hard to meet the expenses of children's education, and household needs. All these are possible just because of the successful implementation of the Covid Rehabilitation Project. Her life has become brightened through this initiative. The Save A Family Plan supports families to achieve self-sufficiency and be with them to gain a successful life.





Success Story - 2

Name of the family : Sumithra N
 Cluster Name : Agali
 NGO No : PG 3462
 Active on : 20th December 2018

Previous history

Mrs. Sumithra lived with her husband and two children. She is suffering from tuberculosis and heart problems. She needs regular medication. They lived in a small rented house with no amenities. They were struggling to meet the daily expenses of the house and education of the children. At the time of joining the SAFFP program, she is mentally disturbed about how to protect her two daughters and her life. They were depressed and anemic, especially the children.

Present Situation:

Sumithra has been an active member of the Family Development Programme for the last 58 months. Sumithra and her family are living in Goolikkadavu, Attappady. Sumitra's husband Suresh Kumar is from Tamil Nadu. He comes home occasionally. Sumitra is working hard to educate her two children. Her children Swathi and Sruthi are studying. Sumithra has been a very active member of the Family Development Program for 45 months. The funds received from the Family Development Program have been used by Sumithra to inspire others in a very positive way. She has improved the quality of life by making good use of the funds received from Family Development as planned. She has been running a grocery shop 'Kulirma' in the panchayat building in Attappadi town for 3 years. This shop was the main source of income for the family.

She is very ambitious about the project and willing to implement the project. With help from SAFFP, Sumithra turned the tiny shop into a good-looking small shop, and all the possible items were made available in the shop. This small business initiative brought a great transition in the life of Sumithra. Now her shop is well maintained and more people are visiting the shop. During summer time there is a huge demand for cool drinks. Selling cool drinks and fruits turned out to be a good source of income and this helped her to add more items to the shop. Now grocery items, vegetables,

fruits, dry fish, cool drinks, etc are available in her shop. Sumithra's grocery shop is located in front of the Goolikkadavu bus stop so it gets good business. Since Goolikkadavu is a big town, the people of Attappady come there for all their needs. Apart from that, schools are also functioning there. Due to this, Sumithra is getting good business. It helps her to find a sustainable income source.

Sometimes they can earn more than Rs.2500 from the shop. The shop brought so much confidence to the life of the family and the shop now stands to be a regular source of income. The shop helps Sumithra to meet the expenses of children's education and household needs. All these are possible because of the Covid Rehabilitation Project of SAFF. Now they have their own 0.05 cents of land and a beautiful house with all basic facilities. Now Sumithra is a confident woman with a positive attitude towards life. The implementation of the project helps the family to stand on their feet bravely and it is the goal of the SAFF to inculcate confidence in the lives of families. Sumithra and her family are forever indebted to Save A Family Plan. Words can't express her gratitude.



NABARD- KfW KNOWLEDGE SHARING EXPO CUM FAIR

GRAMEENA KARSHIKA SAMRAMBHAKA MELA- NELLARA 2023

The ‘NELLARA’ Rural Farmers’ and Entrepreneurs Knowledge Sharing Expo cum Fair organized jointly by NABARD and KfW Bank in Palakkad District brought great excitement and hope to the farmers and rural Entrepreneurs. Thousands of visitors came to the diverse Rural Farmers and Entrepreneurs Knowledge Sharing Expo cum fair held at Palakkad Kottamaidam on 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24th October 2023.

NELLARA- Knowledge Sharing Expo cum Fair, which included display and marketing of products by rural entrepreneurs, display and marketing of agricultural crops and food stall, was a source of knowledge, experience and inspiration. 53 diverse and attractive stalls graced the Expo cum Fair. The stalls had a wide variety of products that everyone could choose from, such as rural food items, agricultural products, agro-machine tools, household products, Organic Manures, pump sets, products of NABARD farmer producer companies, ready-to-eat dishes, garments and handicraft products, etc.

Arrangements were made to connect with the farmers who produced these crops, which strengthened the efforts of the farmers. Those who came to see the exhibition testified that through this exhibition it was possible for the society to realize the value of Rural Entrepreneurs’ and farmers' effort.

Stalls were set up to display and sell the unique products of SHGs and other units from NABARD KfW Soil project in Palakkad district, products of rural entrepreneurs, Rural food Products, Traditional Kerala Snacks, Products of Millets, herbal Ayurveda medicines, Agro Machineries, Organic Manures, vegetable seeds, pump sets, products of NABARD farmer producer companies, ready-to-eat dishes, Handloom garments and handicraft products.

On 20th October 2023 at 5 pm, NELLARA- Rural Farmers’ and Entrepreneurs Knowledge Sharing Expo cum Fair were officially opened for the public. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Vice chairman of Palakkad Municipality, Adv. E. Krishnadas. DDM, Palakkad NABARD Smt. Kavitha Ram, VWC representatives and PFA Directors were present in the ceremony.

On 21st October 2023 at 6pm, Honourable Electricity Minister of Kerala, Sri K. Krishnanakutty was inaugurated the NABARD KfW Rural Farmers’ and Entrepreneurs Expo cum Fair “NELLARA 2023”. Malampuzha MLA, Sri. A Prabhakaran presided over the ceremony. NABARD Palakkad DDM Smt. Kavitha Ram was detailed the objectives and vision of the Nellara expo. The PFAs of the NABARD KfW Soil project in Palakkad district were also honoured in the ceremony. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Executive Secretary of PFA- PSSP extended the welcome note and Dr. P. U. Raamanand, Director, PFA- Gangothri Trust expressed his vote of thanks for the inaugural ceremony.

The concluding Ceremony of the Nellara Rural Farmers’ and Entrepreneurs’ exhibition was held on 24th October 2023 at 5.30 Pm. The function was inaugurated by Palakkad M. P. Sri. V.K. Sreekandan. The function was presided by District Development Manger NABARD Palakkad Smt. Kavitha Ram. Smt.

Binu Mol, President of Palakkad District Panchayath was delivered the keynote address.

As part of the Rural Farmers' and Entrepreneurs Knowledge Sharing Expo cum Fair, the Minister felicitated the Village Watershed Committees of NABARD KfW Soil Project in Palakkad District. Sri. Satheesh R, HoD, NRM Division IRTC Mundur did the welcome speech and Sri. Babu R. J, Director, PASSED Society expressed the words of gratitude for the event.

On the five days of the fair, Kalasandhya was staged in every evening.

