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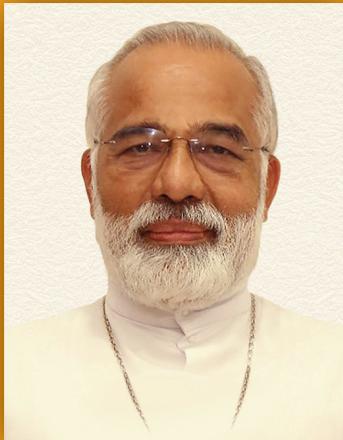
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Patron's Message

**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
(Psalm 118:23)**

2020-21 has been a tremendous year of learning and retreat for the whole world. In many ways we could scrutinize it and admit along with several others that 'This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.' (Psalm 118:23) The situation that COVID created, truly leaves the objective mind speechless and in awe, for the mighty works of the Lord. In this age of technology and innovation, when there is a lot to boast about, the world was caught and shaken by a tiny virus. The simplicity of the attack left the intelligent baffled and the 'Business As Usual' mode abruptly switched off and the societies went to a standstill. The simplicity of the remedial measures was equally amazing. The routines were disrupted and hygiene in breath and contact through face masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing became the keywords of the campaigns of the time.

In due course, individuals and families had to go through tough times with many succumbing to illnesses and losing their lives or their loved ones to COVID and Post COVID diseases.

All these add to the significance of the activities of KSSS during the reporting year and distinguish it from the activities undertaken hitherto. A holistic approach was adopted and health, food-security, social and economic restoration projects remained

the major thematic areas but with the difference that this year they were executed in a way that was according to the new 'normal' brought in by the pandemic.

I am happy to note that KSSS did absolutely fantastic work to reach out to those in distress caused by the bewildering and strange situation of the COVID pandemic that this generation is witnessing for the first time. On this occasion, while congratulating the KSSS team under the leadership of Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil, I wish to reiterate the messages that KSSS and likeminded organizations under the Catholic church has been vocalizing since long – 'Protect and Preserve the Environment'.

Invoking blessings of the Almighty for all readers to reflect and gain insights to respect Nature and strive with a humanitarian spirit

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mar Mathew Moolakkatt".

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt
Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam



Director's Word

Now it is evident that KSSS was flagging the Warning Signs and that the majority failed to read them or as humans we failed and continue to fail in realizing the grave situation that we are heading into from Climate Change. COVID in many ways was a time of setback but upon closer examination, we would admit that this was the only plausible and peaceful way that we would restrain from many of the disastrous activities we were engaging in the name of 'development'. People globally were kind of irrational and acting as though in some bewitchment in their race for modernism and wealth. Well, COVID brought all societies to a standstill, beyond imagination and factories and traffic were brought to a halt. Silence spread around and in the silence we could hear the voices of the Warnings of yesterday – to discipline ourselves and go back to embrace 'Mother Nature'.

Looking back I am grateful to God Almighty for the tremendous providence that He rendered during this period for KSSS to serve society. Though the ways of opera-

tion were strange and new for KSSS, it was a year of active engagement as we joined hands with government and non-government organizations to build COVID resilient communities and fight the setbacks in social and economic realms of people in society.

I take this opportunity to thank all the national, International agencies, state and central government department for all the timely and humanitarian support they extended in an altruistic way and staying conversant and vigilant about the needs of the time. I especially thank my team members at KSSS and our Patron for his extraordinary vision, guidance and closeness during this odd period in history.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Sunil Perumanoor".

Fr. Sunil Perumanoor

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KSSS Organogram



A high-magnification electron micrograph showing several spherical COVID-19 virus particles. The particles have a distinct 'coronavirus' appearance with prominent, wavy, spike proteins protruding from their surfaces. Some spikes are colored red, while others are yellow.

Covid 19 Mitigation, Relief & Rehabilitation Programme

Welfare Programmes for the Vulnerable

(Poor, Differently-abled etc.)

In this period of COVID, KSSS was immensely blessed to receive the support of several government and private institutions to extend services to the vulnerable and affected innumerable individuals and families. Every where and in all realms of life, as the COVID pandemic struck unexpectedly and in unforeseen

ways, the 'vulnerable section' in society amassed so many individuals than anywhere in recent times. As a result the small and big initiatives of KSSS for the welfare of the affected sections helped it to stay relevant and actively engaged in its mission.

'Jeevanam' project

The Kottayam Social Service Society in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity India and Royal Enfield implemented the 'Jeevanam' project to support about 500 needy families in Kottayam district as part of social protection programmes to reduce the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. As part of the scheme, kits worth Rs. 2600/- were provided to the identified families in the district. In all, items worth thirteen lakhs were made available as part of the project.



8000 food kits under 'KudumbaMithra' project

As part of the society's 'KudumbaMithra' project envisioning care and protection of families in distress, Food kits were supplied to backward families in Kottayam, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam and Idukki districts. 8000 families were thus supported.



Distribution of Food kits, Grocery Kits

As part of the COVID-19 protection programmes, KSSS collaborated with the Archdiocese's Consecrated Communities of Visitation, Caritas Secular Institute and St. Joseph's Congregations to distribute food kits for poor families affected by the pandemic situation in the parishes of Edackat, Kidangoor, Kaduthuruthy and Kaipuzha Foranes. Kottayam Social Service Society in association with Muthoot Finance provided grocery kits to backward families. The grocery kits were made available in the parishes of Kaduthuruthy and Uzhavoor foranes.



Essential medicines to PwDs through 'Amrita Sanjeevini' project

The Kottayam Social Service Society launched the 'Amrita Sanjeevini' project to assist persons with disabilities who were facing difficulties in purchasing essential medicines due to the lockdowns imposed as part of the COVID 19 preventive measures. As part of the project, KSSS provided medicines free-of-cost to over 1000 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) who were members of KSSS' Community Based Rehabilitation project in the districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts.



Kit distribution under 'Athijeevanam' project

Kits worth Rs. 700/- each were distributed under 'Athijeevanam' project of KSSS in association with Oxfam India to provide care and assistance to the vulnerable sections like the poor, the sick, the disabled and burdened women in Kottayam and Alappuzha districts.



