

The background of the cover features a large, dark tree trunk with rough bark. Two red squirrels are visible: one is perched on a branch on the left, holding a nut, and another is peeking out from a hole in the trunk below it. The scene is set against a warm, golden sunset sky with some green foliage visible at the top left.

Annual Report

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**Kottayam Social Service
Society (KSSS)**



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KOTTAYAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY



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Patron Message

The pursuit of happiness is a fundamental goal in human life, although the paths individuals choose to achieve it may vary. Nevertheless, it is indisputable that happiness is closely linked to recognizing the divine presence within oneself and living in harmony with it. It is both a striking reality and a marvel how almost anyone, regardless of their social status, wealth, or health, can attain happiness as long as they have their basic needs fulfilled.

Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) is dedicated to facilitating the state of happiness for everyone in the areas where it operates. This commitment stems from its deep-rooted affiliation with Christianity, under the guidance of the one, holy, and apostolic Catholic Church. Hence the organization's vision is based on gospel values and we sustain in His words, "With faith as our anchor, let us continue to serve with compassion and dedication, guided by the teachings of Jesus: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' (John 13:34)".

Over time, individuals and families have endured challenging circumstances, with many losing their lives,

their loved ones, their dwellings and all their lifelong earnings and falling ill due to the natural calamities and post-COVID diseases. All of these factors contribute to the importance of KSSS's activities during the reporting year. KSSS embraced a comprehensive approach, focusing on health, food security, livelihood, social well-being, and economic recovery projects as the main thematic areas. However, this year, these initiatives were executed in a manner that aligned with the new "normal" brought about by the pandemic and flood. I am delighted to highlight that KSSS has accomplished remarkable work in extending support to those encountering distress amidst the bewildering and unfamiliar circumstances brought upon by the disasters and the management of the COVID pandemic.

In the days to come, we eagerly anticipate bringing forth even greater consolation and happiness to a larger number. It is with great joy that I extend my congratulations to Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Secretary and the entire efficient team of KSSS for their committed and dedicated work. I also appreciate the well-wishers and funding agencies for supporting KSSS in fulfilling this mission through their selfless efforts. I extend my blessings to their endeavours, which are poised to flourish in the forthcoming year, especially in the coming Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Community Based Rehabilitation programme for Differently Abled and their families.

Prayers and best wishes,

Mar Mathew Moolakatt
Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam

**Whoever is kind
to the poor lends
to the Lord, and he
will reward them
for what they have
done." -**

Proverbs 19:17

Directors Message

The year 2021-22 proved to be another milestone for KSSS. It was also a challenging period for the communities in Kerala, as they were confronted with the devastating consequences of floods and landslides. As the region battled the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the added burden of these natural disasters exacerbated the already difficult circumstances.

Countless individuals and families were forced to endure unimaginable hardships, with many falling victim to illnesses and losing their lives to COVID-19 and its aftermath.. As humans, we have continuously failed to grasp the severity of the grave situation we face due to the impact of climate change. The COVID-19 pandemic, in many ways, served as a sobering setback, forcing us to reassess our actions. Despite the immense challenges, KSSS remained committed to its mission of assisting the marginalized communities affected by these crises. The organization recognized the urgent need for intervention and pledged to continue its efforts to address the forthcoming needs of these vulnerable families.

I thank the almighty god for his immeasurable benevolence and indescribable blessings bestowed that enabled KSSS to serve society during this period. This is a year of active engagement as we collaborated

with government agencies, non-governmental organizations and funding partners. Together, we endeavoured to build resilient communities and mitigate the social and economic setbacks faced by the people in society due to the pandemic.

As we move forward, it is crucial that we learn from these experiences and prioritize the well-being of our communities and the environment. By doing so, we can work towards a future where the destructive impacts of floods, landslides, and other calamities are minimized, and where the well-being of all individuals and families is safeguarded.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all the funding agencies, donors, well wishers, Government of India and various benefactors from the worldwide. Their timely and humanitarian support, offered selflessly while remaining attuned and vigilant to the needs of the time, has been invaluable. I extend special gratitude to our esteemed Patron for his extraordinary vision, guidance, and unwavering support. I gratefully acknowledge the support and cooperation I got from my dedicated staff members at KSSS office and field during this unprecedented period.

Together, let us persistently draw wisdom from the experiences of the past, embracing them as valuable lessons that propel us towards a more promising future, one that shines brightly for the betterment of all.

With deep gratitude and hope...

Fr. Sunil Perumanoor
Executive Director

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”
- Socrates

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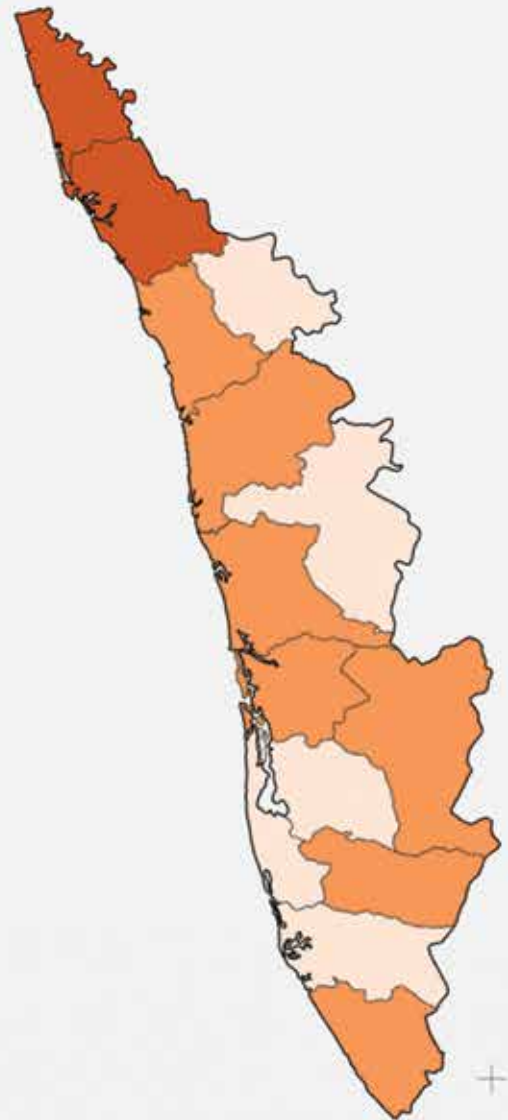
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Member

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SILHOUETTE

Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) is a registered charitable organization (Reg. K-15/1964) under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies' Registration Act XII of 1955. The organization was registered in the year 1964 by the Archdiocese for delivering its social ministry. The activities of KSSS are spread mainly in the five districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Alappuzha and athanamthitta covering 80 rural villages. The main focus of the organization is the empowerment and improvement in the quality of the poor and other vulnerable sections in society. It has now completed five decades of dedicated services in the development sector and has a rich experience in facilitating capacity building, community health, promotion of grass-roots level organizations, watershed development and other community level organizations for social change and transformation. More than 56000 families are directly linked with the organization through its network of Community Based Organizations.



HUMAN & INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



“Empowerment of individuals is a key part of what makes open societies work. And empowerment is only effective if individuals have the right skills and knowledge.”

Staff Training and Organizational Development

Capacity Building and Training are the keystones that lead any organization to exemplary performance. KSSS organizes periodic training for the staff with the aim to improve skills and enhance knowledge for the delivery of quality services in the field. It involves mostly the acquisition of knowledge needed for staff to function effectively.

KSSS Foundation Day Celebration and Food kit distribution Project inaugurated.

On 14th September 2021, Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) celebrated its 58th Foundation Day. The society was registered in 1964 under the Societies Registration Act, initiated by the great visionary Mar Thomas Tharayil, with the goal of bringing several sections of people who were on the fringes of society to the mainstream. Comprehensive development activities are being implemented under the leadership of KSSS through self-help groups in five districts of central Kerala - Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, and Ernakulam.

To mark the Foundation Day, Rev. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Director of KSSS, hoisted the flag at Chaithanya Pastoral Center, where KSSS is headquartered, in the presence of the KSSS staff team members. The observation of KSSS foundation day was inaugurated by Mr. V.N. Vasavan, Honorable Minister for Cooperation and Registration, in the presence of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese, Mar Joseph Pandarassery, Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Archdioceses, Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Arch Dioceses, Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P, Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA, and Rev. Fr. Michael Vettickat, Vicar General of Kottayam Archdioceses.

The inauguration of Food Kit Distribution Project was also commenced, and a food kit worth Rs 1250/- was given to 50 families living in utter poverty.



Federation Meeting



KSSS has Village level, Regional level and Central level federations. The office bearers of the Federations are always invited to the pre planning meetings organized ahead of Chaithanya Agri Fest for democratic planning and implementations of the programme. Various action plans to be carried out for the sustainability of SHGs and participation of the members in the Fest was planned. The Federation office bearers from Kottayam, Alapuzha, Idukki, Ernakulam and Pathanamthitta participated in the meeting conducted at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom.

Volunteer's Meeting

A volunteer meeting was organized under the leadership of Kottayam Social Service Society. This meeting was organized prior to 22nd Chaithanya Agri Expo and Annual SHG Fest. In the meeting Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Director, KSSS discussed about the programmes in the Fest and requested their cooperation in the smooth functioning of the Agri Fest.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was summoned by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese. In the meeting Rev. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Director, K.S.S.S presented the brief of the activities conducted to the members. Evaluation was conducted of the programmes and future action plan was formulated. The members contributed their ideas for the effective functioning of KSSS.

Celebrating Excellence: KSSS Honours Top-Performing Students in the 12th Standard Examinations

The students who had secured the excellent results in the 12th standard examinations were awarded for their outstanding performance by Kottayam Social Service Society. The award-giving ceremony was conducted at Chaithanya, Thellakom, adhering to COVID-19 norms. The inauguration was graced by Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam. In his opening speech, he stated that children can achieve success in life by pursuing their passion with hard work. Dr. Sabu Thomas, the Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, presided over the function. He emphasized that individuals with high aspirations must learn to adapt and move forward by turning negative situations into positive ones.



The event recognized students who obtained A Plus in all subjects in the Higher Secondary Examination from the regions of Kidangoor, Kaduthuruthy, Kaipuzha, Malankara, Uzhavoor, Idukki, and Chunkom, which come under the KSSS. The children from self-help groups in the villages of these regions were honoured for their achievements.

K.S.S.S Recognizes Outstanding Performers in SSLC Exams

Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) held a prestigious ceremony to honour the brilliant students who achieved outstanding results in the SSLC examination. The event was conducted with utmost care and caution, adhering to Covid protocols, at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The esteemed Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, graced the occasion as the chief guest and inaugurated the ceremony. The meritorious students were recognized for their exceptional performance in the SSLC examination. The children who secured the highest grades in the examinations from Edackad, Kaipuzha, Uzhavoor, Kaduthuruthy, Kidangoor, Malankara, and Chunkom regions of KSSS were honoured. The children from Self Help Groups in these areas were fe-



licitated for their outstanding achievements, further motivating them to excel in their future endeavors.