More than 100000 people were visited in the five days exhibition. It was a new experience for the people from the Palakkad district and also for participants.



FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

SECOND FLOOR, SUB-REGISTRAR OFFICE BUILDING, VADAKKENCHERY

Family Counselling Centre is being run by the People's Service Society, Palakkad as a project aided by the Central Social Welfare Board and Women and Child Department. The Center was established in the year 2009.

Objectives

- To provide an intensive level of support to families or individual members.
- To provide awareness about family problems, marital problems, and adolescent problems.
- To educate both clients and family members, on how to handle their problems.

Activities done

- Conducted neighborhood meetings in every month.
- Organized awareness classes in Nelliampathy, Vadakkencherry, Puthur, and Mangalamdam.
- Visits were made to Nemmara and Nelliampathy Police station.
- Active participation occurred in the Vanitha Commission Adalath sitting.
- Conducted sub-committee meetings regularly.
- Held a counselling camp in Valliyode.



TOTAL CASES (1ST April 2023- 31st March 2024)

SL NO	DETAILS OF CASES	TOTAL NO
1	New cases registered	193
2	Cases pending during this period	19
3	Cases closed during this period	174
4	Family problem	33
5	Marital problem	78
6	Neurotic problem	14
7	Alcohol & drugs addiction	13
8	Academic problem	6
9	Psychiatric problem	3
10	Guidance	6
11	Pocso	1
12	Domestic violence	2
13	Others	33



SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE

With the financial assistance from Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. Of Kerala, People's Service Society Palakkad has started a Service Providing Centre under Domestic Violence Act 2005. The centre is functioning with the assistance of Counselors of Family Counseling Centre at Vadakkenchery, Palakkad. The centre is to protect Women and Children from violence inside and outside of their house. Adv. Saranya.K. is the Legal Counselor of Service Providing Centre.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Number
1	Total Cases	55
2	Awareness C lass	25
3	Protection Order	10
4	Residence Order	2
5	Maintenance Order	5

Through the Service Providing Centre, PSSP has distributed Calenders to the Police Stations in Padagiri, Nemmara, Alathur, Vadakkenchery and MangalamDam all of which fall under the jurisdiction of Alathur First Class Magistrate.



FAMILIA – 2023

People's Service Society Palakkad held its first family gathering (Familia) at the Pastoral Center with various activities. Staff members and their family members participated in the event. Mar Peter Kochupurakkal, the Bishop of Palakkad Diocese, inaugurated the program. Msgr. Jeejo Chalakal, the Vicar General of Palakkad Diocese and President of PSSP, extended his wishes for the event.



KLM ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

The role of Man's workforce is very significant in the development and empowerment of a nation. Kerala Labour Movement is the official Labour organization under Kerala Catholic Bishops Council which aims to facilitate the development of unorganized work force in the state of Kerala. K L M aims and strive to ensure social security schemes and programs. In Palakkad District the mission is supported by PSSP which was established in the year 2007. KLM's effort is to bring up the unorganized work force into notable achievement. The children of Tailoring Kshemanidhi 4 members who had scored full A+ in SSLC was given scholarship from the Kshemanidhi Board.

In the present year KLM conducted many events and meetings to expand the horizon of its function.

A State level AGM Meeting was conducted at POC, Ernakulam on 25th & 26th Januray 2024. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Mr. Denny Thengumpally, Smt. Valsamma Mathew & Sr. Julit were attended the meeting as the representatives of Palakkad Diocese.

May Day Celebration was conducted at Mundur St. Alphonsa Church on 1st May 2023. About 150 unorganized workers participated in this programme. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, the Director supported and encouraged for the success and fruitful development of Kerala Labour Movement.

Under the help of Desire Project, Cow-Distribution Programme was conducted. 6 disabled & poor women in the Palakkad Diocese were given Rs.40000/-to buy cow.

On 18/11/2023 the State level committee of KLM Visited Palakkad Diocese. Sri.Shaju Antony, Sri.Babu, Smt. Moly Joby etc., were the members. The meeting began with prayer. Director Fr. Justin Kolamkanny presided the meeting. KLM President Sri.Denny Thengumpally welcomed the invitees and audience. Mr. Shaju presented the Agenda and discussed the working of KLM and the need to facilitate the same. Smt.Moly Joby explained the activities of KTWF forum &





Vanitha Forum, Sri. Babu explained the different Forums. Along with it they noticed and explained the different types of Insurance fund for death and started it for the growth and development of Forum members. Forane level Meeting was held at Lourd Matha Forane Church Vadakkenchery. Mangalam Dam, Melarcode Forane churches included in the meeting conducted at 10.00 am. Vadakkenchery Forane Church Vicar Fr. Jaison Kollannur inaugurated the function. Sri. Denny Thengumpally the President of KLM was the Head. The meeting elected the new office bearers. The Forane level convenor Sri.Dinoy thanked everybody. A meeting was conducted on December 16 & 17 at POC, Eranakulam for the empowerment and develop leadership qualities . Sri. Binoy Kummarkottil, Smt. Valsamma, Smt. Darly Mathew were participated. KLM is committed to stand with the workers for eradicating poverty, maintaining good health and assuring unbroken education of the workers and their families. Let us join hand in hand with KLM for supporting the ordinary fellow workers in our society.

SAJEEVAM

Under the auspices of Caritas India, the Kerala Catholic Bishop's Council and the Kerala Social Service Forum, a dedicated anti-drug campaign named 'Lahari' was launched to eradicate the menace of addiction, particularly chemical addiction, across all 32 dioceses in Kerala. All Diocesan Social Service Societies in Kerala were involved in this programme and coordinators were selected for each DSSS. A training program was held for the selected coordinators at the KSSF office in Kottayam.

During the event, Fr. Dr. Jose Moonjely, Director of Caritas India, and Rev. Fr. Jolly Puthenpurackal, Assistant Director, participated via an online platform. Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Director of the Kerala Social Service Forum welcomed the attendees and Mr. Albin Antony, the State Coordinator expressed his gratitude. Fr. Thomas Kulathumkal, Director, Changanassery Social Service Society led the training session.

As part of the active anti-drug campaign in the Diocese Palakkad, discussions and decisions were made with the participation of Directors and presidents of various organizations in the presence of His Excellency Mar Kochupurakkal. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Executive Secretary of PSSP led the discussions and Mr. Bobby P., Project Officer explained the project. Mr. Babu Paul was appointed as the Project Coordinator.