'Sahajeevanam' Project

KSSS in partnership with the South Indian Bank provided food kits to 500 selected families in Kottayam district under 'Sahajeevanam' Project. Mr. Francis P.J., Regional Head, South Indian Bank, Kottayam inaugurated the project amidst a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



Food kits under 'Swasrayamittra' project

The Kottayam Social Service Society has extended a helping hand to its self-help group members from the districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts, who were suffering due to the lockdown in the context of COVID 19. Food kits provided under the project contained rice, sugar, Bengal gram, beans and tea powder.



Kits to backward families in Ernakulam district

Kottayam Social Service Society in association with CBM India Trust provided food kits to 1000 backward families in Ernakulam district as part of COVID -19 relief activities. The food kits worth Rs. 900/- contained rice, sugar, nuts, chickpeas, peas, atta, semolina, tea powder, chili powder, coriander powder, mustard, cumin, turmeric powder, sunflower oil, bath soap, dishwashing bar and salt.

Kits of Essentials

The Vincent de Paul Society Unit of the Little Flower Church, Samkranty under the Archdiocese of Kottayam along with Care & Share Seattle, USA collaborated with KSSS to distribute kits packed with daily-living essentials.



'Pariraksha' Scheme for the Differently-abled

KSSS implemented a welfare scheme called 'Pariraksha' with the support of Sense International India to assist persons with disabilities especially the deafblind individuals. Fifty families of persons with disabilities were provided with essential items for four months under the scheme.



'Samashwasam' project for the High Range region

As part of the project 'Samashwasam' announced for the High range region, food kits were made available to the people in the area who were suffering from non-availability of essential goods due to the strict lockdown imposed in the panchayats of Idukki district. Accordingly food kits were distributed to 1000 people including self -help group members of KSSS and parishioners of various churches under the Kottayam Archeparchy.



'Aswasakiranam' project

The 'Aswasakiranam' project was implemented by the Kottayam Social Service Society in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), to support 50 families of people with disabilities. Under the scheme, daily living items worth Rs. 1,000/- were distributed to these families during the months of August, September and October. The kits included rice, wheat flour, pulses, oil, sugar, mask and soap.



'Annamitra' Project

'Annamitra' project was a joint venture of KSSS, the Catholic Health Association of India and the Liliane Foundation to care for people with disabilities. Mr. Sebastian Kulathungal, President, Kottayam District Panchayath inaugurated the distribution of food kits.



Free Food Kits

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention" – Khalil Gibran

KSSS in partnership with Sense International India distributed free food-kits for the families of persons with disabilities as part of its Community Based Rehabilitation Project. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam) inaugurated the event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. While addressing the gathering he said that such small acts were rooted in humanitarian values of brotherhood. The kits included an assortment of essential cooking spices, sugar, wheat flour, semolina, cooking oil and bathing soap. The food kits worth Rs. 2100/- each were distributed for 3 months among 30 families of persons with disabilities.



Food Security Initiatives

With the COVID 19 pandemic tightening its hold on humankind around the globe the agricultural production was also affected. In many parts of the country and the state of Kerala normal farm operations were disrupted and farming season operations went untimely. Naturally this had its toll on the overall yield and food sufficiency.

In view of these probable consequences on food security of the state, several initiatives were supported at the field level to promote food production at a decentralized level and comparing with the previous years, in the face of the pandemic, these efforts had all the more significance.

'Puthuvijanam Agricultural Development Package'

KSSS had formulated 'Puthuvijanam Agricultural Development Package' with an

objective of strengthening the agricultural sector in Kerala during the COVID crisis.

'Phalajeevanam' Project distribution



'Phalajeevanam' was announced as a sub-project under this package and focused on promotion of banana saplings. 5000 saplings of Nendrapazham variety were distributed to farmers from Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts as part of the 'Fruit Life' project. The project was inaugurated by the Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese.

Kitchen Garden Promotion Project



Packets of Vegetable seeds were made available to 12000 families in order to promote kitchen gardens. The packets included seeds of long beans, lady's finger, tomato, snake gourd, brinjal, chilli, spinach and bitter gourd were provided. The project was supported by the Knanaya Catholic Women's Association of the Archdiocese and was

implemented for the benefit of the self-help group members of KSSS and the diocesan families. Families from Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts benefited under the scheme which was inaugurated by Metropolitan Archbishop – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt.



Distribution of BV 380 Layers and Cages

As part of COVID's survival activities, hens and cages were distributed under the leadership of Kottayam Social Service Society with the objective of ensuring food security in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India, the poultry units were provided to 30 backward families. A total of 6 lakhs was expended to distribute units that included 25 hens of BV380 breed and roofed cages.



Promotion of Community Farming

Planting hopes through agriculture...



Kottayam Social Service Society, the social service wing of Kottayam Archdiocese with the aim of strengthening farmers and rejuvenating the agricultural sector collaborated with LACIM to encourage farmers to undertake community farming. As part of the project, interest-free loans were made available to the farmers to overcome the COVID crisis in agriculture. The financial aid

was awarded to farming groups in the villages of Palathururthu, Kallara, S.H. Mount, Mattakara and Arunootimangalam in Kottayam District. Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese inaugurated the fund distribution program that took place at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. In his inaugural address he stated that the contribution of farming communities towards sustaining agriculture is

praiseworthy. He also pointed out that the participation of individuals and groups in scientific farming practices can contribute significantly to better food production and attaining food security. Smt. Alice Jose (Vice-President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath) presided over the program. Shri. Thomas Katoor (Vice-President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Director, Kottayam Social Service Society) and Ms. Babitha T. Jessil, Program Officer spoke at the event. The aid was made available for cultivation of tapioca, plantain, vegetables and paddy. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor assured that the Kottayam Social Service Society would also be providing financial aid to other farming communities as part of the project.

Fruit Tree Planting Challenge



Kottayam Social Service Society organized the Fruit Tree Planting Challenge as a message for environmental protection and food security on the occasion of World Environment Day. The central level inauguration of the challenge was performed at Thellakom,

Chaithanya Pastoral Center by Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan, MP. The challenge aimed to bear fruit in 57000 self-help group families under KSSS in the five districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts.