KSSS Released: A Handbook of Action Plan of Social Welfare Programmes 2022-23

KSSS released a handbook detailing the action plan for its social welfare programs in the year 2022-23. This comprehensive guide outlines the initiatives and activities that will be undertaken by KSSS to bring about positive social change. The action plan encompasses a wide range

of programs, including Covid-19 Prevention Initiatives, Welfare Programs for Individuals with Disabilities, Family Empowerment Activities, Entrepreneurship Skill Training, Development of Basic Amenities, Food Security Measures, Promotion of Livelihoods, Promotion of Agriculture, and Microcredit and loan events. By implementing these programs, KSSS aims to make a significant impact on the lives of the villages and communities it serves.



Exposure and Study Visit of Nursing Students



A study visit was organized at Kottayam Social Service Society by the S.H. College of Nursing, Kottayam for the B Sc Nursing students. The study visit was a very good learning for them to understand the social welfare activities implemented under the leadership of K.S.S.S to empower and improve the quality of the poor in the society. The various activities facilitated by K.S.S.S to develop capacities, skill and sustainable development was introduced to them. The students were sensitized about the rehabilitation activities implemented by K.S.S.S for the persons having deafness and blindness (Deafblind) as the extended programme of Community Based Rehabilitation for Differently Abled and the challenges of the disability was a new learning for the students. The classes were led by Mrs. Shaila Thomas, K.S. S.S Programme Officer and Sr. Simi DCPB, Special Educator.

Study Visit for Nursing Students



K.S.S.S facilitates opportunities for students to learn the problems of the less privileged people and the possible interventions to empower them and mainstream them in society. A study camp was organized for the B Sc Nursing students of Caritas College of Nursing, Kottayam with the objective of familiarizing them with the social welfare initiatives undertaken by K.S.S.S. The study camp focused on the various areas of emphasis and social welfare activities implemented by K.S.S.S for the upliftment of economically backward vulnerable families in the society. The rehabilitative services provided to Deafblind persons and their challenge. The study visit contributed to a good exposure for the students to understand the various programme conducted to mainstream the marginalized people. The study visit was led by Mrs. Babitha T Jessil, K.S.S.S Programme Officer and Sr. Simi DCPB, Special Educator.

Knanaya Malankara Reunification Centenary Celebrations



The Knanaya Malankara Reunification Centenary Celebrations marked a significant milestone, and in light of this occasion, a range of welfare programs was envisioned to be conducted in association with Kottayam Social Service Society. These programs aimed to implement various social welfare initiatives within the Knanaya Malankara Catholic Archdiocese of Kottayam community.

To foster the well-being of the community, several activities were announced, including the establishment of a Tailoring Training Center, a Marketing outlet for alternative lifestyle products such as Soap, Lotion, Phe-

nol, Harpic, Vinegar, Hand wash, Ujala, Vicks, Starch, Ragi, Notebook, Candle sticks etc. The other projects envisaged are Promotion of Kitchen Garden Project extended to 500 families, Provide Poultry Units to 100 families, Distribution of Tailoring Machines, Vocational Skill Development Trainings and facilitate Income Generation Activities.

The centenary celebrations were inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Archbishop and the proceedings were presided over by Mar Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam.



COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMMES

“Health is the foundation upon which all else is built. Without it, we cannot hope to achieve anything.” – **Mahatma Gandhi**

Health promotion is about raising the health status of individuals and communities. Health promotion programs aim to engage and empower individuals and communities to choose healthy behaviors and make changes that reduce the risk of diseases. As individuals and families have major responsibilities and contributions to perform for the promotion of health in the community.

World Health Day 2021

With the aim of “Building a fairer, healthier world,” KSSS organized World Health Day celebrations at Chaithanya Pastoral Center. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that everyone has equitable and unrestricted access to essential healthcare facilities. Understanding the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, ensuring universal access to health services becomes paramount for the well-being and safety of all individuals.. The World Health Day program was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkat, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese,



and presided over by Ms. Bincy Sebastian (Municipal Chairperson, Kottayam). Dr. Twinkle Prebhakaran, Medical Officer at the T.B Center, Kottayam, was the chief guest in the program. The participants took a health care pledge to adopt healthy and active living. Dr. Amrutha, from the Community Oncology department at Caritas Hospital, conducted a seminar on the topic “Need for Health Care.”

Observation of World Cancer Day

Cancer is a dreadful disease, and there is a rapid increase comparatively in the number of cancer-affected people in the state. Cancer awareness and prevention programs are the key to early detection and healthy lifestyle behaviors. KSSS observed World Cancer Day on 4th February and released an action plan for cancer awareness and facilitating early screening. The program was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam. The day was observed jointly with Caritas India Ashakiranam Project. On this occasion, Kottayam Social Service Society envisaged an action plan to be executed. The action plan included programs - Distribution of medical aid to 100 cancer patients,



Community formation of Cancer Survivors, Cancer and Food Kits for Families with Sick People, Distribution of COVID Prevention Kits and Hair Donation Campaign, Cancer Awareness Programs and Detection Camps, and Volunteer Units Formed to lead Cancer Safety Activities.

Oxygen Concentrator to Kottayam Municipality

Smt. Bincy Sebastian, Municipal Chairperson, Kottayam Municipality received the Oxygen Concentrator provided by Kottayam Social Service Society from the hands of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop in a function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The equipment was bought with the financial aid from Give2Asia.



Oxygen Concentrator to Uzhavoor Grama Panchayath



An Oxygen Concentrator was provided to Uzhavoor Grama Panchayath with the financial support from Knanaya Catholic Association, New Zealand on the occasion of their

tenth anniversary. The event was held at the Village Panchayath hall and inaugurated by Adv. Mons Joseph MLA.

COVID-19 Preventive Kits for Differently-Abled and Oxygen Concentrator for Kallara Grama Panchayath

KSSS distributed COVID-19 preventive kits containing masks, sanitizers and soaps to 175 families of differently-abled with the support of the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI). Oxygen Concentrator was also made available to Kallara Grama Panchayath by KSSS on the occasion. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the programme.



Staff Meetings

KSSS believes staff meetings are integral to the effective functioning and success of any organization. They serve as a platform for sharing information, planning and addressing challenges, thereby contributing to the achievement of the organization's mission. At KSSS, regular meetings for different levels of the organization is organized. Staff Meetings at central level, Coordinator's meetings and Regional Meetings at regional level. The monthly Animator's meeting and Village Development Committee meetings are systematically conducted. These regular meetings at Central level as well as Field level contributes to evaluate the progress against goals and



milestones and ensure the successful execution of its diverse programs.



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

“It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live.” - Dalai Lama

KSSS Organizes Farmers' Day Celebrations

KSSS believes that farmers are the backbone of any agrarian economy. August 17th is celebrated as Farmers' Day in Kerala, and it is also the New Year for the Malayalam calendar Chingam I. Therefore, every year, KSSS celebrates Farmers' Day. Speaking at the opening ceremony, Dr. Sabu Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, M.G University emphasized the importance of a multi-cropping system and crop insurance culture for the growth of the agriculture sector in the presence of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam. Other dignitaries on the dais were, Mr. Tojo M Thomas, Regional Transport Officer and Mr. Anil Varghese, Kottayam Agricultural Department Deputy Director. The project 'Plant a Fruit Tree' was inaugurated by Dr. Sabu Thomas by giving saplings of fruit tree to Mr. Babu Stephen Puramadathilin, a Federation Member of SHG for Men. Exemplary farmers Mr. Georgekutty Cyriac, Mr. E. M Thomas, Mr. Philip Kurian, Mr. Johnson Baby, Mr. Shajimon,



and Mr. Suryanarayan Pilla, selected from various villages of KSSS, were felicitated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt by wrapping 'Ponnada.' Dr. Devi V.S, Assistant Professor, Krishi Vijnan Kendra, Kottayam, spoke at the seminar conducted during the program.

KSSS Launches Kitchen Garden Extension Project

KSSS envisaged various welfare programs on the occasion of Knanaya Malankara Reunification Centenary Celebrations. As part of the Natural Resource Management Program, the Kitchen Garden Extension project was launched at the centenary celebrations held at St. Mary's Knanaya Malankara Catholic Church, Kuttoor. Under the project, vegetable seeds and grow bags were distributed to 500 families. The centenary celebrations were inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkat, Metropolitan Archbishop



and was presided over by Mar Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam,

World Environment Day Celebrations

World Environment Day is observed worldwide to encourage awareness as well as action to protect our environment. KSSS observed World Environment Day on June 5th by organizing an array of Environment Conservation Activities. The programs were inaugurated by Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan, Member of Parliament, in the presence of various dignitaries. The Self-Help Group members from Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, and Ernakulam districts participated in the



program. The participants were distributed plant saplings to plant in their homes.

International Day of Forest

“Let’s nurture nature so that we can have a better future.”



Forests have a valuable contribution and significance in balancing the life cycle on earth. March 21 was observed as International Day of Forest to understand the value, significance, and contribution of forests in balancing the life cycle on earth. The day was celebrated to highlight the significance of forests and raise awareness about forest restoration. The day serves as a reminder of the vital

role that forests play in our daily lives. Thus, the day’s celebrations aimed to create awareness of issues raised against deforestation. The celebration was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, symbolizing a significant start against deforestation by offering saplings to the participants.



LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

“Income generation is not just about financial returns, it’s also about empowering individuals and communities to take control of their own lives and destinies.”

Kottayam Social Service Society has been promoting Livelihood Development Programmes to ensure that marginalized families can have a sustainable income and improve their quality of life. By facilitating livelihood opportunities, K.S.S.S aims to empower the SHG members and encourage active participation in society. In the current scenario of the COVID-19 pandemic, KSSS aims to support struggling families to overcome the financial crisis caused by the loss of livelihoods.

Promotion of Livelihood through Duck Rearing Programme



The COVID-19 situation has caused an economic crisis for marginalized farming families, and they have lost their livelihoods. In order to offer solace to struggling families, Kottayam Social Service Society initiated a Livelihood Promotion Programme. Along with resilience, this project also provides an opportunity for entrepreneurship for rural families. As part of this project, financial aid was given to deserving farmers for a duck rearing programme. The farmers of Kaipuzha and Malankara regions were selected for this aid.

Livelihood Promotion Programme for COVID-Affected 25 Families



The COVID-19 situation has caused an economic crisis for marginalized families and it has hampered their livelihood activities. In order to offer solace to struggling families as part of Livelihood Restoration, Kottayam Social Service Society distributed Hi-tech Poultry Units to 25 deserving families. Poultry farming will be an alternative income generation and also a solution for food security. The selected families who lost their income from Kaduthuruthy, Kaipuzha, Kidangoor, Malankara, Edackatt and Uzhavoor received the poultry units.

Employment Skill Development Training – Certificate Distribution



With the aim to promote employment opportunities for rural youth, Kottayam Social Service Society, in association with the Ministry of Rural Development and Kudumbshree Mission, is providing scientific skill training as part of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gramin Kayashalya Yojana project. Candidates are receiving free skill training for courses in Food & Beverage Service, Soft Skills, English, and Computer Knowledge. The graduation ceremony function was held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom, and certificates were conferred by Rev. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Director of K.S.S.S.