On March 8, in conjunction with International Women's Day, His Excellency Mar Kochupurakkal officially inaugurated the anti-drug campaign and delivered a blessing speech. The event featured a keynote address by Ms. Ramya Haridas Hon.MP and a message from Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Director of the Kerala Social Service Forum, and an oath-taking ceremony by State Coordinator Mr. Albin Antony.

To facilitate the smooth operation of the campaign, 32 Diocesan Social Service Societies were divided into 5 clusters, with classes conducted at the cluster level under the leadership of KSSF. A sub-task force was formed to oversee the campaign's progression, with task forces consisting of various organization leaders, religious teachers, and youth members.

Subsequent activities included workshops for teachers held at Lourde Matha Higher Secondary School, Mangalam Dam. On 26th June, International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was conducted at the Vijayamatha Higher Secondary School, Chittoor. The anti-drug day was also observed at St. Thomas Forane Church, Kanjirappuzha.

Awareness campaigns were conducted in various Diocesan Parishes and schools by experts, including Adv. Mr. Justin Pallivathukkal, Mr. Shinto James, WHO Cardiovascular and Senior Treatment Supervisor, Father Neelesh Thuruthuvayalil, and specialists from the Police, Excise, and Janamaitri Police Department. Regular evaluations of the anti-drug campaign are being conducted at KSSF Kottayam.



GREEN CAMPUS CAMPAIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MICROCLIMATE LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT OF PALAKKAD (GCDM)

GREEN CAMPUS CAMPAIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MICROCLIMATE LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT OF PALAKKAD'

is a project prepared by the People's Service Society, the official social service arm of Palakkad Diocese, taking the essence of Holy Father Pope Francis' encyclical *Lauda Tosi*. (Praise to You). We are convinced that the earth is the common home of all living things and that man is exploiting the nature under the cover of development for his selfishness, and that every human being and all other living things are born, grow, strengthen, finally fall

and decay in the lap of mother earth. GCDM is a participatory project involving all the parishes and institutions of the Palakkad Diocese with the financial support of the Italian Episcopal Conference. This project aims to make each church and institution eco-friendly and role models to protect and nurture the soil, water, and air. Through these project activities, the society can be made aware of how the interventions can help in environmental protection and increase the carbon absorption capacity. This project aims to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that cause climate change and increase carbon sequestration. Water, soil, trees, and tree management are the main factors that increase carbon sequestration. These activities can be carried out even in very small campuses so that the campuses can be simulated models of carbon emission and this valuable concept can be transferred to the concerned people. As part of the project, awareness classes are conducted on each campus, and a campus plan is formed. Community action group is formed to evaluate the activities to be done on each campus. Make the water sources rich by releasing the rainwater that nature has blessed us with into water sources like our ponds and wells. Planting fruit tree saplings as much as we can on each campus.

The project GCDM is built up on the foundations of seven goals of *Laudato Si*'s concept of 'Integral ecology' as pronounced by Pope Francis.

1. Response to the cry of Earth
2. Response to the cry of the Poor
3. Ecological Economics
4. Adoption of Simple Life Styles
5. Ecological Education



6. Ecological Spirituality

7. Emphasis on Community Involvement and participatory Action

The GCDM project envisages to establish 150 micro climate units in 150 campuses of Institutions. This project is also in line with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all United Nations Member States.

Main Components of the Project:

A. Promotion of Community Action Groups : As a part of People's Participatory approach of this project, Community Action Groups (CAGs) will be formed as the grass root level units with an average membership of 25-50 families in 127 parishes. Additionally, Eco-clubs will be the field level units under the 23 selected educational institutions. Totally, 320 CAGs and 23 Eco Clubs will be the grass root level implementing stake holders of the project.

B. Development of Micro Climate Locations: A micro climate is the distinctive climate of a small geographical area such as campuses, homestead, garden, park, valley or part of a village or city. All the 150 project area beneficiary institutions have a well marked geographical area as campuses with proper ownership right. The GCDM project envisages to develop micro climate unit in all these campuses with the participation of the stakeholders like CAGs, management of the institutions, parent teachers association, parish administration and the local organizations. All the stakeholder and the beneficiary population will understand the benefits of micro climate and its importance in Integral Ecology through awareness and capacity building activities.

C. Implementation / demonstration of water conservation methods

All the 150 selected Institutions have their own building structures with more than 2000 sq.ft. built area. Rain water harvesting through these roof and conserving the rain water in different methods will improve the sub surface water of the area. The project plans to develop water security campuses through various rain water harvesting and conservation methods. Each campus will harvest / capture the entire rain water and recharge it through appropriate recharge structures as noted below.

i. Rain Water Harvesting Tank with Well Recharging : This option can be selected in suitable campuses where there are roof structures and the available dug wells. Rain water is harvested through the roof with the help of gutters and down pipes and the filtered water is reaching the collection reservoir and over flow is linked with the dug well

ii. Rain water Harvesting Tank with Bore well Recharging : The existing bore wells in the campuses can be utilized for the recharging of Roof water after two levels of filtration after checking the permeability of each bore well.





iii. Storm Water Recharging:

In this method, the rain water of the open ground of the campus is diverted to a sedimentation tanks with filter trap and it is reaching the water absorption trenches and that in turn strengthen the sub surface and ground water storage.

iv. Dug Well Recharging:

In this case, rain water from the roof of the house or buildings collected through gutters and down pipes and it is filtered

through the filter chamber on the bank of the dug well and the filtered water is diverting to the dug well through pipes.

D. Awareness on climate resilient practices to the community

The GCDM is a community managed project which is to be planned, designed, implemented and sustained with a people's participatory approach. This project envisages organizing 320 CAGs and 23 eco clubs as the grass root level action groups at the parish and educational levels respectively. The important awareness generation activities are:

1. Participatory induction workshop and orientation to stake holders : Induction workshops will be organized in 150 campuses by participating all beneficiaries.

2. Location specific green campus participatory planning : Through these planning workshops, location specific major campus level interventions will be planned.

3. Awareness workshops in Schools Colleges and Institutions : The project plans to implement the programs in 127 parishes and 23 selected institutions with a coverage of 60000 population and 20000 students as beneficiaries respectively with the cooperation of different stake holders.

4. Awareness mobile campaign unit with live models : A full fledged mobile campaign unit will be designed and organised for the dissemination of different people friendly technologies for rain water harvesting, water conservation, water management, water quality management, environment friendly campus, use of renewable energy, great water treatment, solid waste management, liquid waste management etc. All these models and prototypes will be arranged in a vehicle and it will be moved across the district covering rural and urban areas along with education institutions. This will help to propagate the concept of integral ecology to the common people.