Basic Amenities Development

Family Empowerment Plan of Save a Family Plan

KSSS tied up with SAFP to provide financial assistance for housing activities to 4 backward families in Alappuzha District aiming at their holistic development.



'Snehakudaram' Housing Project

'Snehakudaram' Housing Scheme which envisaged the development of infrastructure for backward families was materialized thanks to the financial support of 4.5 lakhs given by Visitation Congregation, a community of nuns in the Kottayam Archdiocese. The keys of the house were handed over to Thottichirakkalam Mathai of Kumarakom village for whom the first house was built. Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil blessed the house in the presence of Fr. Stephen Kandarappallil, President, Kumarakom Village Development Committee.



Sneha Housing Project

Sneha Housing Project was conceived and implemented by KSSS for ensuring basic infrastructure development. The blessing of the house constructed under this scheme with the financial assistance rendered by Rev. Fr. James Plathottathil on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination was done. This housing assistance was provided to the family of Elamma Chacko Ramachanattu, a member of Cherpunktal Parish in the Kottayam Archdiocese.



Archdiocese of Kottayam builds houses for seven families



The Archdiocese of Kottayam supported the construction of houses for seven families in the wake of the COVID crisis. The houses were constructed for the families who lost their homes due to the catastrophic floods of 2018

as part of the flood rehabilitation activities envisioned under the auspices of the Kottayam Social Service Society. The project titled 'Chaithanya Meadows' was implemented by identifying seven families who lost their land and

houses due to the floods and providing each family with 5 cents of land and Rs. 6 lakhs each for housing. The new houses were built in the 40 cents of land in Neendoor Grama Panchayath donated by Mr. Philip Elakkattu, a member of the Kaipuzha Parish. KSSS received the support of St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church, Knanaya Catholic Region, Chicago, USA to materialize this project. The blessing of the new houses and the handing over of keys was carried out by the Archbishop of Kottayam and Patron of Kottayam – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt.



Health Programmes

Protective Gear for Health Workers and COVID affected

Cognizant Foundation, Bangalore and KSSS joined hands to provide safety gear for the health workers and people suffering from COVID in the context of the pandemic spreading out. In collaboration with CBM India Trust, personal protective equipment was distributed for health workers and medical instruments were provided for the treatment of COVID patients. The PPE kits and medical equipment were made available through the Medical Colleges in Kottayam and Ernakulam districts and District Taluk Hospital, Pathanamthitta.

Equipment worth 29 lakhs were provided in the three districts. The kits made available to Kottayam Medical College were received by the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Shri. P.K. Thilothaman. Kits provided to Pathanamthitta District Taluk Hospital was received by the Minister for Dairy Development – Adv. K. Raju. Minister of Ports – Shri.RamachandranKadannapally, received the kits provided to Ernakulam District Medical College.



Archdiocese of Kottayam with COVID Support Task Force

The COVID Support Task Force was formed under the leadership of the Archdiocese of Kottayam with the objective of coordinating the COVID 19 relief and mitigation operations. One of the major functions of these volunteers would be to assist in the funeral services of people who

died of COVID. Knanaya Catholic Youth League (organization for the youth in the archdiocese) and KSSS took the lead role in the formation of the Task Force. The volunteers from the Youth League were trained at the central level and the task force was expanded in cooperation with the Foranes and the parishes of



the archdiocese. Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA inaugurated the central level Task Force at a function organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom.

Kottayam Social Service Society with special masks for differently abled

KSSS in collaboration with the Archbishop Kuriakose Kunacherry Foundation provided special masks for the safety of the deaf and dumb persons. The Foundation was formed in memory of Late Mar Kuriakose Kunacherry, the first Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Kottayam.

Corona Prevention - Health Awareness Campaign

The Kottayam Social Service Society organized a health awareness campaign with the objective of raising awareness among the general public about COVID preventive measures in the wake of the COVID crisis. Shri. Biju Kumbikan, Ettumanoor Municipal Chairman flagged off the health awareness campaign.



Digital Reach Online Physiotherapy Services of KSSS



As part of KSSS' efforts to build COVID resilient communities, modern digital technology was utilized to deliver physiotherapy services to the needy persons with disabilities. In the first phase of the Digital Reach Online Physiotherapy

training program which was designed and implemented in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India and the Liliane Foundation, around 100 differently-abled persons were included. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop inaugurated the project at a function organized at Thellakom, Chaitanya.



Distribution of Essential medicines to the differently-abled

The Kottayam Social Service Society distributed essential medicines to those with disabilities in the wake of the COVID outbreak. In collaboration with Kumarakom Grama Panchayath and Kumarakom Government Hospital, essential medicines were made available to people with disabilities at the Agape Day Care Center in Kumarakom of KSSS.



Personal Protective Equipment kits to Health Workers



Personal Protective Equipment kits were distributed among health workers as part of Kottayam Social Service Society's initiatives to combat COVID. The kits were made available in Kottayam, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts with the financial support of OXFAM, India and CBM, India Trust. The PPE kits included a coat, surgical gloves, face masks, shoe cover, eye-glasses, sanitizers and carry bags.

KSSS KARUNYADOOTU SCHEME: DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Defining service through dedication...

As part of the Community Based Rehabilitation Program, the Kottayam Social Service Society organized an event to distribute essential medicines to persons with disabilities. The event which was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom was inaugurated by Gheevarghese Mar Aprem (Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archeparchy). In his address he stressed on the responsibility of the society in ensuring essential services to persons with disabilities. He further spoke about the need to ensure an inclusive society and commended the efforts of the Kottayam Social Service Society to achieve the same through its various operations. Shri Biju Valiyamala (President, Athirampuzha Grama panchayath) presided over the meeting. Smt. Alice Joseph (Vice-President, Athirampuzha Grampanchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Executive Director, Kottayam Social Service Society), Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil Asst. Director, Kottayam Social Service Society, and Mrs. Mary Philip, CBR coordinator addressed the gathering. KSSS distributed the medicines to around 50 persons with disabilities from the districts of Kottayam and Ernakulam in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India and Nanthikunnel Medicals, Ettumanoor.