Skill Development Training Program - Opening of New Batch



The opening ceremony of the New Batch of skill training course of DDU-GKY project was conducted at the Impact Centre, Cherpunkal. The course for Food and Beverage Services was opened for the new batch. After completing the course, candidates are placed in jobs. The inauguration of the Food and Beverage Services course and the graduation ceremony of the previous batch were inaugurated by Gheevarghese Mar Aphrem, Malankara Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam..

Launch of Income Generation & Entrepreneurship Programme

To develop self-employment opportunities, K.S.S.S, in association with the Kerala State Backward Class Development Corporation, organized an income generation 'Loan Mela'. As part of this programme, in the first instalment, a fund of Rupees One Crore was allotted for small-scale entrepreneurship activities at a nominal interest rate. Through this programme, KSSS aims to develop the skills of the beneficiaries and provide them with self-employment opportunities to attain self-reliance. The 'Loan Mela' was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese.

Launch of Karuniyakiranam Project

A house is not only a dream but also a basic necessity of life for any person. Kottayam Social Service Society has been facilitating funds for SHG members to enable the target groups in remote areas to enjoy basic amenities for development, such as house construction, toilet construction, infrastructure utilities, and social amenities and to help them join mainstream development.

Once again, K.S.S.S has launched another project called the 'Karuniyakiranam Project' to

provide financial assistance to marginalized SHG members. The financial aid is provided for two development programs: Basic Amenities Development Programs and Skill Training Schemes. Under the Basic Amenities Development Program, K.S.S.S has extended assistance for house construction. Needy persons submitted their applications and based on the underlying norms, selection was made for the less privileged families. The Skill



Development Schemes involved funding for goat rearing, cow rearing, poultry farming, and micro-entrepreneurship activities.

The Karuniyakiranam Project was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam.

Chaithanya Sambrambhakanidhi Disburse & Entrepreneurship Training

Chaithanya Sambrambhakanidhi is a micro credit programme initiated aiming economic independence. A loan amount is distributed to the SHG members in minimal interest and it supports them to undertake micro enterprises to generate income for the family to attain financial indepen-

dence. An amount of Rs 25 lakhs was distributed for the selected SHG members for undertaking entrepreneurship activities. Along with the financial assistance, Entrepreneurship Development Trainings was also conducted.

Financial Support for Dairy Farmers

Selected Dairy Farmers from Kaipuzha, Edackat, Chunkom, Uzhavoor, Kaduthuruthy and Kidangoor regions of Kottayam Archdiocese were given cash support to ensure that their income generation activities survive through the COVID hardships. In a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom Gheevarghese Mar Aprem inaugurated the fund distribution programme.



Inauguration of Second phase of Micro-Enterprise Development Loan Fair and distribution of Oxygen Concentrator

The inauguration of the second phase of the Micro-enterprise development Loan Mela organized with the support from the Kerala State Backward Class Development Corporation and the handing-over of the Oxygen Concentrator made available to Kumarakom Grama Panchayath was done by Shri. V. N. Vasavan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration, Kerala in a august function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt presided over the function. 50 lakhs was made available and distributed as part of the Loan Fair. Smt. Dhanya Sabu, President, Kumarakom Grama



Panchayath, received the Oxygen Concentrator which was funded by the Knanaya Catholic Association of New Zealand on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, from the hands of the Minister.

Sewing machine units for 20 families

As part of COVID rehabilitation efforts in the livelihood sector, KSSS distributed 20 Usha sewing machines with motor for women with the financial contribution from Religious sisters of the Visitation Congregation. The distribution event was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom and inaugurated by Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Archdiocese.





COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION OF THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED



Inter Face Meeting with PRIs

An Interface meeting was organized for the persons with disabilities under the leadership of Kottayam Social Service Society. The Interface program aimed at providing opportunities to sensitize the three tier panchayat officials about the needs and rights of differently abled persons in collaboration with Uzhavoor Gram Panchayat. The programme was organized at St. Stephen's Forane Church Hall, Uzhavoor with the participation of PwDs and their family members of Uzhavoor Block. Mr. P. M. Mathew, Member, Uzhavoor Division Kottayam District Panchayat inaugurated the meet and Mr. Johnis. P, President, Uzhavoor Gram Panchayat presided over the function. Along with the representatives from three tier panchayats - village, block and district panchayats, Mr. Raju K, K.S.S.S. Navachaitanya Vikalanga Federation Secretary, Panchayat Ward members and officials of health, Social Justice etc participated in the program. This programme was also an opportunity for the panchayat representatives to understand the needs of differently abled persons especially of deafblind per-



sons to plan better schemes for them along with the protection of the rights of the differently abled. The persons with disabilities and their parents shared their concerns in the programme and welfare activities were planned for the differently abled persons.

Deafblind Rehabilitation Programme - Networks Meet

As part of the Deafblind Rehabilitation Programme, KSSS in association with Sense International India and Azim Premji Foundation organized a one day State Network Meet for Parents of Deafblind persons, Adult Deafblind Persons, Special Educators and CBR Field workers.. The meet was designed to offer services to meet the unique needs of parents of deafblind who are in need of support, resources and information. The network meeting facilitated interaction experts from various fields. The State Network Meet



was organized on 28th October, 2021.

Downsyndrome Day Organized

‘Leave No one Behind’

March 24 is the World Down Syndrome Day for the children born with a genetic defect during mutation. Down syndrome has become one of the most recognizable forms of mental disability in the world. According to the United Nations, Down Syndrome affects 1 out of every 800 births in the world. Down Syndrome Day was organized under the leadership of Kottayam Social Service Society in collaboration with Catholic Health Association. Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, MLA inaugurated the day conducted at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. Mrs. Lovely George, Municipal Chairperson, Ettumanoor, presided over



the meeting. The aim of the programme was to raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down Syndrome. The day was celebrated with lot of fun activities and cultural programmes by Children with Down Syndrome.

Career awareness for the Differently-Abled

Kottayam Social Service Society has always taken a lead role to provide career opportunities for differently abled person to attain self reliance. A one day Employment Awareness and Special Employment Registration workshop was organized by K.S.S.S in association with Kottayam District Special Employment Office at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. The workshop was inaugurated by Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Auxillary Archbishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam and presided over by Mrs Lovely George, Ettumanoor Municipal Chairperson. The public meeting was followed by seminar on ‘Employment Opportunities and Special Coaching Services for Persons with Disabilities’ by



Mrs Sonia A.M, District Special Employment Officer. Umbrella Registration was conducted for differently able persons for new registration as well as for renewal of registration.

State Level Advocacy Meeting Organized Under Deafblind Rehabilitation Project

Deafblindness is a severe disability and deafblind people face huge challenges due to the severity of their disability but they don't have much access to the required support and not much support exists. State Advocacy Events are organized to ensure the appropriate rehabilitation and develop innovative approaches to address the rehabilitation needs of people with deafblindness. K.S.S.S organized State Level Advocacy Meeting on Deafblindness in collaboration with Sense International India and Azim Premji Foundation to converge with initiatives of relevant state government departments and civil society organizations for inclusion of persons with deafblindness.

The state event was inaugurated by Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxillary Bishop of Kottayam Archdiocese and was presided over by Dr. Rosamma Soni, Member, District Panchayat.

In the meeting Shri S.H. Panchapakesan, State Disability Commissioner interacted with the Federation Members and shared that UDID will be the only identifica-



tion document for the differently abled person in coming years. Mr Parag Namdeo, Senior Advocacy Officer, Sense International India shared the recent initiatives implemented by different state as part of RPwD act. The deafblind persons, their parents and special educators from K.S.S.S and other state partners Malankara Social Service Society and Shreyas, Bathery interacted with government officials from Samagra Shiksha Kerala, Social Justice Officer, from Social Justice Department and State Project Coordinator, State Initiatives for Disabilities to find solution for the rehabilitation needs of persons with deafblindness. The collective mission is to ensure that every person with deafblindness has access to good quality appropriate rehabilitation options and inclusive environment.

Workshop on Inclusive Disaster Preparedness and Response

Kerala is a state prone to disasters and every year experiencing natural calamities, hazards and disasters. A well prepared an inclusive contingency plan need to be in place for better preparedness and response to reduce the risk of disasters. A two-day contingency planning state level workshops was organized jointly by State Disaster Management, Sphere India and CBM India at KSSS on 30th & 31st March, 2022. The representatives from State Disaster Management Authority, DPO leaders, KSSS Navchaithanya Federation members and participants from different organizations in Kerala participated in this workshop. The workshop on 'Training and Capacity Building on Inclusive Disaster Preparedness and



Response' was organized with an aim to enhance knowledge and capacities of NGO partner organizations in Kerala, on inclusive humanitarian contingency, preparedness, response, and development of a Community of Practice on disability inclusion. The workshop was moderated by Dr. P.T. Baburaj, Director of Disability & Joe John George, State Project Officer, Disaster Management Authority.

Food kits for Deafblind People

KSSS partnered with Sense International India to extend 'care' to the most deprived families of deafblind persons by distributing food kits. The support of food kits was a great solace to the vulnerable families during the dreadful pandemic.

The food kit had rice, sugar, peas, beans, wheat flour, coriander powder, chilli powder, cooking oil, bath soap, laundry soap, salt and turmeric

The food kits were given to for 62 families of Deafblind Persons



Training for Resource Teachers under Rehabilitation Program for the Deafblind Persons.

Trainings are the process by which individual and organizations obtain, improve and retain the skills. It is the key stone towards acquisition of knowledge required for improving the quality of services. Kottayam Social Service Society in partnership with Sense International India and Azim Premji Foundation organized a one day training workshop for the Resource Teachers of Samagra Shiksha Kerala with the objective to provide enhanced quality of rehabilitative services towards the holistic development of deafblind children in the state. The training capacitated the Resource Teachers and envisions to strengthen the government system so that deafblind children get better access to inclusive education. His Excellency Gheevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Kottayam inaugurated the event



held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre. Prof. Dr. Rajeev Kumar N. (Head of Department of Behavioural Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University) presided over the meeting.

Distribution of essential medicines to the differently-abled

'No one care until someone cares be that one'

Under the Karuniyadoot Project, neurological medicines are given every month to the children after consultation by Neurologist. The aim of the programme is treatment as well as regular follow up of the treatment. It helps to ensure

continuous intake of medicines and resulting reduction in incidence of seizures or severity of seizures. The inauguration of the project was performed by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam.

Support of Assistive Devices for Persons with Disabilities

Assistive Devices plays a vital role to facilitate the functioning and independence. KSSS, through its Community Based Rehabilitation Programme works with the motto for inclusive society. To ensure active participation of differently-abled persons in the society KSSS in association of India (CHAI) with Catholic Health Association distributed aids and appliances for differently abled person.