5. Water Quality Management by testing and mitigation at Institutional and Community Level :

The chemical, biological and physical parameters of water samples will be tested frequently to assess various quality issues. The project plans to mitigate these issues with the help of different project interventions implemented through the campuses.

E. Promotion of Community Knowledge Centre :

The GCDM project proposes to promote one full fledged Community Knowledge Centre (CKC) with the

main objective of transferring the proven nature conservation technologies to the people. This CKC will provide technical support to different eco restoration services as implemented through this project. The proto types and replicable models of water conservation methods like dug well recharging, bore well recharging, injection well, pond restoration, cost effective rain water storage system, water quality testing unit, water quality issues mitigation methods etc. will be exhibited / demonstrated and disseminated through this center.

F. District Level and State Level Workshops:

The GCDM project envisages to propagate and disseminate the good results and success stories of this project for the benefit of all communities in the district and the state. The main objective of the project is to establish a micro climate location based on the principle of integral ecology. The success stories and models experimented and developed through these 150 campuses can be transferred to other developmental agencies and to the Government for policy influence and advocacy.

G. Preparation of Operation and Management Manuel

The operation and management Manuel prepared by the project will give clear cut direction to the people regarding the sustainable management of all newly created structures at 150 micro climate locations and at the Central Level Common Knowledge Centre. The Community Action Groups and the other related stakeholders will follow this Operation and Management Manuel for the sustainability of all project activities.

H. Success story documentation and documentaries

All the success stories and proven technologies will be properly documented and archived for the reference of common people as well as other developmental agencies.

Outcome

The GCDM project envisages to develop microclimate locations at institutional and community level based on the seven major goals of Laudato Si'. The project ensures Peoples participation at all levels starting from planning, implementation, operation and maintenance and its sustainability during the post implementation phase. The GCDM project envisages to promote Community Action Groups (CAGs) at grassroot level linked with institutions and communities. It is planned to promote 320 CAGs linked with 128 Parishes of the Palakkad Diocese. These grassroot level action groups will emerge as the most influential factor at village level who can manage the valuable natural resources prudently.

The replicable models developed in each campus will be the guiding spirit not only to the direct beneficiaries but also to the adjacent area populations who are the indirect beneficiaries of the project.

At the schools and college level all students with teachers and parents will directly involve with this project as the direct beneficiaries. These educational institutions will become the main proponents of the good impacts of this project through the active involvement of the students. Every year the institution can continue the newly developed system in sustainable way.

All the 150 campuses become self-sufficient in several aspects like water availability, water conservation, water quality management, carbon sequestration and carbon farming, soil quality improvement through humus formation, eco-friendly farming practices, biodiversity development etc. These positive results will help to flourish the lives and livelihoods of the people by conserving the natural gifts given by the Creator of this universe.



VOLUNESIA

With financial assistance from Caritas India and the Kerala Social Service Forum, a meeting of volunteers was held at the Parish Hall of Lourd Matha Forane Church in Vadakkenchery. The gathering included 94 participants who are currently involved in volunteer work or interested in it. The event was inaugurated by Fr. Jacob Mavunkal, Director, Kerala Social Service Forum. Fr. Jaison Kollannur, Vicar, Lourd Matha Forane Church presided over the event. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Executive Secretary of PSSP, extended a welcome, and Fr. Cris Koikattill expressed gratitude. Mr. Abish Antony, State Officer and Mr. Nixon Mathew, Finance Officer from Caritas India and Mr. Tony from Kerala Social Service Forum were present. Mr. Rajesh Shekhar, an Executive Member of the Palakkad Trainers Forum lead the class. As part of the event, a blood test was conducted under the leadership of the Palana Hospital. Dr. Deepak led a cancer awareness class. The participants included students from Mercy College Palakkad, Netaji College Nemmara, and St. Mary's College Thrissur, as well as women from self-help groups under PSSP and the trainees of various training programs.



PSSP MIGRANT SURAKSHA PROJECT MALAPPURAM

People's Service Society Palakkad Migrant Suraksha Project for the migrant community in Malappuram started functioning on December 1, 2014, in Perinthalmanna with the objective of prevention of HIV and basic STI and health services and promotion and distribution of free condoms, for the migrant community in Malappuram. The project has been taken up by PSSP (People's Service Society Palakkad) and has been designed and monitored by Kerala State AIDS Control Society (KSACS) in accordance with the guidelines of NACO, Government of India.

The Project covers a population of 10000 HR migrants in three areas viz. Perinthalmanna, Kottakal, Malappuram in Malappuram District. PSSP Migrant intervention focuses on providing services to the high-risk migrant population in Malappuram. Project conducting Awareness programs, condom promotion, Group meetings, Street plays/AV shows, Exhibitions, Counselling, Health camps, STI Screening, community-based HIV Screening, Sensitization, and advocacy programs for various Migrant stakeholders. In the present scenario, our team consists of 6 staff including a Project Manager, a Counsellor, an MEA officer, and 3 outreach workers. Besides we have 7 Peer Leaders in Malappuram District.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Fr. Justin Kollamkanny	Project Director
2	Fr. Aswin Kanivayalil	Assistant Director
3	Sooraj. K	Project Manager
4	Reshma T	Counsellor
5	Sunanda M	MEA officer
6	Ramya T.P	ORW in Malappuram
7	Jayaprakash V	ORW in Perinthalmanna
8	Sreeja P	ORW in Kottakkal

PSSP Migrant TI Suraksha is a project organized by the combined effort of the National Aids Control Organization, and Kerala State Aids Control Society to take precautions to prevent HIV/AIDS among migrant laborers, who are residing in the Malappuram district. Now a day's number of migrant inflows is increasing in Malappuram district. Most of the Migrants in Malappuram District are working in the construction field. According to statistics more than 80000 people are working in Malappuram district. To make the intervention feasible, the project classified the migrants based on their source state. Among the identified migrants 35% of them are from West Bengal, 25% of them from Bihar, 10% of them from Assam, 10% are from Tamilnadu, 5% are from Jharkhand, 5% are From Odisha, and the remaining 10% from other states.



Last year project established a Steering Committee having the District Collector as Chairman and the District Medical Officer as Convenor. Besides project established Local advisory Committees in Malappuram, Ponnani, Parappanangadi, and Perinthalmanna Municipalities.