Online Awareness Program

In the context of COVID 19, an online awareness program was organized by the Kottayam Social Service Society as part of its welfare activities for the differently-abled. The online webinar was organized in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India and the Liliane Foundation.

KSSS Karunyadoothu Scheme: Distribution of Essential Medicines to Persons with Disabilities

Fostering a Culture of Care

The Kottayam Social Service Society organized an event to distribute essential medicines to persons with disabilities, which was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam). He pointed out the need to foster a culture of care towards the marginalized communities at the inauguration of the 'Karunyadooth' Scheme while he was speaking at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. In his inaugural address he called upon our duty to build a strong inclusive culture to help those who belong to vulnerable sections of the society and narrow the existing disparity through generous social welfare schemes. Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan, Member of Parliament who presided over the meeting commended the exemplary works undertaken by the organization for the welfare of the disabled community. Mr. Tojo M. Thomas (RTO Enforcement,



Kottayam) Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil addressed the gathering. KSSS collaborated with Nanthikunnel Medicals, Ettumanoor to distribute essential medicines to around 50 persons with disability in the districts of Kottayam and Ernakulam.

Volunteer Meet and Distribution of Safety Gear

Stronger together, with a heart to act and serve.



KSSS organized a meeting of volunteers involved in the COVID relief operations. The program which was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom was inaugurated by Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archeparchy). In the inaugural address, he stated that the voluntary groups through their efforts can help assuage the fears and concerns of the society during the COVID-19 crisis. He urged the group to sustain their efforts in bringing relief to the lives of people affected by the pandemic. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Bincy Sebastian (Municipal Chairperson, Kottayam). Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal (Executive Director, Kerala Social Service Forum), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Executive Director, Kottayam Social Service Society), Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil (Asst. Director) and Mrs. Bessy Joseph, Coordinator addressed the gathering. Following the awareness session held as part of the event, safety kits including protective masks and hand sanitizers were distributed among the volunteers.

Awareness Program on Health and Hygiene



Practicing good hygiene starts with you and me!

To promote awareness on hygiene measures, the Kottayam Social Service Society organized a program in association with the Nai Roshni program, a scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The event was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom and inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Archbishop, Kottayam Archeparchy). In his address, he affirmed that such measures focusing on the individual-family-society model to educate people on hygienic practices contributed to raising a healthy generation and in ensuring a safe environment for them. Rev Fr. Michael Vettickat (Vicar General, Kottayam Archdiocese) presided over the meeting. Smt. Lovely George (Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality), Shri Biju Valiyamala (President, Athirampuzha Grama panchayath), Shri. T.C. Roy (Municipal Councillor, Kottayam), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayill spoke at the event. As part of the event, a class on the importance of hygienic practices in light of the pandemic was also organized.

Essential medicines to differently-abled under Karunyadooth project



As part of measures to combat COVID 19, the Kottayam Social Service Society provided essential medicines to people with disabilities under its Karunyadooth project. The Archbishop of the Kottayam Archdiocese Metropolitan Mar

Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the distribution of medicines at a function organized at Thellakom, Chaithanya. The Karunyadooth project functions to provide essential medicines to the differently-abled every month.



Disaster Management Workshop and Ashakiranam Volunteer Meet

"There's no harm in hoping for the best as long as you're prepared for the worst."

- Stephen King

As part of the Navajeevan Scheme of Caritas India, the social service organization of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, KSSS organized a workshop for disaster management alongside a meeting of the volunteers of the Ashakiranam program (Ashakiranam focuses on bringing solace to cancer patients and their relatives). The program which was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom was inaugurated by Gheevarghese Mar Aprem (Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archeparchy). In his inaugural address he remarked that an active volunteer force is vital to any disaster management operation. He also said that a conscious effort to adopt a healthy lifestyle is as important as measures to ensure food

security to fight dreadful ailments such as cancer. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Executive Director, Kottayam Social Service Society) Smt. Sibi Paulose (Program Officer, Caritas India), Smt. Athulya Thomas (Hazard Analyst, Disaster Management Authority, Kottayam), and Mr. Avarankutty Jose, KSSS Program Officer spoke at the event. Smt Athulya Thomas headed the Disaster Management Workshop held as part of the event.

Workshops were also conducted for members of the Disaster Management committees formed at the ward level at Kallara and Vijayapuram Panchayaths. The Plan of Action for Ashakiranam Cancer Care was also formed at the meeting.



World Down Syndrome Day

Educate, Support, Advocate

21 March, is observed to create a global awareness on Down Syndrome – a genetic condition which usually causes varying degrees of intellectual and physical disability. Gheevarghese Mar Aprem (Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archeparchy) inaugurated the event organized by the Kottayam Social Service Society to observe World Down Syndrome Day at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. Smt. Arya Rajan President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath), Smt. Alice Joseph (Vice-President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil spoke on the occasion. The event which was organized in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of India was attended by children with Down Syndrome and their parents. Along with games and other leisure activities arranged for the children, a seminar was also organized for the parents as part of the event.



Training for Resource Teachers Under Rehabilitation Program for the Deafblind

Counting abilities together.....

The Kottayam Social Service Society collaborated with Sense International India to organize a one-day training program for the resource teachers from Kottayam District as part of the rehabilitation program aimed at the holistic growth of persons with hearing and visual disability. His Excellency Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Archeparchy of Kottayam inaugurated the event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. In his inaugural address he stated that the program champions humanitarian service and social commitment to bring about meaningful difference in the lives of persons with disabilities. Prof. Dr. Rajeev Kumar N. (Head of Department of Behavioural Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University) presided over the meeting. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Mrs. Shaila Thomas, Program Officer, Mrs. Geethamma T.K. (Resource Teacher, Samagra Shiksha, Kerala), CBR animators – Mrs. Jessy Joseph and Mrs. Ancy Mathew spoke at the event.



Support for Livelihood Rehabilitation

Sewing Machine Challenge

The Sewing Machine Challenge was organized by KSSS with the objective of creating income opportunities for women in the context of the spreading of the pandemic. The concept was to sell out the idea of stitching face masks for an income and embracing tailoring as a livelihood activity. The project called 'Tailoring Mitra' was implemented in collaboration with St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church in Chicago, USA. Sewing machines were provided to 75 selected persons as part of the scheme.