Teacher's Day celebration - Honoring Exemplary Services of CBR staff in the field of disability

On the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September, the Day was celebrated honouring the teachers of CBR programme for their exemplary and dedicated services towards the differently abled children. The day's celebrations were held at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. Teachers Day celebrations conducted by KSSS in collaboration with the Catholic Association of India (CHAI) of India was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam. In the inaugural address he said that good trees which help the students to accomplish their dreams. He appreciated the CBR staff for their dedicated services towards the differently abled people to mainstream them in society and attain self reliance. Mrs Arya Rajan, President, Ettumanoor Block Panchayat presided over the meeting. Other dignitaries were Dr. P.T. Baburaj, Head of the Department, School of Behavioural



Science, Mahatma Gandhi University and Rev. Fr. Jacob Mavungal, Executive Director, Kerala Social Service Forum.

The Special Educators and CBR staffs – the Special Teachers who are the trainers for differently abled children were honored by Mar Mathew Moolakattu, Metropolitan Archbishop, with a medal and a plaque.

Case Study

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” - Helen Keller



Seven-year old Ann Mariya Manoj was born with vision and hearing impairment. When the doctor informed them the child is affected by Rubella syndrome and has vision and hearing problem. Then only the family realized their daughter could neither see nor hear and they were very desperate. The family resides at Malantharam, Tripunithara. Ann Mariya is the youngest child of the family. She has a elder sister.

The Ophthalmologist suggested for cataract surgery. So the age of two months she underwent cataract surgery and it was followed by heart surgery. Her father Mr. Manoj is the only bread winner of the family and is a daily wage labour. The two surgeries and the medical treatments drewnd the family into financial debts.

Her mother was unaware of the disability therefore she could not manage her little daughter. After 6 months they realized the child is also having delayed milestones. But no proper interventions was given. In this point through the Anganwadi worker Sr. Simi, KSSS Special educator visited their house.

When the Special educator of KSSS deafblind programme located the child she had behaviour problems. The child had no response and poor motor skills with delayed milestones. Her mother cared the child well but she was unaware of the trainings. So the family was first counseled about deafblindness and the possible interventions and the family was very cooperative towards the staff.

The family was informed by the special educator about the Cochlear implantation programme under Social Security schemes and the benefits of Cochlear implantation. Ann Mariya underwent cochlear implantation under the government scheme. The regular trainings brought developmental changes

in the child in the areas of communication, motor, vision, cognitive and auditory. At present the child has improvement in vision, she can express all her needs by pointing things and she can match common vegetables like green chilli, tomato etc. Her expressive and receptive communication has improved.

Ann Mariya's mother Shybi shared that when the doctor told us that our daughter can neither see nor hear the world crashed down for us. I was unaware of the disability but the intervention of Sr. Simi, Special educator from KSSS has changed the life for us. The counseling sessions by her helped us to understand the disability of our little angel and how we can help her. The continuous interventions of the Special educator has brought significant changes in her vision, fine motor skills, now she communicates her needs through pointing and helps her mother in household chores. We are obliged to KSSS and Sense International India for initialing services for deafblind people which is a real relief for parents like us'.

Through the Parent's Networks under the advocacy initiation of KSSS, Ann Mariya has availed the like Disability Certificate and Niramay health insurance.

In this short span Ann Mariya has learned a lot but there lot more her to discover in this world and the journey continues.

The KSSS team and Ann Mariya's parents are confident that the intense trainings will help him to win over her disability and live independently. Her family is grateful to KSSS and Sense International India for the wonderful support extended as it is a blessing that arrived in the midst of distress.



CBOs for Community Development

“Family is the most vital institution on earth. It is the cradle of life, the training ground for growth, and the foundation of society.” - **James E. Faust**

Family Development Programme Under the Save A Family Plan

Families serve as the backbone of societies, and the bonds forged across generations ensure the continuity of this invaluable heritage. Kottayam Social Service Society is one amongst the partnering organizations that implements the Family Development Program partnering with Save A Family Plan Project, Canada, to uplift the backward families. The program aims at building self-sufficient communities by empowering families through timely support and financial assistance. The Family Development Program works to partner with the under privileged societies in India. Each partnering family is aided for a period of 6 consecutive years. Every year, the lives of hundreds of families are changed through the incredible



generosity of our caring donors. Save A Family Plan continues to shower blessings upon hundreds of families through the generosity of our benefactors, coordinators, animators, and field workers. KSSS activities help to empower families to break out of the poverty.

Annual Meet of SAFP Partner Families

The healthy development and happiness of all families within society form a strong foundation for individuals to thrive and grow together. With the aim of comprehensively uplifting backward families, an Annual Meeting of the partner families and enrichment program have been organized. The programme was

conducted by Kottayam Social Service Society in collaboration with Save a Family Plan at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. The day started with a seminar and was followed by discussions and evaluations. The meeting was inaugurated by Adv. Mons Joseph, MLA and was presided over by Geevarghese Mar Aphrem, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam. K.S.S.S is empowering 280 families through Family Development Program of Kottayam Social Service Society.



Family Development Training Programme for Newly Selected Partner Families of K.S.S.S



K.S.S.S organized training programme for the newly selected families under the SAFFP programme. The aim of the training was empowering the economically backward families to realize their potential and to contribute to poverty reduction as well as ensure their own social upliftment through right for education, health, shelter, food and other basic needs. K.S.S.S through the Family Development Programme encourages the partnering families to initiate sustainable income generation activities. By empowering families, we not only improve their well-being but also create stronger and more resilient communities as a whole.

The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, MLA and presided over by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam

Educational Support to Children – Distribution of Mobile Phones



As part of the fifth phase of the Mobile Phone challenge, 10 most needy children were provided with mobile phones to support and facilitate their online education. The outbreak of the pandemic and the subsequent restrictions led to a shift from physical education to virtual modes. However, economically disadvantaged children faced difficulties and were unable to participate in online classes. This situation caused significant stress among these students and their families, who lacked access to mobile phones and had to discontinue their education. In response to this issue, KSSS collaborated with Care and Share USA to make mobile phones available for these children.

The distribution was inaugurated at a function organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop and was presided over by Nirmala Jimmy, President, Kottayam District Panchayat in presence of Mrs Arya Rajan, Panchayat President, Athirampuzha, Fr. Sunil Perumanur, Executive Secretary, K.S.S.S and Mr. Sijo Thomas, Programme Officer, K.S.S.S.

Mon. Augustine Kandathil Commemoration and Distribution of Funds

To mark the remembrance of Mon. Augustine Kandathil, Kottayam Social Service Society in association with Save a Family Plan India, distributed funds for Livelihood Development and Housing project to the children belonging to economically backward families. Mon. Augustine came up with the 'Save a Family Plan' for India in 1965 with the aim of improving the condition of marginalized groups.

The commemoration meeting was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom and Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop inaugurated the distribution of financial aid programme. In his opening speech, Archbishop highlighted how the Save a Family Plan has paved the way for family empowerment and comprehensive progress of poor people. He also mentioned how the envisaged project can give new hope to thousands of families.

The Save a Family Plan aims to uplift marginalized groups, and with this initiative, the distribution of financial aid will help poor families to initiate Livelihood Activities. These activities they got a sustainable income and their children had access to better educational opportunities, leading to their holistic development. The Family Development Project implemented by KSSS aims to provide an opportunity for progress in employment, education, health, and self-development to the families selected for the scheme. Monthly financial assistance is available to these families to support their infrastructural development, educational, health and employment needs. The overall objective of the project is to improve the living conditions of the selected families and empower them to lead a sustainable life.



“You decide your own level of involvement”



Suja Mahesh stays in Memury village of Kottayam District with her two daughters Soorya and Kavya. Her husband deserted them when the younger daughter was only 6yrs old. When he left the family he had taken debts from local financiers and loans from the bank. Thus the family was immersed with debts. She had no job and income. For Suja the situation was very fearful and it was impossible for her to meet the expenses of the family and education of her children along with the additional financial liabilities her husband had left on her. In midst of the huge challenges of these liabilities, she was very desperate and believed suicide is the only option. In this situation KSSS animator visited her and enrolled Suja in the ‘Save A Family Plan’ programme. Through this programme, KSSS provides assistance to the economically backward families for Livelihood Development Programmes. During this time a two months tailoring training course was conducted by KSSS for women and animator motivated Suja to join the training programme. After completing the tailoring course she was given a motorized tailoring machine with a sewing tool kit from KSSS.

This brought new rays of hope in her life. She started her own tailoring unit and had been running the small business very successfully. The income helped the family to repay their debts and to manage the family expenses. Her children could continue their education and this also improved their living standards. She

learnt new patterns in stitching and also learnt to stitch cloth masks, N95 masks. Today she can finish stitching works within one hour, early she has taken more time for finish her stitching work. She is very happy to become a part of the Society for fighting against Covid-19 by stitching masks. She is highly satisfied and very much

Happy
Suja said, “Now, I have own tailoring unit and I stitch cloth bags, masks by getting bulk orders from nearby shops. This tailoring unit help me to earn a good source of income. I am really thankful to KSSS Animator for helping me to overcome my crisis and to be a confident entrepreneur. Today I am proud and very happy and able to take my responsibilities well. Life has taught me that any crisis in life can be overcome by hard work, we can change our own destiny”.

happy with her life.

During the time of Covid-19 pandemic situation, she is stitching surgical mask, cloth masks for shops. Suja is very much happy for the reason that the Government has issued the order to ban plastic bags. She works to promote cloth bags. She believes that her mission is to battle against plastics; she is stitching cloth bags for wholesale shops. She attended three days training classes