Goal of the project

The goal of the intervention is to contribute to the national goal of **halting and reversing the HIV/AIDS** epidemic among the Migrants living in the Malappuram district of Kerala State.

Activities of the Project

- **Entry level Activities:** Including Rapid Site Assessment by conducting a rapid survey to identify the migrant population in the target area. Spot mapping, identification of local sex network, stakeholder analyses, Development of micro plan, local service providers, etc.
- **Prevention package:** The component will ensure prevention activities such as information dissemination, condom programming, and STI management.
- **Health Care Services:** Identification and contracting PPP clinics in each site in consultation with HRMs, Establishing Linkage with existing public health care system, Organizing Health Camps to screen HR Migrants for STIs, STI Screening, Treatment for STIs identified, Provision of RR/RA/STI counseling to HRMs, TB Referral- Identified cases from HRM to DOT Centre (RNTCP)
- **Condom promotion and distribution programs:** Demand generation for condom usage within the community through IEC activities, establishing condom outlets in all congregation points, Distribution of condoms through CSM
- **ICTC screening and ART Referral:** Establishing linkage with ICTCs, ART Centers, and CCCs in the District Screening for HIV among HR Migrants with the support of ICTC Centers, linking identified HIV cases from HRM to ART Centre Psycho-social support to identified HIV cases from migrants (Counselling support, capacity building, financial support for livelihood options)



Establishing linkages : Provision of legal services to the HRM who denied employment based on their HIV status, denied treatment, violation of human rights, etc. with the support of human rights agencies operating in the area

There are many reasons to include migrant laborers in this project. People who are starting away from home often will have a feeling of loneliness. These people will often depend on smoking, alcohol, and drugs in an unlimited quantity and often reach sex risk. In this condition, they will reach to core group of sex workers. At this time risk increases. There are chances for people to have high sex risk while they are traveling to their state/back to Kerala. In our study, we found that migrant laborers are mostly addicted to alcohol and this is a main factor for sexual risk. PSSP Migrant Suraksha covers above mentioned people and provides various services (eg. STI Screening, CBHS, Counseling, etc...) to them.



**As the project completed 9 years, Project covered more than 2 lakh migrants.
The achievement of this year 2023-24 is given below.**

Sl. No.	Components	Target	Achievement
1	HRG registration	10000	10039
	New	6000	6038
	Old	4000	4001
2	Health Camp	100	102
3	STI screening	6000	6499
4	STI cases		47
5	HIV Screening	3000	3000
6	HIV Cases		5
7	Advocacy meeting	12	20
8	Counselling Sessions (Total Counselling)	4000	4130

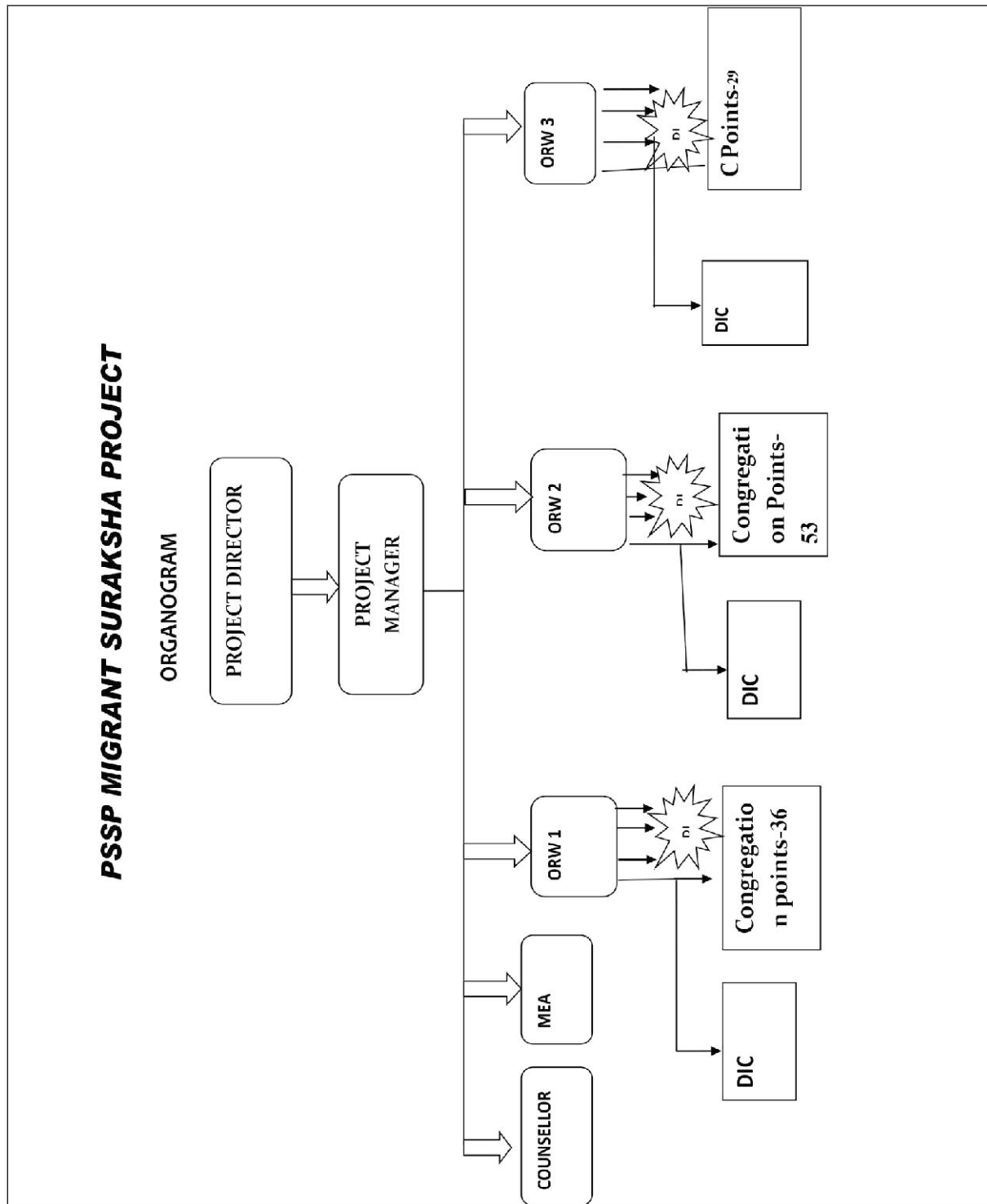
As it has reached its eighth year, the Project covered approximately 3 lakh migrants and 42601 migrants in this year only, of which 10039 of them are at high risk. Among the identified migrants 35% of them are from West Bengal, 25% of them from Bihar, 10 % of them from Assam, 10% are from Tamilnad and 5% from Jharkhand 5% are From Odisha, and the remaining 10% are from other states. Project Conducted 102 Health camps this year. 6499 Migrants Utilized STI (sexual Disease) Screening Services through health Camps and DICs this year only. 47 STI cases were identified in this phase. CBHS is another service carried out by the Suraksha project. 2905 Migrants were Tested for HIV/AIDS through Community Based Screening (CBS) and 95 Migrants were referred by PSSP MIGRANT PROJECT to ICTC for HIV/AIDS testing in the last year. Project Covering 294 Spots in Different Areas of Malappuram. Condom service is given through outlets. As per NACO guideline project created 51 outlets in the project area. Most outlets are non-traditional Outlets (Petti shop, Pan Shop, etc...) 9188 condoms were distributed through DICs condom outlets, Health camps, and Counselling.