'Naipunya' Enterprise Development Project

'Naipunya' project was launched by KSSS to promote self-employment ventures during the pandemic scenario. The project was inaugurated by Shr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrisnan MLA at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. On the occasion, Rs. 4,70,000/- was distributed to 31 families for supporting their enterprises. Financial assistance was distributed under the Project titled 'Naipunya' implemented by KSSS in order to create opportunities for self-employment. Rs.1,11,865/- rupees was provided to 13 families for self-employment ventures.



Buffalo Breeding Scheme

Diversifying the livelihood opportunities in the pandemic situation, KSSS facilitated a Buffalo Breeding Scheme for Farmers. As part of the scheme young and high quality crossbreeds from Haryana – namely Murrah Haryana buffaloes were made available at affordable rates. Loans were facilitated for the self-help group members of KSSS to start this as an enterprise which was named 'A Buffalo, A House'. The scheme was inaugurated by Shri. Thiruvachoor Radhakrishnan MLA at Chaithanya.



Ornamental Fish Exhibition Centre at Chaithanya



KSSS started an ornamental fish exhibition centre at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. Fishes like Red parrot, Sucker, Carp, Angel Fish, Arowana, Milky Carp, S.K. Gold, Albino Oscar, Shark, Albino Pirana and Full Moon Fighter are available in the centre which was inaugurated by Metropolitan Archbishop – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt.



Financial assistance for Education, Employment and Skill-training

As part of the Family Empowerment Program implemented in collaboration with Save A Family Plan financial assistance was provided to selected families for infrastructure development, educational and vocational needs. Metropolitan Archbishop – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the distribution of financial assistance at Chaithanya, Thellakom. As part of the scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 8,21,850/- was provided to 20 partner families.

Credit scheme for income generation activities



A Credit Scheme was implemented by KSSS to encourage income generation activities during the COVID setback in society. Under the project, SHG members of KSSS from its operational villages were granted revolving funds as per their needs for starting income generation ventures. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the project at a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.

'Yuva Kerala' – Vocational Skills Development Project



The Kottayam Social Service Society in collaboration with the Government of Kerala and the Kudumbashree Mission launched the 'Yuva Kerala' Vocational Skills Development Project with the objective of providing scientific training and employment opportunities to rural youth. As part of the project, courses were offered for Associate Desktop Publishing (DTP), Food & Beverage Services and Retail Sales Associate. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the project at a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



Navomi Group Meet and Fund Distribution

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." -Ryunosuke Satoro

Navomi Group was initiated by KSSS with an aim to support and empower widows and women headed households. A meeting was organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom to celebrate their union and to distribute financial aid to the members of the group. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam) in his inaugural address stated that such schemes for encouraging self-employment would provide an opportunity to women who shoulder responsibility of their households to unleash their entrepreneurial potential. He also added that self-help groups play a vital role in the realization of such projects. Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan (Member of Parliament) who presided over the meeting commended the exemplary work undertaken by the organization for the welfare of disadvantaged families. Prof. Rosamma Sony (Member, Zilla Panchayath, Kottayam), Shri.Thomas Katoor(Vice-President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhepurayil and coordinator Mercy Stephen spoke at the event. A seminar on the employment generating ventures for women was organized at the event. As part of the welfare activities organized under the Navomi self-employment scheme, interest free loans of Rs. 10,000 each were made available at a subsidized rate to assist 30 individuals in their self-employment ventures.



Indigenous Poultry Farming

Indigenous poultry farming was promoted by KSSS to ensure food security along with other COVID rehabilitation measures. As part of the scheme, 60 families in Kottayam district were provided units comprising roofed cages and 10 chickens at subsidized rates. The Metropolitan Archbishop inaugurated the project at a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



Hi-Tech Poultry Project

KSSS launched a high-tech poultry project to promote livelihood opportunities. As part of the project, 60 selected families in Kottayam district were provided with high-tech poultry units. The project was inaugurated by Metropolitan Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom.



Financial assistance to Persons with Disabilities for IGPs



KSSS joined hands with Sense International India and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives to financially support the income generation programmes (IGPs) of differently-abled individuals under their project to rehabilitate the deafblind persons. The project was inaugurated by Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Kottayam – Mar Joseph Pandarasseril. A grant of Rs. 1 lakh was provided to selected persons with disabilities in Kottayam district.

Seminar on Entrepreneurial Opportunities



Breaking limits with the right guidance and spirit.

With an aim to encourage entrepreneurial ventures, KSSS organized a seminar in association with the Nai Roshni program – a scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Archbishop, Kottayam Archeparchy) inaugurated the event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. In his inaugural address he said that man should recognize opportunities that can be embraced with in the scope of his living conditions. Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal (Executive Director, Kerala Social Service Forum) presided over the meeting. Shri. George Kurien (Deputy Tahsildar, Kottayam), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Program Coordinator - Nithya Mol Babu spoke at the event. The seminar was headed by Smt. Babitha T. Jessil (Social Worker).



Income generation projects for family empowerment



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

KSSS organized an event to extend financial assistance to families from marginalized communities. It was envisaged under the Family Development Program supported by Save a Family Plan to equip the families to set up an enterprise for income generation. The event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom was inaugurated by His Excellency Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Archeeparchy of Kottayam. Shri. Biju Valiyamala (President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath) presided over the meeting and Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Director, Ms. Merlin Tomy, Program Officer, Ms. Leena Sibichan and Ms. Bincy Philip (community animators) spoke at the event. An amount of Rs. 2, 87,000/- was disbursed among 25 families selected for the project. The amount was used to undertake various ventures like Tailoring units, Petty shops, Fish farming, and Goat rearing.

Rural Goatery Scheme

We rise by lifting others...