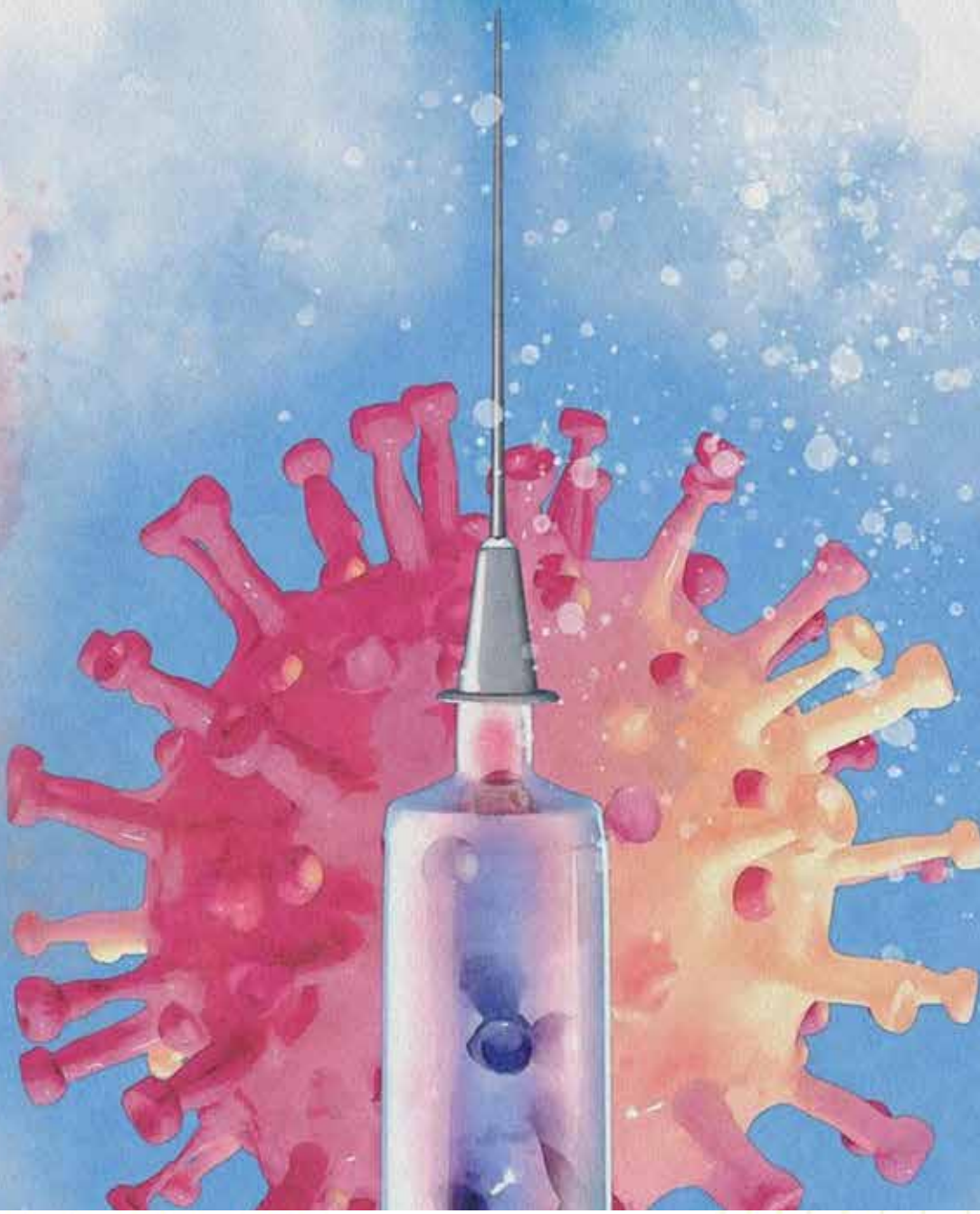
for detergent making business in KSSS. Now she is also making hygienic materials like phenyl, harpic, liquid soap, etc. Thus, now she is getting an alternative good income from the marketing of hygienic materials.

Suja has become a confident woman now and is the Secretary of the Self Help Group for women. She actively took part in all of the meetings conducted in KSSS. She attending trainings conducted by Self Help Group for various initiatives. This enabled her to bring the powerful woman inside her to the in front. Now she has developed a positive attitude in the midst of all her miseries. She got enrolled in the Tailoring Workers Welfare Fund Board and thus she is availing government benefits.. She is enough confident to face the challenges in her life.

She gained self- confidence and she has the courage to face anything in her life. There is change in quality of her living. She had developed Leadership quality, boldness in speaking and she got respect from others. Increase confidence level and dedication in her work. She is well with handling crisis situation. Now she is strong-willed to take up risks and discover more of her skills. Suja became able to lead a prosperous life ahead.



COVID-19 Pandemic Management



Relief Materials

Food

Food kits were distributed in tie up with different agencies on various occasions to support the families with the COVID disease and the stringent Lockdown measures.

Distribution of food kits to volunteers



KSSS partnered with Give2Asia to distribute food kits to volunteers serving in the COVID Task Forces. Kottayam Regional Transport Officer (Enforcement) – Mr. Tojo M. Thomas inaugurated the event organized at Chaithanya Thellakom. The kits were provided to 150 village level volunteers contained Rice, sugar, cooking oil, chickpeas, chickpeas, green gram, chilli powder, coriander powder, mustard, turmeric powder and tea powder.

Ashwas Food Kit Distribution Scheme



Under the Ashwas Food kit distribution scheme, needy families who were struggling to survive the COVID crisis were provided food kits. Selected families from the parishes falling in the Forane regions of Kaipuzha, Malankara, Chunkom, Edackat, Kaduthuruthy, Piravom, Uzhavoor and Kidangoor under the Kottayam Archdiocese benefited under the scheme. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan

Archbishop of Kottayam Archdiocese inaugurated the function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom. 700 families were supported under the scheme with kits containing rice, sugar, tea powder, chilli powder, coriander powder, salt, mustard, turmeric powder, chickpeas, green gram, cooking oil and wheat flour.

Food Kit Distribution Yatra

While the COVID second wave was breaking out, families struggling under COVID pandemic circumstances from the districts of Kottayam, Idukki and Ernakulam were supplied with food kits containing rice, sugar, chickpeas, green gram, tea powder, chilli powder, coriander powder, mustard, turmeric powder, wheat flour, bathing soap and salt. The distribution trip was flagged-off by Smt. Lovely George, Ettumanoor Municipal Chairperson.



Food Kit Distribution



In order to offer solace to the families affected with floods under the COVID circumstances, KSSS arranged distribution of Food kits containing Rice, sugar, wheat powder, tea powder, chilli powder, coriander powder, turmeric powder, salt and mustard. Smt. Bincy Sebastian, Kottayam Municipal Chairperson inaugurated the distribution programme which was envisaged for the flood affected people of Kumarakom, Olessa and Chelanam areas.

Food Kit Distribution Under Athijeevanam Project

KSSS collaborated with Pizza Hut to distribute food kits to 300 families as part of Athijeevanam Project. The inauguration of the programme was done by Shri. V.N. Vasavan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration. The Athijeevanam project was envisioned to support families affected by the 3rd wave of the COVID pandemic.



Food Kit Distribution for Differently-Abled



Malankara Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Archdiocese – Geevarghese Mar Aprem inaugurated the COVID food kit distribution programme organized exclusively for differently-abled in a function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The programme was part of KSSS' interventions for the holistic development of the differently-abled being implemented in collaboration with Sense International India.

Educational Support

Inauguration of 'Mobile Phone Challenge' Project

Foreseeing the challenge of students from poor families to own a phone for receiving quality education as the nature of schooling shifted to online means during the COVID circumstances, KSSS announced the 'Mobile Phone Challenge' Project. Inaugurating the project amidst a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom Metropolitan Archbishop Mar Mathew Moolakkatt said that disadvantaged children were facing a crisis as they had no mobile phones when every school switched to online teaching methods. He reminded that there were positive as well as negative consequences to online education and



parents elders and students themselves had to be careful in this regard. Ten deprived children were given quality mobile phones in collaboration with LACIM on the occasion.

2nd Phase of the 'Mobile Phone Challenge' Project

Mobile phones were distributed to 10 students as part of 2nd phase of the Mobile Challenge Project in partnership with Rotary Club of Carolton, America. Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archdiocese inaugurated the event at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



3rd Phase of Mobile Phone Challenge Project

The third phase of the project was inaugurated at Chaithanya, Thellakom by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam. The event was chaired by Dr. Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University. 10 mobile phones were distributed with the financial support of Cherupushpam Mission League Unit of St. Mary's Knanaya Church, Detroit, USA.



Mobile Phone Challenge Project – 4th Phase

Kottayam Social Service Society distributed 10 mobile phones as part of the fourth phase of the Mobile Phone Challenge Project with the financial support from Cherupushpam Mission League Unit of St. Pius X, Knanaya Catholic Church, Los Angeles, USA. The distribution event was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom and inaugurated by Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam – Mar Mathew Moolakkatt.



Financial Assistance for Educational and Health Activities of COVID affected

In an attempt to ensure well being of economically backward families in the context of the COVID crisis, Kottayam Social Service Society extended financial assistance to the families selected under its Save a Family Programme for fulfilling their educational and health needs during the COVID times. Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Malankara Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Archdiocese inaugurated the financial aid distribution at a function organized in Chaithanya, Thellakom. Financial assistance



was made available under the scheme to 50 families.

Financial assistance to 50 families under Self-Employment EDP



Financial assistance was made available by KSSS to 50 families under its Self Employment / Entrepreneurship Development Programme to support the entrepreneurs who were affected by COVID. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt Archbishop Kottayam inaugurated the financial-aid distribution.

Financial Support for Goat-rearing



25 families who undertook goat-rearing as an income generation activity were given cash assistance as part of KSSS' efforts to ensure Livelihood Restoration among families struggling under COVID circumstances. The fund distribution was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt Archbishop of Kottayam in a function organized at Chaithanya Pastoral. The 25 families were selected from Kaipuzha, Edackat and Uzhavoor areas.

Goat-rearing Scheme 2nd Phase support

Promoting food security and income generation activities in spite of the COVID circumstances, KSSS extended financial support to 25 families from Kaduthuruthy, Malankara, Kidangoor and Chumkom regions of the Archdiocese who engaged in goat-rearing. The financial assistance distribution was inaugurated by Geevarghese Mar Aprem, amidst a meeting organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom as part of the second phase of Goat-rearing support scheme.



Hi-Tech Poultry Farming Units

Hi-Tech Poultry farming units were made available to selected families as part of the envisioned project to ensure food security and IGPs in poor families during the COVID circumstances. Egg-laying BV 380 variety of chickens was supplied along with these scientifically designed cages. Geevarghese Mar Aprem Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam inaugurated the distribution programme..



SAMASHVASAM- Livelihood Restoration Scheme inauguration and Distribution of Poultry rearing units

Poultry rearing units were distributed amidst the inauguration of SAMASHVASAM – Livelihood Restoration Scheme envisaged by the Kottayam Archdiocese and implemented by KSSS as part of ensuring IGPs and food security in poor families living under the COVID circumstances. Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop inaugurated the programme organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom. Gramapriya variety of chickens was supplied along with the cages distributed as part of the project. The units were distributed to 94 families belonging to various parishes of Kidangoor, Kaipuzha, Edackat,



Kaduthuruthy and Uzhavoor foranes of the Archdiocese.

Hi-Tech Poultry Units to 25 families

Distribution of Hi-Tech Poultry Rearing Units to 25 families as part of Livelihood Restoration Scheme of KSSS was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop of Kottayam at Chaithanya, Thellakom. Selected families from Kidangoor, Kaduthuruthy, Uzhavoor and Malankara regions of the Archdiocese benefited from the scheme.



Inauguration of Second phase of Micro-Enterprise Development Loan Fair

The inauguration of the second phase of the Micro-enterprise development Loan Mela organized with the support from the Kerala State Backward Class Development Corporation was done by Shri. V. N. Vasavan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration, Kerala in a august function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop of Kottayam presided over the function. 50 lakhs was made available



and distributed as part of the Loan Fair.

Third Phase of Micro-Enterprise Development Loan Fair

The third phase of the Micro-Enterprise Development Loan Fair was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam. at Chaithanya



Pastoral Centre. Ten lakh was distributed as part of the fair to support various self-employment initiatives.

Distribution of Sewing machines under Tayal-Mitra Scheme

In pursuance of its dedicated efforts to restore self-employment activities during the COVID circumstances the Archdiocese of Kottayam through Kottayam Social Service Society supported the distribution of sewing machines under Tayal-Mitra scheme. Selected families under the scheme received USHA sewing machines with motor. The distribution event was organized



at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom and was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam.

Distribution of Sewing machines under Tayal-Mitra Scheme - 2ndPhase

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam. inaugurated the distribution of sewing machines organized as part of the second phase of the Tayal-Mitra scheme organized at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom.