ART Linkage is another important component in the Project Process. PSSP Migrant Suraksha Project Identified 20 HIV Positive cases and 16 of them were successfully linked to ART centers. The project has registered Migrant FSWs and project taking good initiative for tracking their partners and testing their HIV and VDRLs. The project has a DIC at Perinthalmanna & Manjeri. An Average of 10 migrants are utilizing DIC services per day. The project is distributing general medicines and STI medicines through the Health Camps. Those Medicines are mobilized from medical representatives, IMA, etc.... Project conducted a variety of awareness programmes including street theatres in this phase. Most of those AV shows were provided HIV/AIDS knowledge, STI Knowledge, etc... Counseling is an important component of the project, 2130 Migrants were covered in counseling services. The project has a good advocacy committee at the District level. Most of the programs are conducted in association with the Health Department, Labour Department, and Other Government Bodies.

PSSP Migrant Suraksha Project is running its eighth Phase. Now this program has become a successful program at the state level.







LIBRARY

A collection or group of collections of books and/or other print or non-print materials organized and maintained for use. A library has to serve as an Information Centre or referral center for specialized sources of information. It is a learning institution that has existed in our society since ancient times. It is a place where interaction between humans and information takes place and intends to satisfy information and social needs.

Kerala State Library Council (KSLC) is an autonomous body where the higher education department and Govt. of Kerala formed as per the Kerala Public Libraries Act 1989. Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker is known as the father of the library movement in the Indian State of Kerala. So the Government of Kerala observes Vayana Pakshacharanam for 15 days from 14th June to 7th July every year. 19th June is observed as the Vayana Dhinam.

PSSP started Grameena Grandhasala Vayanasala on 4th June 1989 and got membership in the KSLC in 1998. Now our Grandhasala has a collection of books such as novels, short stories, reference books, autobiographies religious books, etc. PSSP encourages reading among youth clubs, children clubs, Self Help Groups, Vanitha vedi in the vicinity, and members of farmers clubs and SHGs. Grandhasala conducted various competitions for students and other social service activities as well.



LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

Sl.No.	Activity	No.of Activity	No.of participants
1	Number of Books	9226 Plus	
2	Training on Folk Songs of Kerala by Sri.Sekharipuram Madhavan	2 pieces of training	48
3	Reading competition	1	268
4	P.N.Panicker memorial	1	365
5	Vayana varacharanam		
6	Muhammed Basheer memorial	1	360
7	Essay competition		24
8	Poster Making competition		28
9	Environment Day Observation	2	48
10	Reading competition – UP level	1	52
11	Balavedi – drawing competition		18
12	Kesavads Memorial		263
13	Awareness of Domestic Violence Act at the SHG level	3	65
14	Mother tongue day observation	1	22

ASHAKIRANAM

CANCER CARE CAMPAIGN – CLOSE THE CARE GAP

With strong focus on prevention, the Aashakiranam Cancer care campaign promoting healthy life style by producing, conserving and consuming good food.

Aashakiranam Cancer care campaign is a comprehensive project for the prevention and care of cancer envisaged by Caritas India.

Ashakiranam Cancer Care Campaign is designated jointly by Caritas India, a non-governmental organization, Diocesan Social Service Societies, hospitals, colleges, schools, etc., working in Kerala. In the humanitarian concern towards supporting the cancer patients and promote preventive approaches to the health cluster by mobilizing resources from people. The main components of the project are local fund mobilization, cancer awareness and financial aid to deserving cancer patient. Aashakiranam program was launched by People's Service Society Palakkad in the year 2016 with the blessing of Emeritus Mar Jacob Manantheodath, Bishop of Palghat. Caritas India is supporting the project.

Cancer being now a days becoming a manmade disaster (Life style), carried out across Kerala on 32 DSSS as cancer care campaign. In 2020, when Covid was in peak, nearly 57155 people were defected with cancer. In 2022, it jumped to 59143 in the state. In cancer related deaths, there were 32,271 in 2022. Now a days, a number of women suffering from cancer is growing rapidly. One woman dies cancer in every eight minutes in India. So it is very important to fight against this inorder to eradicate this fatigue.



Glimpse of Aashakiranam Number of Volunteers : 468

Particulars	No. of Program conducted	No. of participants
Hair Donation Programme conducted	2	32
Cancer Awareness Programme	8	464
Volunteers Training	3	163
Essay Competition – Lungs cancer	2	60
Medical Camp	6	468
Poster Making competition	1	26
Ear testing camp	3	98
Financial Aid to Cancer patients	30 Nos.	Rs.2,72,000/-

THE HARITHA SAMRUDDHI PROJECT – PHASE 2

The second phase of the Haritha Samruddhi Project has begun in Pudussery Grama Panchayat with the assistance of CSR fund from United Breweries Limited. This phase aims to continue the successful implementation of the Haritha Samruddhi project, which was completed between 2019 and 2022, focusing on water conservation and sustainable development initiatives. Key activities of this phase include the construction of Sub Surface Barriers and bunds, rejuvenation of large ponds, and implementation of comprehensive nature nurturing programs. Planting of small Plantation Zones named Oxygen Belt in Miyawaki model and social residual enhancement activities are also part of the project.

The project was introduced to the officials of the Panchayat on July 7, 2023, at the Board Room of Pudussery Panchayat. Project Coordinator Mr. Bobby P provided detailed explanations. Project consultant Dr. V. R. Haridas and project engineer Mr. Sooraj participated in the event.