The Kottayam Social Service Society in its attempt to ensure food security along with income generation envisaged a project to encourage goat rearing in rural areas. Malabari goats were made available at subsidized rates as part of the initiative. Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Mar Mathew Moolakkatt graced the occasion and inaugurated function that was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. Smt. Lovely George (Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality) presided over the meeting. Shri.V.M Chacko (Regional Transport Officer, Kottayam), Shri. Biku Valiyamala

'JEEVANAM' to promote Self-employment Opportunities

Responding with Resilience

KSSS implemented the 'JEEVANAM' program to create livelihood opportunities through self-employment. Smt. Lovely George (Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality) inaugurated the program organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Director), Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil (Asst. Director) and Merlin Tomy (Program Officer) addressed the gathering. The eligible households with low-income from the districts of Kottayam and Alappuzha were given financial assistance to set-up diverse self-employment enterprises like vegetable shops, tailoring units, jewellery-making, cattle rearing and goat rearing ventures.



(President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and coordinator Mrs. Bessy Jose spoke on the occasion.

Flood 2020

Relief and Rehabilitation



Helping hand to the people of Kumarakom region

In collaboration with the Malanadu Development Society (social service arm of the Kanjirapally diocese) KSSS distributed bread and milk to the flood victims in Kumarakom Panchayath, Kottayam District. This assistance was provided in coordination with the Kerala Social Service Forum under the Justice Peace and Development Commission of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC, Kerala). The food items were supplied to around 5000 families who stayed



back in their houses without going to the relief camps owing to the existing COVID situation.

Flood Relief camp at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre

Chaithanya Pastoral Centre extended a helping hand to the families affected by the floods by opening a Relief camp for the flood affected people of Kottayam district in its premises. The camp was organized as per COVID

standards and sheltered the people especially from Neelimangalam and Samkranty areas of Kottayam.



Assistance for Flood affected under 'Kudumbamithra' project

KSSS distributed relief kits containing rice, sugar, Bengal gram, tea powder, chilli powder and coriander powder to the victims of the flood. The flag-off ceremony of the project was officiated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam Archeparchy and

Patron, KSSS. As part of the project, around 3500 food kits were distributed to various parishes in Edackat, Kidangoor, Kaipuzha, Kaduthuruthy and Malankara Fornes of the Archdiocese.



Flood Assistance to people of Kuttanad under 'Karuthal' project of Kottayam Archeparchy

The Kottayam Archeparchy launched 'Karuthal' project to bring solace to the flood affected people of Kuttanad amidst the COVID circumstances. Relief kits supplied under the project in upper and lower Kuttanad included food kits to 1000 families, Sanitizers to 500 families, hand wash kits to 500 families, face masks to 1000 families, kitchen garden seeds and saplings to 500 families, computers to students, fruit saplings and income generating schemes such as poultry and sewing machine units. The distribution of food kits as part of the project was inaugurated by Metropolitan Archbishop - Mar Mathew Moolakkatt. Auxiliary



Bishop of the Archdiocese – Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Rev. Fr. Michael Vettickat, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil were also present on the occasion.

As a sub-activity of 'Karuthal' project, food kits were specially provided to 50 families of differently-abled in Veliyanad, Kavalam and Kunnamkari areas of Alappuzha district.

'Pariraksha' project – Second phase of food kit distribution to the differently-abled

Food kits were distributed to the differently-abled as part of the second phase of KSSS' 'Pariraksha' project. The food kits were distributed to 50 families of differently-abled individuals. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor inaugurated the food kit supply.



Food kit distribution in Malankara region

KSSS distributed food kits to the families in the parishes of Malankara region. Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Kottayam – Geevarghese Mar Aprem flagged off the food kit distribution project. Food kits containing rice, sugar, wheat flour, chilli powder, coriander powder and tea powder were distributed to around thousand families in the Malankara region.



Special Events





Women's Day Celebration

'Choose To Challenge' - Theme of International Women's Day 2021



KSSS observed International Women's Day at the central level following COVID protocols. The program was kickstarted by a sack race and slow scooter race. In the afternoon a seminar on women empowerment was led by Prof. Rosamma Sony. The social gathering which followed

was inaugurated by Smt. Nirmala Jimmy (President, Kottayam District Panchayath). In the inaugural address she stated that any advancement in society must be aligned with safeguarding the rights of women. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam) who presided over the meeting stressed the significance of celebrating the achievements and contribution of women. He also added that the power of resilience in women was tremendous. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt also honoured the members of the Women's self-help groups (SHGs) for their selfless service in the fight against the pandemic.

Smt. Arya Rajan (President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayat), Smt. Bincy Sebastian Municipal Chairperson, Kottayam), Smt. Lovely George/

Municipal Chairperson, Ettumanoor). Smt. Divya K.B (Development Manager, Kottayam, NABARD), Smt. Preethi Josephi Asst. General Manager, Minority Development Cooperation, Kottayam), Sr. Karuna S.V.M (Mother General, Sisters of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kottayam), Ms. Lisy John Mudakkodil Directress General, Caritas Secular Institute), Dr. Mercy John Moolakkatt (President, Knanaya Catholic Women's Association), Smt. Alice. Joseph (Vice-President, Gramapanchayat, Athirampuzha), Smt. Teena Anna Thomas (Principal, B.C.M College, Kottayam), Ms. Babitha T. Jessil (Program Officer, KSSS) and Smt. Lissy Lukose (Secretary, Women's Self-help Group Central Level Federation) spoke at the event in the presence of Fr. Sunil Perumanoor (Executive Director, KSSS) and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhepurayil (Asst. Director, KSSS).

A plan of action that KSSS would undertake to ensure the empowerment of women in the society was issued. A fancy dress competition embodying the message of women empowerment was held as part of the event. The first and second prize for the slow-scooterrace was bagged by Ms. Princy Thomas, Kothanaloor and Ms. Roofi Mathew, Samkranty. Ms. Biji Binoy, Arunoottimangalam and Ms. Anumol V.S., Caritas came first and second respectively for the sack race. A flash-mob performed by students of the YUVA Keralam skill training program added to the grandeur of the event.



Leadership Meet and Learning Workshop for Empowering the Differently-abled

A Leadership Meet and Learning Workshop was organized by KSSS under its Community Based Rehabilitation Project aiming at the holistic development of persons with disabilities. The meet which was organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam). In the inaugural address he said that social rehabilitation has helped expunge the stigmatization associated with differently-abled persons and ensured they receive social recognition and respect at the personal and public front. His words also encouraged persons with disability to overcome challenges and realign their attitude for a stronger and dignified future.