Tailoring Machines for 20 Families

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the distribution of Tailoring machines for 20 women as part of KSSS' self-employment promotion initiatives during the COVID circumstances at Chaithanya, Thellakom. Tailoring machines of Usha Company with motor were distributed on the occasion to the 20 women from the regions of Kidangoor, Kaduthuruthy, Chunkom and Uzhavoor under KSSS' operational area.



Distribution of Tailoring Machines and COVID Prevention Kits

As part of KSSS' Vocational Skill development programmes conceptualized under Knanaya Malankara Reunification Centenary Celebrations 25 women were provided sewing machine units. The meeting was organized at St. Mary's Knanaya Malankara Catholic Church, Kuttoor and inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt. Archbishop of Kottayam, Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop presided over the function in which COVID prevention kits were also



distributed.

Treatment and Preventive Measures

Oxygen concentrators to Grama Panchayaths

On various occasions, in tie-up with various agencies KSSS provided Oxygen Concentrators to different local self-government institutions in its operational areas

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt inaugurated the distribution of Oxygen Concentrators made available to Kidangoor and Kaduthuruthy Panchayaths with the financial support of Give2Asia. The programme was held at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



Distributed PPE Kits and Masks for Health Workers

KSSS distributed PPE kits and masks for health workers of Kottayam district. Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Auxiliary Bishop distributed the items in a function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The kits were financially supported by Give2Asia.



Covid Prevention - Masks Distributed

Mar Mathew Moolakkatt Archbishop inaugurated the distribution of masks to 1000 families in a function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The activity was done with the financial support of Reliance Foundation.



PPE Kits for Task Force Members

Shri. Roshy Augustine, Minister for Water Resources, Kerala inaugurated the distribution of PPE kits to COVID Task Force members at Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Thellakom. He appreciated the efforts of the youth and organizations like KSSS in the field of COVID prevention and mitigation. The PPE Kits were made available with the support of Give2Asia.



Distribution of Medical Equipments

On various occasions KSSS distributed medical equipments to various hospitals during the COVID restrictions with the support of different agencies such as...



As part of the COVID prevention programme Medical equipments were made available to local self-government institutions namely, Kottayam Municipality, Ettumanoor Municipality, Kumarakom, Aymanam, Athirampuzha, Kallara, Neendoor, Uzhavoor, Kaduthuruthy and Kidangoor Grama Panchayaths. The Medical equipments that were distributed to these institutions include 20 pulse oximeters each. Ettumanoor Municipality and Athirampuzha Grama Panchayath received one oxygen concentrator also.



To strengthen the Hospital system and support the COVID 19 treatment KSSS distributed medical equipments. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt Metropolitan Archbishop inaugurated the distribution of medical equipment kits containing Surgical Gowns, Digital BP Apparatuses, NRB Masks, PPE Kits made available to LLM Hospital, Kidangoor and MUM Hospital, Uzhavoor. The event was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.

200 Pulse oximeters were distributed in the Edackat, Kaipuzha, Malankara, Chunkom, Uzhavoor, Kidangoor and Kaduthuruthy Foranes of the Kottayam Archdiocese. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt Metropolitan Archbishop inaugurated the event.

Online Tele-Counselling Services
Kottayam Social Service Society provided Online tele-counseling services to COVID patients, family members and differently-abled persons under the circumstances of the COVID pandemic. The counseling services were available to those suffering from mental stress in the context of COVID.



Hygiene kits containing sanitizers and masks were distributed to 1000 families in collaboration with Reliance Foundation. Shri. Roshy Augustine, Minister for Water Resources, Kerala inaugurated the event.



756 Steam Inhalers, 20 pulse oximeters and 66 PPE kits were distributed in the villages of Kaduthuruthy, Pazhuthuruth, Arunootimangalam, Karipadam, Kothanallor, Kuruppanthara, Njeezhoor, Poozhikol, Thottara, Piravom, Mankidappally, Ramamangalam, Vellore, Uzhavoor, Amanakara, Areekara, Chettukulam, Edakoli, Monipally, Pious Mount, Puthuvely, Veliyanoor, Kidangoor, Cherpunkal, Cherukara, Kattachira, Koodalloor, Etumanoor, Neerikkad, Punnathara, Maridom and Mattakkara. Covid prevention kits containing steam inhalers and PPE kits were distributed in the Chunkom region in the villages of Chunkom, Karimkunnam, Muttom, Mrala, Marika, Vadakkumury, Manakkad, Parampanchery and Varapetty.



KSSS spearheaded majority of the COVID Prevention Activities of the Archdiocese of Kottayam by collaborating with various agencies to supply oxygen concentrators, Pulse oximeters, Steam Inhalers, Personal Protective Equipment kits for Health Care Workers and Volunteers, , masks, sanitizers hand wash etc. Poor families and families with differently-abled members were specially provided food kits. Very Rev. Fr. Michael Vettickat, Vicar General, Kottayam inaugurated the distribution of steam inhalers, pulse oximeters and oxygen concentrators for the villages of Kaipuzha, Neendoor, Kallara Old, Kallara New, Kurumulloor, Kaduthuruthy, Peroor, Edackat, East Nattassery, Olessa, Kumarakom, SH Mount, Kidangoor and Uzhavoor.

COVID vaccine registration help desks were set up by KSSS to help those who were computer or mobile illiterate and could not register by themselves for COVID vaccination.



Ayurvedic kits containing medicines like Indukanthamkashayam, Vilwadi tablets and Aparajitha Dhoopachooram for Covid prevention were distributed in partnership with Caritas Ayurveda Hospital.



KSSS distributed COVID prevention kits containing Pulse oximeters, Steam Inhalers, Personal Protective Equipment Kits and Ayurvedic Homeopathic Medicines in the villages of Chingavanam, Eraviperoor, Ranni, Vakathanam, Pachira, Veliyanadu, Kallissery, Kuttoor, Thiruvamvandur, Thurutthikada, Tengeli, Katoddu, Othara under the Malankara region of the Kottayam Archdiocese. Many of these villages were also flood-affected. Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Malankara Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam inaugurated the event.



Under Navajeevan DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) project being implemented by KSSS in tie-up with Caritas India – the social service wing of CBCI (Catholic Bishops' Conference of India), 225 Migrant guest workers in Kottayam district were given COVID prevention kits containing masks, Sanitizers, bath soaps, washing soaps and detergents. The event was inaugurated by Shri. V. N. Vasan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration, Kerala.

Farmers under KSSS SHGs in the Arunootimangalam village of Kaduthuruthy region distributed food kits, masks, hand wash and daily living utilities such as soaps among needy people in their locality. Adv. Mons Joseph MLA inaugurated the distribution

KSSS also distributed homeopathic medicines for COVID prevention like Arsenicum album for 2400 families in the villages of Caritas, Malloosserry, Kanankara, Chengalam, Charamangalam, East Nattassery, Kumarakom, Olessa, Samkranthy, Peroor, SHMount, Edackat, Palathuruth, Chamakala, Eravimangalam, Mannanam, Makudalayam, Memury, Kaipuzha, Neendoor, Kallara Old, Kallara New, Kurumulloor and Vechoor. Steam inhalers and PPE kits were also distributed to help with COVID prevention.





KARUTHAL project was conceptualized by KSSS in collaboration with Give2Asia to ensure safety of people from COVID. The project was inaugurated by Shri. Roshy Augustine, Minister for Water Resources, Kerala, amidst an august function held at Chaithanya, Thellakom. As part of the project, Digital B. P. Apparatus, Surgical Gown, N95 masks, 500 pulseoximeters and 5 oxygen concentrators were given to hospitals. 1000 families were given Steam inhalers, 500 PPE kits were given away, 1750 families were given food kits. COVID Awareness Programmes were organized and Help Desks were formed.



KSSS distributed COVID prevention drugs of Ayurvedic and homeopathic systems of medicine in the villages of Kaduthuruthy, Piravom, Uzhavoor and Chunkomregions of the Archdiocese of Kottayam



In the context of the stringent COVID lockdown measures, KSSS made arrangements for home-delivery of Essential medicines for differently-abled people who were especially affected. The activity was done in collaboration with Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) and Nandikunnel Medicals, Ettumanoor under the leadership of volunteers in the COVID task force of KSSS.



KSSS distributed PPE kits and sanitizers for its volunteers and COVID Task force members with the financial support from Church in Need in Germany ACN. The recipients were members of KCYL (Knanaya Catholic Youth League) – a pious organization of the Kottayam Archdiocese for youth – who volunteered in the COVID task force of KSSS for assisting in the burial services of COVID affected victims. The event was inaugurated by Shri. V. N. Vasan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration, Kerala at Chaithanya, Thellakom.

As part of COVID mitigation activities, KSSS in collaboration with Sense International India distributed food kits among 200 families of persons with deafblindness living in the Kottayam and Alappuzha districts. The event was inaugurated by Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan MP at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The kits contained Rice, sugar, wheat flour, semolina, chickpeas, green gram, mustard, chilli powder, coriander powder, cooking oil and tea powder.





Ultraviolet disinfection technology was installed at Mutholath Auditorium, Cherpunkal to reinforce COVID prevention measures. Shri. V. N. Vasan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration, Kerala inaugurated the event. The new technology which was developed by TICEON-HSE, Chingavanam, Kottayam district was endorsed by the Council of Scientific, and Industrial Research Disinfection and

the Minister handed over the Certificate to Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam in the event. Pureosoul UVC Air Disinfection System which was successfully installed in Mutholath Auditorium was expected to prevent the spread of the COVID virus, bacteria, fungi etc.



5 Pulse oximeters each were distributed in 14 Primary Health Centres of Kottayam district as part of COVID mitigation interventions of KSSS. Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA inaugurated the event organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom.



COVID prevention kits were provided to the volunteers under SUDHIR project being implemented by KSSS in partnership with Kerala Social Service Forum. The project aimed at creating awareness about COVID symptoms, prevention and mitigation measures using virtual media such as whatsapp and phone services. Masks, gloves, faceshields and hand wash were included in the kits.

64 COVID affected needy families in the Archdiocese of Kottayam were given treatment assistance under Samashvasam scheme of KSSS. Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Malankara Auxiliary Bishop inaugurated the distribution programme.