Inauguration of the project office

The inauguration of the project office, which had already begun functioning in Pudussery Panchayath, was conducted on July 12. The inauguration of the office was presided over by the President of Pudussery Gram Panchayat, Mrs. Praseetha. Vice President Mr. Ajeesh, Ward Member Mr. Krishnanunni, and Haritha Samrudhi project team members were also present. Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, the Executive Secretary of PSSP conducted the office's blessing ceremony.

Inauguration of the Second Phase of Haritha Samruddhi project

The inauguration of the second phase of the Haritha Samruddhi project was done by Sri.E.Prabhakaran, Hon. M.L.A. of Malampuzha. The ceremony was held at Pudussery Grama panchayath Hall on 4th September 2023. Mrs. N. Praseetha, President of Pudussery Gram Panchayat presided over the event. Mr. Suresh Subrahmanyam, UBL Palakkad Brewery Head, Mrs. Jaini Nathwani, CSR & Sustainability Manager, Mr. Vinu Philip Palakkad Brewery Unit H.R. Head, Fr. Justin Kolamkanny Executive Secretary, PSSP, Mr. Bobby P, Project Coordinator were present in the event. A seminar on the importance of water conservation was held in the Panchayat, featuring Dr. V.R. Haridas, Head of the Climate Justice Division at CARITAS India and Technical Consultant for the Haritha Samruddhi project. The Project Implementation team including Project Coordinator Bobby P, Project Engineer Sooraj, were coordinated the event.

Establishment of Miyawaki Model Oxygen Belts:

As part of the second phase of the project, five locations in the Panchayat have been selected for the establishment of Plantation Zones named Oxygen Belts using the Miyawaki model. With the assistance of Root Zone Fertigation technology, a total of 40 trees from 20 different species have been planted in each plantation Zone. These oxygen belts mimic the biodiversity and ecological benefits of natural forests, providing habitat for various flora and fauna, mitigating climate change effects, reducing carbon dioxide levels, purifying the air, preventing soil erosion, and enhancing soil fertility. The locations chosen for the establishment of these oxygen belts are Attappallam, Chellankavu, Kovilpalayam, Kurudikkadu, and Venoli of Pudussery panchayat

Hydrological Survey for Basic Information Collection and Detailed Baseline Data Collection

To collect baseline data on water resources in the Panchayat and inform project decisions, a hydrological survey was conducted. Dr. V.R. Haridas (Head, Climate Justice Division, CARITAS India), Hydrologist Mr. Murali Kochukrishnan and Prof. Govindan Kutty led the survey and prepared detailed reports.

"Dhan Utsav" Volunteering Event

An event called "Dhan Utsav" was voluntarily organized by United Breweries Limited for the welfare of the community. As part of the event, tree planting activities were carried out at the location where oxygen belts were established in Kolayakode Kovilpalayam. Mr. Suresh Subrahmanyam, Brewery Head and Mr. Vinu Philip, H.R. Head along with 23 employees of United Breweries Limited participated in the event. The Project Implementation team including Project Coordinator Bobby P, Project Engineer Sooraj, were coordinated the volunteering event.

Water Conservation and Management Activities

Efforts were made to implement various water conservation and management activities in the Panchayat as part of the project. Site identification for activities such as deepening of large ponds and conservation of large water bodies, as well as fulfilling the demands of stakeholders, was completed. Additionally, the deepening of two major ponds and the construction of dams to reduce water loss were successfully carried out. Seven Sub Surface Barriers were constructed to regulate water flow to seven streams in the region.

Construction of Sub Surface Barriers (SSBs)

The construction of seven SSBs to reduce the flow of various streams in the Panchayat has been completed. Such constructions, carried out below the earth's surface, are crucial activities in soil and water conservation. These structures play a significant role in water conservation and agricultural advancement.

Revival and Renovation of Large Ponds -

As part of the project, the large ponds at Kolayakkode named Kolayakkode pond and the pond at Venoli named Madatthil Pond were dredged and renovated. These two ponds spanning an area of 2 acres each were dredged and fortified using coir geotextiles to protect the embankments and conserve water. The dredging of these two ponds will facilitate approximately 60 acres of paddy cultivation. Additionally, the deepening of the ponds in the region will further aid in making water available for a longer duration in the wells and smaller ponds.

Installation of Water Level Indicators and Maintenance of Project Brand Visibility Boards

Brand visibility boards for dams and reservoirs installed as part of the first phase of the Haritha Samruddhi project were maintained through the phase 2 project. Water Level Indicators were also installed in dams and reservoirs.

Impact Assessment study

The impact assessment study of the first phase of the Haritha Samruddhi project was conducted by the Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC). The impact assessment visit lasted from September 7th to 12th 2023.

Oxygen Belt Maintenance

Maintenance of plantation Zones established in five locations, along with water conservation activities, is carried out every week.

Project evaluation meetings and monitoring visits

United Breweries Limited, under the leadership of its executives, conducted evaluation meetings and monitoring of project interventions periodically. The NGO level project evaluation meetings and monitoring of project operations, which were conducted every month were led by Fr. Justin Kolamkanny, Executives Secretary. Dr. V. R. Haridas, the technical advisor for the project and project staff were also participated in the evaluation sessions to assess the progress of the project.



PSSP Through Media

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**PEOPLE'S SERVICE SOCIETY, PALAKKAD**

Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Chakkanthara, Palakkad, Kerala, India - 678 006.