Rev. Fr. Michael Vettikat (Vicar General, Kottayam Archdiocese) presided over the meeting. Smt. Lovely George (Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality), Shri. Biju Valiyamala (President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath), Shri T.C.Roy (Kottayam Municipal Councillor), Fr. Sunil

Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil spoke at the event. An action plan was unveiled and a seminar was organized for the betterment of the lives of persons with disabilities. The learning workshop for children with disability held at event was led by Sr. Keerthana S.G.C. (Social Worker).

Leadership Conclave for Self-help Groups

"While we may be individually strong, we are collectively powerful." - Rakhivoria

A leadership conclave was organized by the Kottayam Social Service Society as part of the Nai Roshni scheme for Leadership Development of women implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The event was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom and inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (Archbishop, Kottayam Archeparchy). In his inaugural address he stated that self-help group is the quintessence of self-reliance in society. He also commented that they are vital in fostering leadership skills in individuals and families alike. Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan (Member of Parliament) who presided over the meeting remarked that self-help groups have brought about revolutionary shifts in ensuring organized women empowerment. Prof. Rosamma Sony (Member, Kottayam District Panchayath), Shri. Thomas



Kattoor (Vice President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil and KSSS coordinator – Ms. Bessy Jose spoke at the event. This was followed by sessions on the significance of self-help groups and building leadership skills.

Observing World Cancer Day

"You beat cancer by how you live, why you live and the manner in which you live." - Stuart Scott



KSSS observed World Cancer Day on 4th February and disbursed financial aid for the treatment of cancer patients. Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA inaugurated the event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom in association with Ashakiranam Cancer Care campaign undertaken by Caritas India the social service organization of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. In the inaugural address he applauded the extensive efforts taken by

the organization to help the disadvantaged populations in society. He also added that the observance of World Cancer Day would rekindle hope in the many debilitated patients and help them find solace in despair. Mar Mathew Moolak-

katt who presided over the meeting noted that such welfare activities entrenched in altruism along with measures to ensure food security would help build resilience against the dreadful ailments like Cancer. Smt. Arya Rajan (President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath), Shri. Biju Valiyamala President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath, Shri. Sabu Mathew (Municipal Councillor, Kottayam), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil and Mercy Stephen, KSSS Coordinator spoke at the event. The Cancer Care Awareness seminar organized as part of the event was led by Dr. Jose Joseph [Principal (Retd.) Medical College, Kottayam]. Financial aid was given to 50 patients suffering from Cancer. KSSS encouraged projects to start vegetable gardens, seed banks, volunteer programs and awareness programs to promote food security.

Digital Literacy Campaign

A step towards informed learning and living

DIGITAL LITERACY

KSSS organized a Digital Literacy campaign as part of the

NaiRoshni program implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with an aim to promote computer literacy among women. Mar Mathew Moolakkattinaugurated the event that was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. In his address he said that technology and the digital world should be made increasingly accessible for the common man. He also stated that educating



women on Internet security in addition to computer literacy will strengthen the mission of women empowerment through digital literacy. Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal (Executive Director, Kerala Social Service Forum) presided over the meeting. Shri Biju Valiyamala President, (AthirampuzhaGramapanchayath), Shri George Kurien (Deputy Tahsildar, Kottayam), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil addressed the gathering.



Observing World Day of Social Justice

"Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice"

On Account of World Day of Social Justice on February 20, KSSS organized a public convention at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the event and observed that the principles of social justice would be meaningfully upheld only when the voices of the marginalized to be heard and their rights to be protected. He also commented on the need to join hands in universal brotherhood to attain social justice and pave a better future. The seminar organized as part of World Social Justice Day observation was led by motivational speaker Smt. Shiji Johnson.



Institutional Development Milestones

Vocational Training Centre



The Vocational Training Centre at Chaithanya, Thellakom was started with the objective of providing opportunities for scientific vocational training. The job training center was inaugurated by the Metropolitan Archbishop – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt.

Helen Keller Memorial Day observation

June 27 is Helen Keller Day and the day was specially observed by KSSS in collaboration with Sense International India and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives for the overall upliftment of those with deafblindness. Shri. Saji Thadathil, President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayath inaugurated the event held at Chaithanya Pastoral Center.



Inauguration of Impact Centre

The newly constructed Impact Center at Mutholath Nagar, Pala Cherpunkal was blessed and inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt. Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan MP presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath, Former Director of KSSS, built and offered the centre to KSSS as part of the Ruby Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. The Impact Center will be used for residential training programmes of people with disabilities, residential camps under the Archdiocese and its Pastoral services, accommodation facilities in relation to the functions hosted at the Mutholath Auditorium. Moreover, the state of the art facilities may be utilized for the needs of non-residential immigrants arriving in Kerala for holidays.



“NAI ROSHNI”-A Leadership Development Scheme for Minority Women at KSSS

Making way for women to lead

The Nai Roshni scheme - an initiative by The Ministry of Minority Affairs under the Central Government for the betterment and the welfare of women from the minority communities

was launched at the Kottayam Social Service Society.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Mar Mathew Moolakkatt graced the occasion and inaugurated the function. In the inaugural address he lauded the scheme which aimed at the social empowerment of women from minority

communities. He added that he was confident that the project would ensure their holistic development and equip them to bring a visible change in the society through their leadership skills. Smt. Lovely George (Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality) presided over the meeting. Shri. V.M. Chacko (Regional Transport Officer, Kottayam), Shri. Biju Valiyamala (President, Athirampuzha Gramapanchayath), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and Shri. Justin Lukose, Program Coordinator spoke at the event. As part of the

project, 175 women belonging to minority communities from various parts of Kottayam district were selected and divided into 7 batches. The training comprised of multifarious modules like Leadership skills, Educational Empowerment, Health and Hygiene, Swachh Bharat, Legal rights, Life skills, financial literacy, Digital literacy and COVID-19 awareness. The classes were conducted by qualified trainers over a span of six days. Certificates were awarded to those who successfully complete the training.