Disaster Rehabilitation



Distribution of Emergency Kits under Navajeevan Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Project



Kits containing Life jacket, Torch, First-aid Kit, Rope, Belt, Gloves, Emergency Bag, DRR Standard operating procedures etc. were distributed among the Village DRR Task Force members in order to equip them for emergency intervention in the event of a flood. The activity was part of the DRR Project being implemented by KSSS with the financial support of Caritas India. The function was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom and inaugurated by Shri. Roshy Augustine, Minister for Water Resources, Kerala. In his inaugural speech, he acknowledged that effective execution of disaster risk reduction activities wonderfully served to extend humanitarian concerns, especially to those in distress. Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Archbishop of Kottayam presided over the function which was attended by various dignitaries including Smt. Nirmala Jimmy, District Panchayat President, Kottayam, KSSS Ex. Director, Fr. Sunil Perumanoor,

Distribution of Food kits to 600 Flood-affected families

KSSS delivered food kits to 600 flood-affected families from Kumarakam, Aymanam, Arpookara and Athirampuzha Grama panchayaths in tie-up with Oxfam India. The inaugural function was organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom and was inaugurated by Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA. These kits worth Rs. 3000/- consisted of Rice, potato, onion, coconut oil, sugar, salt, tea powder, turmeric powder, chili powder, sunflower oil, semolina, coriander powder, puttu powder, masks, hand wash, bathing soap, laundry soap and sanitary pads. Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Malankara Kottayam Archdiocese presided over the function. Smt. Nirmala Jimmy, Kottayam District Panchayath President, Mr. Basab Sarkar, Humanitarian Program Coordinator, Oxfam India,



Relief Support to Flood and Landslide Affected Inhabitants of Kootickal Panchayath

The Kottayam Archdiocese steered a round of relief support to the flood and landslide stricken people of Kootickal in Kottayam district through KSSS. Food kits, COVID preventive kits and cleaning kits



were distributed to the disaster affected population who took refuge in the local relief camps.

Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam led the KSSS Disaster Assessment team including Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Director, KSSS and KSSS personnel to visit the disaster stricken areas of Kootickal, Yendayar, Elangadu, Kavali and Plappally and the local relief camps.

Relief Food Kits to flood victims in collaboration with Emmanuel Hospital Association

KSSS provided relief foodkits to 500 flood affected families of Kottayam district with the financial support of Emmanuel



Hospital Association, New Delhi. The inauguration was done by Adv. Mons Joseph MLA, amidst an august function organized at Chaithanya, Thellakom presided over by Malankara Auxiliary Bishop Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Kottayam Archdiocese. The kits worth Rs. 1000 each consisted of Rice, sugar, wheat flour, chickpeas, green gram, semolina, tea powder, mustard, cooking oil, chilli powder and coriander powder.

Relief kits to 1200 flood and landslide affected families with support of Reliance Foundation



Kottayam Social Service Society partnered with Reliance Foundation to provide assistance to 1200 flood and landslide affected families hailing from Kottayam and Idukki. The distribution of essential kits worth Rs. 2000 each was done in Kokkayar and Peruvanthanam panchayaths of Idukki district and Manimala, Mundakayam, Kanjirapally, Kootickal, Parathode and Chirakadav panchayaths of Kottayam district. Each kit contained mat, bed sheet, nightie, lungi, towel, floor cleaning lotion, mop, bathing soap and laundry soap. The Grama Panchayath Presidents inaugurated the distribution of kits in their respective Panchayaths. The kits were distributed with the cooperation and participation of Grama Panchayath members and volunteers.



Food kits to 500 flood affected families in Kottayam district with support of CBM India Trust

Adv. Mons Joseph MLA inaugurated the distribution of food kits for 500 flood-affected families of Kottayam district at Chaithanya, Thellakom. The kits worth Rs. 1000 each consisted of rice, sugar, wheat flour, chickpeas, green gram, semolina, tea powder, mustard and cooking oil and the project was financially supported by CBM India Trust. Malankara Auxiliary Bishop Geevarghese Mar Aprem presided over the function.



Chaithanya Meadows Housing Project – Laying of Foundation stones for nine new houses



KSSS, in yet another flood rehabilitation initiative of the Kottayam Archdiocese spearheaded the Chaithanya Meadows Housing Project. The foundation stone laying ceremony for 9 new houses was carried out at Karimkunnam in Idukki district where the Housing project is envisaged. Under the second phase of this project, 9 deserving families will be identified and given 5 cents of land each along with Rs. 3 lakhs for construction of houses. Each family will also be getting 3 cents of land for farming subject to terms and conditions. The project is being implemented in 2 acres and 35 cents of land donated by a priest of the Archdiocese of Kottayam name-

ly, Fr. Jacob Kalapurayil. The project is being with the support of the Knanaya Catholic Region of America. The Foundation stones were laid by Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Archdiocese. Rev. Fr. Michael Vettickat, Vicar General, Dr. John Chennakuzhi, Chancellor, Fr. Alex Olikkara, Vicar, St. Augustine's Church, Karimkunnam, Fr. Mathews Valiyaputhenpurayil, Fr. Saiju Mekara and Mr. Biji Pachikara were present at the event. The beneficiary families have been identified from Muttom, Mrala, Karimkunnam, SH Mount, Chunkom, Kozhikode and Manakkad villages.

Blessing and Handing over of Keys of 5 Houses built Chaithanya Meadows Housing Project

The Blessing of the new Houses and Handing over of Keys was done by Mar Joseph Pandarasseril Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Archdiocese. Amidst the meeting organized as part of the ceremony he said that Housing is one of the basic human needs and through this act of kindness love and care for fellow human beings was manifested in a profound way.





International Women's Day Celebration

'Gender Equality Today For a Sustainable Tomorrow'

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th every year with the aim to uphold women's achievements, recognize challenges and focus on the rights of women to celebrate acts of courage and determination by all those women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of any nation. KSSS made the day a memorable one by organizing different programs. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Reshmi Mohan, Jr. Superintendent, Ayarkunnam Panchayath, who received the National Award as the best differently abled employee of Central Social Justice Department from the President of India. Sr. Marini A.C, Director Fathima Giri



Social Service Society, Nilamboor, led the women empowerment seminar held as part of celebration. In addition Women's Arms Wrestling and Fancy Dress competitions were conducted.

Helen Keller Day Observation

Helen Keller Day commemoration was organized on 26 June under the leadership of Kottayam Social Service Society – the State Learning Centre for Deafblindness in collaboration with Sense International India and Azim Premji Foundation. The event was held to remember Helen Keller, an exemplary figure who defeated deafness and blindness and became a model for persons having deafblindness all over the world. The ceremony was inaugurated by Shri T.N.Vasavan, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation & Registration. In his inaugural address the Minister remarked that there will be many crisis in our lives but we should go ahead as Helen Keller. He added Helen Keller's life should be a model for all of us. The meeting was presided over by Bishop Mar

Mathew Moolakattu Metropolitan Archbishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam in presence of Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P, Very Rev. Fr. Michael Vettickatt, Vicar General, Kottayam Archdiocese & Rev. Fr. Sunil Perumanur, Executive Director K.S.S.S.

During the event, a comprehensive and uplifting program was organized for individuals with disabilities, including the distribution of medical equipment and essential medicines, education kits. Different competitions were organized for the deafblind persons and their parents.

The Best Trainer Award for Parents' was bagged by Mrs. Latha Philip and the prizes for the online competitions held for the deafblind persons were given to the winners in the meeting.



World Water Day Observation

“Water is the driving force of nature”



Water is one of the basic necessities for every living being and we can't even imagine a life without water. We cannot even dream of life without access to safe drinking water. Scarcity of drinking water is the one of the recent threat the state is undergoing. Its high time we need to work on conservation of fresh water otherwise the upcoming generation will be

short of fresh water and health will be adversely affected. To mark the importance of freshwater on March 22nd KSSS observed the Water Day with the stakeholders to create awareness about conservation and management of water resources. The event was inaugurated by Adv. Mons Joseph MLA in the presence of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop,

Kottayam Archdiocese, District Panchayath President Ms. Nirmala Jimmy and other dignitaries. Mr. Rejimon T Chacko led a session on the topic 'Importance of Water Conservation for the future Generations'. Raise awareness about the importance of fresh water and promote the sustainable management of fresh water resources.

Coconut Day Celebration

Kottayam Social Service Society has celebrated Coconut Day. Since years KSSS is giving skill training in coconut climbing and it contributed many youngsters to become self employed. Coconut Day was inaugurated by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam Archdiocese, in the presence of, District Panchayath President Mrs. Nirmala Jimmy, Kottayam Regional Transport officer Mr. Tojo M Thomas, Kottayam Principal Agricultural officer Director Ms. Beena George etc. As part of the celebrations Coconut Olympics competition was conducted. On this day coconut saplings were distributed to the participants.



Chaithanya Agri Expo and SHG Fest 2021

The 22nd Chaithanya Agri Expo and annual grand fest of the Self Help Group members of KSSS was conducted in a spendid way from December 28 to December 31st, 2021.



Chaithanya Agricultural Fest and Annual SHG Fest is one of the best conducted Agricultural Fests in the central part of Kerala with the collaboration of various government departments. Over the years the Annual SHG Get-



Together has expanded to the status of being considered among the largest Annual SHG Get-Together in Kerala state. People from various parts of the state come to participate in the Chaithanya Karshikamela. This year the Agri fest was conducted as Chaithanya Agri Expo and SHG Fest 2021. Diverse and novel programs have been included in this 22nd Annual SHG fest and it was a forum for get together.

The major attraction of the Fest were Awareness Seminars, Crop Exhibition, Government Department Exhibition Stalls, Agriculture Competitions, Attractive Cultural Events, Exhibition -cum-sales stalls, Traditional Food stall, Amusement Park, Exhibition and Sale of Exotic varieties of plants, animals, birds, fishes, etc, Best Crop Exhibit Competition, Exhibition and Sale of Seeds and Saplings of Fruits and Flower, Exhibition of Ancient Exhibits, Medical Exhibition and Camps, Pet Show, Organic Crop Exhibition, , Quiz Competition, Featuring Asia's Biggest Buffalo Kings, Public Meetings, , SHG Members Cultural Programs, Mega Shows by Cine Artist, Magic Show, Award & Appreciation Function, Coin Collection exhibitions with currency coins from all over the world, Exhibition and Sale, Aquarium and exhibition of variety of fishes which was amazement for the public.



Inauguration of Social Development Programmes of KSSS and presence of prominent personalities in the socio-political religious realms among others enriched the four days of the fest. The Fest is a forum for promoting social harmony and sustainable development irrespective of caste, creed, religion, or economic status.



The 22nd Chaithanya Agri Expo and

Annual SHG Fest from 27th December to 31st December 2021 and each day of the Fest was based on specific themes so as to disseminate specific messages to the public.

Sarga Sangamam Day

The first day of the Fest was observed the Disability Day as ‘Sarga Sangamam Day’. This day was for the persons with disabilities and their families. The day’s celebrations started with flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Sunil Perumanoor, Executive Secretary, KSSS. The differently-abled people from different villages of KSSS along with families participated in the program. The day was designed with cultural programs and stage show by the differently abled children and adults. Various agricultural competitions, drawing competitions were conducted and best SHG award was given. This was a platform for the persons with disabilities and their families to exhibit their talents, skills and abilities. The day’s stage cultural programmes were also showcased by SHG of Edackattu region. The Chaithaya Agri Expo and Fest was inaugurated by Hon Minister for Cooperation and Registration Mr.V.N. Vasavan in the presence of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam Archdiocese, Hon Minister for Water Resources Mr. Roshy Augustine, Govt Chief whip Dr.N. Jayaraj, Shri Thomas Chazhikadan M.P, Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA, Adv. Mons Joseph MLA, Adv Sebastian Kulathungal MLA, Adv Job Michael MLA and Kottayam Distict Panchayath President Mrs. Nirmala Jimmy. The day’s stage cultural programmes were showcased by CBR and Edackattu region



Naipuniya Day

(Self Help Group Skill Development Day)

The second day of Karshikamela which was observed as SHG Skills Development Day was inaugurated by Hon Minister for Forests Shri A.K Sasidran in the presence of Dr. Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor, M.G University. The entrepreneurial loan mela was inaugurated by Mr. Mani C Kappan MLA, in which Miss Face of India, Anju Krishna Ashok was



the chief guest. KSSS in collaboration with Mutholath Foundations gave away the award for the Best SHG Federation Member. A seminar was held and was led by Dr. Rosamma Soni, Kottayam District Panchayat Member on 'New strategies of strengthening of SHGs'. On the second day of the fest various agricultural, and stage competitions were held. The cultural programmes in the morning and afternoon were showcased by the SHG members of Kaipuzha and Chunkom. The day's programme was closed with Magic show and Musical Comedy show.