Reg. No. 55/1978**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024****RECEIPTS**

	Rs.	Rs.	Ps.
To Balance B/d.			8,326,494.29
1 From Conferenza Episcopale Italiana for GCDM Project			3,825,921.00
2 From KSSWB for Family Counseling Centre - 2022-23			288,000.00
3 From KSSWB for FCC towards additional honorarium to staff			66,000.00
4 From DWCDO for Legal Service Providing Centre			72,375.00
5 From ICDS for Rajeev Gandhi National Creche Scheme			84,600.00
6 From NABARD for springshed Development prog. At Moonnekkar			76,160.00
7 From NABARD for MEDP Project			37,683.00
8 From KSACS for Migrant Suraksha Project			2,310,000.00
9 From EDII for MSDP training programme - 2022-23			655,900.00
10 From EDII for MSDP training programme - 2023-24			400,000.00
11 From EDII for ESDP Training Programme - 2022-2023			422,280.00
12 Assistance from Operation Smile Foundation towards sugory of children with cleft lip and cleft palate			19,090.00
13 Library inspection expense returned from Library Council			720.00
14 Service charge received from Oriental Insurance for mediclaim			5,166.00
15 From SHG Books and Documents			7,430.00
16 Service Charge received from Women's Fed & SHGs			373,850.00
17 Service charge received from JLGs and Farm Clubs			12,000.00
18 Income from Poultry Unit & Agro Nursery			603,187.00
19 Income from Agro Nursery			265,650.00
20 Income from various training programmes of Kudumbashree at START			483,337.00
21 Nabard Nellara Karshika Samrambaka Mela 2023			1,023,375.00
22 Scrap value received			549,935.00
23 Maintenance / Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Tanks			1,749,960.00
24 From KSACS - Project Director allowance received			48,000.00
25 Sale of almirah and table			6,000.00
26 Aashakiranam Coin Box Collection			2,557.00
27 Lenten Cancer Care Campaign			322,972.00
28 Closing of FD at Punjab National Bank, Mannarkkad			301,485.00
29 SAFP FDP Administrative expense			27,000.00
30 Sale of Maximo Vehicle KL 09 AG2296			145,000.00
31 Micro Finance advance repayment from Minority SHGs			5,450,714.00
32 Local Contribution and Institutional share mobilised for GCDM Project			530,320.00
33 Temporary Advance repayment from Reena (staff)			3,000.00
32 Advance refund for Biogas plant construction at Mullanthode			30,000.00
33 Advance returned by Nabard for Springshed Project at Moonnekkar			49,853.00
34 Advance returned by Women's Fed against Home Appliances			62,000.00
35 Interest received from SB Account and FDs			180,390.37
36			


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Total 28,818,404.66

PAYMENTS

	Rs.	Rs.	Ps.
1 House construction under flood recovery programme by Cuore Amico Fraternita Onlus		10,000.00	
2 GCDM Project at Institutional and Community level		1,014,478.00	
3 Legal Service Providing Centre		147,950.00	
4 Rajeev Gandhi National Creche Scheme		90,660.00	
5 PSSP Migrant Suraksha Project		2,310,000.00	
6 EDII MSDP Training 2023-2024		859,814.00	
7 EDII - Registration fee to We-Act		64,000.00	
8 FCC - Additional Honorarium to staff		66,000.00	
9 Nabard KfW Soil Project		15,865.00	
10 Nabard Springshed Programme at Moonnekkar		80,096.00	
11 Maintenance of Regional Office		4,909.00	
12 Purchase of Air Conditioner		37,900.00	
13 Purchase of Chairs		78,825.00	
14 Renovation of PSSP Head Office		326,990.00	
15 Renovation of Cherupushpalayam Training Centre		57,342.00	
16 Expense for Board of Management Meeting		18,637.00	
17 Expense for Sajeevam Project		66,805.00	
18 Annual Contribution to KSSF for 2023-2024		15,000.00	
19 GST paid to Reserve Bank of India against RWH construction		122,069.00	
20 GST Filing Charge		9,500.00	
21 Expense for conducting Singarimelam at Mumbai		14,400.00	
22 Project preparation preliminary expense		8,187.00	
23 Outside Training Programme		39,238.00	
24 Annual Contribution to Caritas India - 2023 - 2024		20,000.00	
25 DDU - GKY - Meeting / Training expense		34,657.00	
26 EDII - Administration Expense		38,761.00	
27 Festival Allowance to staff		54,000.00	
28 Honorarium to staff members	1,116,788.00		
29 Honorarium to Project Staff	728,866.00		
30 Consultancy Fee paid	303,400.00		
31 Postage, Stationery, Printing etc	40,062.00		
32 Staff Review Meeting and Refreshment	69,277.00		
33 Electricity expenses	50,205.00		
34 Expense for awareness programme, selection and travelling of children with cleft lip and cleft palate	13,422.00		
35 Computer Repair and Maintenance	31,855.00		
36 Tax and Insurance of vehicles	22,030.00		
37 Complements / Gifts / Donations	14,917.00		
38 Travelling Expense to Director & staff	390,631.00		
39 Audit Assistance	85,000.00		
40 Telephone	21,049.00		
41 Newspaper and publications	3,149.00		
42 Ashakiranam Medical Assistance provided to cancer patients	236,000.00		
43 Ashakiranam - Awareness and Detection Camp	21,929.00		
44 Women's Day Observation	148,949.00		
45 Website renewal charge	9,300.00		
46 Establishment expense	6,000.00		
47 Bank Charges	8,097.18		
48 Onam / Christmas Celebration	34,293.00		
49 PSSP Family gettogether (Familia 2023)	28,706.00		
50 Annual Report printing charge	37,650.00		
51 Nellara Karshika Samrambaka Mela 2023	1,035,192.00		
52 GCDM Administrative expenses	90,067.00		
53 Maintenance / Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Tanks	777,631.00		
54 Staff Welfare fund settlement of Mr. Lalappan.P.J	396,020.00		
55 Gratuity Settlement of Mrs. Daisy Chacko (50%)	44,423.00		
56 Gratuity Settlement of Mrs. Marykutty Devassia	57,114.00		
57 Professional Tax Paid for 2023-2024	10,400.00		
58 Provident Fund remitted for 2023-2024	239,740.00		
59 ESI contribution remitted for 2023-2024	26,346.00		
60 PF/ESI Filing charge	6,000.00		
61 Harithasamrudhi project administrative expense	22,934.00		
62 Expense for training programme at START	315,120.00		
63 Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	105,603.00		
64 Staff exposure visit	43,761.00		
65 SHG Books and Documents Printing charge	8,000.00		
66 Expense for GCDM Project	530,320.00		
66 Micro Finance Advance repaid to KSB CDC	5,308,183.00		
67 Advance to DDU-GKY Programme	612,331.00		
68 Advance to Harithasamrudhi Office at Pudussery	30,000.00		
69 Advance to Polima Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)	860,000.00		
70 Advance to START	1,172,804.00		
71 Advance to Family Counseling Centre	356,786.00		
72 Closing Balance - Cash, Bank and Fixed Deposit	7741971.48		
Total		28,818,404.66	

Thank You



Lalappan. P. J



Fr. Cris Koikattil



Fr. Aswin kanivayalil



Marykutty Devassia



Daisy Chacko



Rosamma Baby

Homage



Sr. Boldwin CMC
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