International Volunteers Day

KSSS organized a Volunteers' Meeting as part of the International Volunteers Day in collaboration with Kerala Social Service Forum under Justice, Peace & Development Commission. The meeting was inaugurated by the Executive Director of Kerala Social Service Forum – Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavunkal.

World Water Day Observation

Valuing Water – Reduce and Reuse

On March 22nd, KSSS organized an event to observe World Water Day. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the event that was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. In his address he stated that conserving sources of water was a social obligation and that everyone should consciously work to preserve the natural resources for future. Smt. Lovely George, Chairperson, Ettumanoor Municipality presided over the meeting. Smt. Rosamma Sony (Member, Kottayam District Panchayath), Smt. Lissy Kurien (Municipal Councillor, Kottayam), Fr. Sunil Perumanoor and



Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil spoke at the event. Shri. Ramesh P. (Coordinator, Haritha Kerala Mission, Kottayam) led the seminar on 'Tackling the Global Water Crisis through Water Conservation' as part of the event.



Kottayam Social Service Society

Balance Sheet

Opening Balance as on 01.04.2020	Liabilites	Additions/ Deductions	Closeing balance as on 31.03.2021
27161222	<u>Capital Account</u>		
	Add Excess of Income Over Exp	4375390	31,536,612.00
113841819	Corpus donation received		113,841,819.00
50000	Staff welfare fund		50,000.00
19053560	Jeevakaruniya nidhi Funded	-1378380	17,675,180.00
225000	Karshaka Award fund		225,000.00
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
10420051	Project Money Pending Uttalization(FC)	-3612094	6,807,957.00
3587768	Loans,Advances,Expenses payables		3,587,768.00
	Loan from KSBCDC for Micro Credit to Backward		
583683	and Minority	3118093	3,701,776.00
174,923,103.00	Total		177,426,112.00
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2020	ASSETS	Additions/ Deductions	Closeing balance as on 31.03.2021
108403197	Fixed Assets	-158422	108244775
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
77800	Deposits for services		77800
8939921	Loans & Advances Given	-228745	8711176
730990	Micro Credit Loans to SHGS	3000010	3731000
327386	Income tax TDS refundable	-182700	
	Add- Current year	581064	725750
467960	Advance -Granny Grandad Scheme		467960
118000	Income Tax Appeal deposit		118000
2251667	Housing Scheme -Excess of Expenditure		2251667
2854792	Advance to Agape Center Cherpunkal	-630300	
	Less Excess Of Expenditure	-485585	1738907
9403436	Advance to SRC -Cherpunkal	5527112	
	Less -Excess of Expenditure	-1159522	13771026
134407	Advance -Suppliers & Individuals	257718	392125
	<u>Cash & Bank Balance</u>		
38314895	Fixed Deposit		25735248
2756413	Bank A/c		11382917
142239	Cash		77761
174,923,103.00	Total		177,426,112.00

Kottayam Social Service Society

Income & Expenditure Statement

Particulars	Income	Exp
Project Donationas & Exp		
DDU-GKY Project Grand & Exp	5950930	1327082
DDU-GKY(Yova Kerala) Project Grand & Exp	3202984	1692960
Donation Received for Sustainable Livelihood Development Programme for Women Headed Families	2310276	
CBM India Covid 19 -Income & Exp	1653830	1654638
Habitat Covid 19 -Income & Exp	1364050	1364050
Income generation Programme -Workshop	1497700	1094241
Rotenburg Livelihood Project Income & Exp	2211458	2216500
Deaf Blind Project (SENSE International)	1988562	1955134
Welfare of aged,Widows & poor	1059845	1098304
CBR Programme for Children & Youngsters	201667	1580381
House aid programme	857362	800000
Muenster Dioces- Livelihood Project	930400	930400
Give to Asia Covid 19 -Income & Exp	928920	930920
Other Social & Rural Development Programmes	4924573	11567430
Administrative Income & Exp	5733094	4195208
SRC Income & Exp	804359	1963881
Agape Income & Exp	1399042	1193583
Opening Stock (01.04.2020)		1689354
Closing Stock (31.03.2021)	998310	
FC Project Money to be Utilized transfer to Balance Sheet	3612094	
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		4375390
Total	41629456	41629456

Research & Documentation





കൈമല്ലെന്നും മത്സ്യകുഴി വ്യാപന പദ്ധതിക്കു തുടക്കം

A black and white photograph showing a group of approximately seven people in white laboratory coats and hats working in a field. They appear to be examining or harvesting a crop, possibly cotton, as some plants have large, open bolls. The setting is outdoors with a clear sky and some trees in the background.



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ക്രിസ്തീയരാം വാ
ചന്ദ്രൻ എരിക്ക്

A photograph showing a group of women in traditional Indian sarees and blouses, all wearing white face masks. They are standing close together, looking towards the camera. One woman in the center is holding a pink cloth-wrapped object, possibly a gift or a ceremonial item. The background is plain and light-colored.



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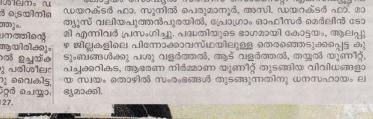
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ധനസഹായം ലഭ്യമാക്കി



శిక్షయోధులకు అప్పణి విషయాలలో కొనుగోచరించాలని ప్రతిష్ఠానికి ప్రార్థించాలని ఆశించుటకు మాత్రమే కావలసినది.

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Word of Thanks

I am with immense gratitude for all the well-wishers and humanitarian agencies which contributed towards COVID relief and rehabilitation activities during this dramatic and historical year. As it was a time of social distancing, confinement and restricted travel, it was an appropriate time for 'Family Time' and inter-generational influence. I do hope this extraordinary opportunity for strengthening familial ties was well utilized. Besides it was a time for the older generations especially to taste virtual technology and build connections online as most of the interactions outside the family were over the virtual platform. A big and unending Thank You to God Almighty for His love and concern towards

KSSS for remaining active and relevant during this pandemic.

I end with a request to all readers to continue to pray for KSSS and its leaders as it strives for achieving a just and peaceful society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Valiyaputhenpurayil".

Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil
(Asst. Director, KSSS)

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