Food Security Day

The third day of the fest was observed as Food Security Day and was inaugurated by Shri Jose K Mani M.P in the presence of Geevarghese Mar Aprem, Auxiliary Bishop, Kottayam Arch Dioceses, Shri P.J Joseph MLA, Shri Mathew T. Thomas MLA and Cine artist Ms Megha Mathew. The cultural programmes of the stage were jointly conducted by Kaduthuruthy and Uzhavoor regions. Other than the agricultural and stage competitions, Mutholath Foundation Award for the Best SHG was presented. Magic show and Musical Comedy show was conducted.



Karshaka Sangamam (Farmers Get together Day)

The last day was observed as Farmer's Gettogether Day. The cultural stage shows was collaborately conducted by the SHG members of Kidgangoor and Malankara Regions. The day started with cultural stage programmes of SHG from Kidangoor region and was followed by Seminar on 'The Need of Organic Farming Practices to Ensure Food Security' by Dr. Bindu V.S, Asst. Professor, K.V.K. Valedictory function of the Chaithanya Agri Expo and SHG Fest held on 31st December was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Transport Mr. Antony Raju, in the presence of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop, Kottayam Archdiocese, Mr. Anto Antony M.P, Dean Kuriakose M.P, Mons Joseph MLA and Smt. P.K Jayashree IAS. The other special programmes were Cinematic dance competitions and Mega show by Cine Artist. The closure of the day witnessed the lucky dip for the winners of the Karshikamela Coupon. People from various partBys of the state come to participate in the Fest. Thus 22nd Chaithanya Agri Expo and SHG Fest this year also proved it was a people's movement - organized, driven and celebrated by the people.



Exhibition of India's largest Bull – 'Commando'

The special attraction of this year's Fest was exhibition of 'Commando', the largest bull of India with 2000 Kg weight. Public from various districts of Kerala gathered at Chaithanya to have a glance of Commando. This giant big bull was brought from Paravoor .



Kottayam Social Service Society

Balance Sheet

Opening Balance as on 01.04.2021	Liabilities	Additions /Deductions	Closing balance as on 31.03.2022
31536612	Capital Account		
	Less excess of expenditure over income	-8114818.79	23,421,793.21
113841819	Corpus donation received		113,841,819.00
50000	Staff welfare fund		50,000.00
17675180	Jeevakaruniya nidhi Funded	-933000	16,742,180.00
225000	Karshaka Award fund	-25000	200,000.00
	Current Liabilities		
6807957	Project Money Pending Utilization(FC)	-218654.19	6,589,302.81
3587768	Loans, Advances, Expenses payables		3,587,768.00
	Loan from KSBCDC for Micro Credit to Backward and Minority	7162251	10,864,027.00
177,426,112.00	Total		175,296,890.02
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2021	ASSETS	Additions/ Deductions	Closeing balance as on 31.03.2022
108244775	Fixed Assets	-5000	108239775
	Current Assets		
77800	Deposits for services		77800
8711176	Loans & Advances Given	-697900	8013276
3731000	Micro Credit Loans to SHGS	5171450	8902450
725750	Income tax TDS refundable	158746	
	Less-Refund Received	-347480	537016
467960	Advance -Granny Grandad Scheme		467960
118000	Income Tax Appeal deposit		118000
2251667	Houseing Scheme -Excess of Expenditure		2251667
1738907	Advance to Agape Center Cherpunkal	-178256	
	Less Excess Of Expenditure	-221231.07	1339419.93
13771026	Advance to SRC -Cherpunkal	-900000	
	Less -Excess of Expenditure	-111499.64	12759526.36
392125	Advance -Suppliers & Individuals		116492
	Cash & Bank Balance		
25735248	Fixed Deposit		26949207
11382917	Bank A/c		5441862.73
77761	Cash		82438
177,426,112.00	Total		175,296,890.02

Kottayam Social Service Society

Income & Expenditure Statement

Project Donations & Exp		
Covid-19 Relief Projects		
Relief Activities -Give to Asia	3671500	3671500
Relief Activities -General	100000	962000
Kit Distribution and livelihood Aid	485000	421960
Relief Activities -Diocese of Fruburg	418831	418831
Sustainable Livelihood-Lacim	338760	171500
Oxygen Concentrator Distribution,PPE Kit,Pulse oximeter & Steam Inhaler	330000	827942
Medicine and Mobile phone distribution-Poor students	300724	365545
Relief Activities -Care and Share	284298	284298.8
Relief Activities -IGP aid Poultry	229008	227496
Relief Activities -Yum Reasturant	200000	200000
Food kit distribution-sense international	155880	144700
Relief Activities -CBM India	99200	99560
Housing aid project	6890983	4847925
Deaf blind project(Sense International)	1828736	1892662
Holistic development of DB Children(Kindermission)	1512013	300000
Income Generation Programme-Workshop running	1313225	1387064
Donation for Charitable Activities	1066728.25	
Yuvakerala project Grant & Expenses	60000	616698
CBR Programme for children and youngsters	48059	30212
Other Social & Rural Development Programmes	4016222.38	5473156
Administrative Income & Expense	2236181	4262320.1
DDUGKY Project expense		1029791
DDUGKY Project Grant Refund to Govt		5950930
Samaritan Resorce Center Income &Expense	1799841	1911340.64
Agape Bhaven Income &Expense	619549.5	631440.57
Opening Stock as on 01.04.2021		998310
Closing Stock as on 31.03.2022	788970	
FC Project money to be utilized transfer from balance sheet	218654.19	
Excess of Expenditure over Income	8114818.79	

Research & Documentation

The collage features the following posters and banners:

- Top Left:** KSSS logo and text: "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) സമ്പന്ന പ്രവർത്തകർക്കായുള്ള ന്യൂട്ട്രീഷ്യൻ കിറ്റുകളുടെ വിതരണോദ്ഘാടനം".
- Top Middle:** "കോട്ടയം - 100" logo with "കഴ്ത്തായ മലങ്കര പൂർവ്വദിരക്ത്യ ശതാബ്ദി" text.
- Top Right:** "RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION COVID-19 Supported by: Give India". Logos for Give India and Sense International India.
- Second Row Left:** "Give2Asia COVID 19 SECOND WAVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2021 FOOD KIT DISTRIBUTION IMPLEMENTED BY: KOTTAYAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KSSS)".
- Second Row Middle:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) മൊബൈൽ ഫോൺ ചലഞ്ച് പദ്ധതി സഹകരണം : ലാസിം (ഫ്രാൻസ്)".
- Second Row Right:** "ASHAKIRANAM ICALL" with a woman on a phone and text: "മാർഗ്ഗരേഖയ്ക്ക് ഒരു കൗൺസിലിംഗ്".
- Third Row Left:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) ആരോഗ്യദിനാചരണം 2021 ഏപ്രിൽ 7 ബുധൻ, രാവനന്യ".
- Third Row Middle:** "ASHAKIRANAM Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) Ashakiranam Cancer Care Campaign FEBRUARY 4th WORLD CANCER DAY #CloseTheCareGap".
- Third Row Right:** "Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) Remembrance" with a portrait of "MGR. AUGUSTINE KANDATHIL".
- Fourth Row Left:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) കർമ്മനായ രേഖകൾ പുനര്രക്ഷയ്ക്ക് ശതാബ്ദി ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ വരുമാന സംരംഭകത്വ വികസന പദ്ധതി 100 കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്കായുള്ള കോഴി വളർത്തൽ യൂണിറ്റുകളുടെ വിതരണോദ്ഘാടനം".
- Fourth Row Middle:** "Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) MISSION COVID 19 DRY RATION KIT DISTRIBUTION SUPPORTED BY: PIZZA HUT".
- Fourth Row Right:** "Kannaly Catholic Association of New Zealand COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR DISTRIBUTION".
- Fifth Row Left:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) കർമ്മനായ രേഖകൾ പുനര്രക്ഷയ്ക്ക് ശതാബ്ദി ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ തൊഴിൽ നൈപുണ്യ വികസന പദ്ധതി 25 വനിതകൾക്കായുള്ള തയ്യൽ മെഷീൻ യൂണിറ്റുകളുടെ വിതരണോദ്ഘാടനം".
- Fifth Row Middle:** "ASHAKIRANAM Kottayam Social Service Society (KSSS) WORLD CANCER DAY FEBRUARY 4th #CloseTheCareGap Chaitanya - Thellakom Kottayam".
- Fifth Row Right:** "Inclusive Flood Response in Kerala State 2021 Flood Relief DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD KIT".
- Sixth Row Left:** "Aid to the Church in Need ACN INTERNATIONAL Mission Covid 19 CORONA EMERGENCY HELP DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS & SANITIZER".
- Sixth Row Middle:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) കോടമ്പ് പ്രതിരോധത്തിന് ആയുർവ്വേദ - ഹോമിയോ പ്രതിരോധ മരുന്നുകളുമായി KSSS".
- Sixth Row Right:** "CHAITHANYA Catholic Health Association of India EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES 10th SEPTEMBER 2021 CHAITHANYA, THELLAKOM".
- Seventh Row Left:** "PUREOSOUL UVC AIR Disinfection SYSTEM" with an image of the machine.
- Seventh Row Middle:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) കോടമ്പ് പ്രതിരോധത്തിന് ഹോമിയോ - ആയുർവ്വേദ മരുന്നുകളുമായി സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റിയിൽ പ്രവർത്തന മാർഗ്ഗരേഖ പ്രകാശനം".
- Seventh Row Right:** "KOTTAYAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KSSS) LIVE" with a woman's profile and text: "ഹെൽത്ത് കെല്ലർ ദിനാചരണം ജൂൺ 27".
- Eighth Row Left:** "കോട്ടയം സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റി (KSSS) കോടമ്പ് പ്രതിരോധത്തിന് ഹോമിയോ - ആയുർവ്വേദ മരുന്നുകളുമായി സോഷ്യൽ സർവീസ് സൊസൈറ്റിയിൽ പ്രവർത്തന മാർഗ്ഗരേഖ പ്രകാശനം".
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In conclusion, thanking all once again and requesting prayers and cooperation for all KSSS endeavours as we steadfastly strive towards achieving a just and peaceful society. With profound appreciation and unwavering hope, we look forward to the journey ahead.

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