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## ***Preface***

*Since the launch of the People's Plan Campaign in Kerala in 1996, the local governments have been in the forefront in various development and governance interventions. They were able to identify a plethora of issues and concerns which needed to be addressed. This was especially true in the case of many marginalized groups and themes which were never addressed seriously. Local development planning initiated through the People's Plan Campaign helped the local governments to address these issues through systematic planning and implementation process. Recently with the strategy framework for Sustainable Development Goals, outcome-based planning has become the centre of approaches. KILA have been in the forefront in understanding the need and potential for localising SDGs. It developed Local Indicator Framework and an SDG Dashboard which are being used as training, planning and monitoring tools.*

*Strengthening local governments to manage the delivery of health, economic and social protection services is very important for outcome-based planning. It is important to align the funds, functions, and functionaries at the global, national, state, and local level to meet the agreed developmental goals of the community alongside the global development agenda viz; the sustainable development goals. The functionaries and related actors should be prepared to align their activities to this level.*

*For nurturing the local governments in Kerala in realizing the rights of children and to overcome gender disparities, UNICEF and KILA jointly started a one-year project viz; "Child*

*Rights Realization and Gender Equality” by selecting 21 local governments in Kerala including Corporations, Municipalities, and Gram panchayats. We have successfully completed the first stage of the initiative. It was time for us to review what has been achieved so far and then see how the local governments could move forward. It is also important to get the views of experts and practitioners across the country so that we have better understanding and get inputs for future interventions. It is in this context that KILA with the support of UNICEF organized a one-day National Workshop on “Child Rights Realization and Gender Equality” in Kochi, Kerala on 18th January 2023.*

*The presentations made by the local governments have been extremely useful and they showed us the capacities and potentials of local governments. The various initiatives they have undertaken on these thematic areas show us how the local governments could address child and gender concerns. The workshop also benefited from the participants from other states who presented the various activities being ongoing in their states. Local governments seem to have benefitted a lot from the deliberations of the workshop. I wish them all success in the next phase of the project. I would like to congratulate and thank them for their actions as part of the project.*

*UNICEF has been our source of strength and motivation. Its Tamil Nadu and Kerala office in Chennai has been supporting us for this initiative. Thanks to the UNICEF team led by Dr. K.L Rao for their support. Needless to say, my colleagues in KILA – the academic staff, administrative staff, resource persons, mentors and coordinators -have been the force behind the conceptualisation, strategization and implementation of this project and conference. Congratulations and thanks to them.*

***Dr. Joy Elamon***  
***Director General, KILA***

## **1. About the Workshop and Organizers**

### **a. About the workshop**

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actors should be prepared to align their activities to this level by way of training and mentoring support.

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## **b. About the Organizers**

### **KILA**

Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) is an autonomous institution functioning for the Local governments in Kerala. It was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955. The Central university of Kerala has recognised it as a Research centre attached to the Department of International Relations w.e.f 14 July 2014. Ever since its inception in 1990, KILA has been engaged in myriad of capacity building interventions on local governance and decentralization; including training, action-research, publications, seminars and workshops, consultancy, documentation, handholding and information services.

### **Objectives**

KILA has the mandate of facilitating and accelerating the socio-economic development of the State through strengthening the Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs). As a Government of Kerala supported nodal agency for training, research and consultancy, KILA is committed to the following objectives:

- Undertake various training programmes for the Elected Representatives and Officials of Rural and Urban Local Governments of Kerala,
- Facilitate and strengthen decentralized planning process,
- Undertake action-oriented research activities,
- Document best practices on local governance for dissemination,
- Organize seminars, workshops and discussions, and
- Formulate policy documents.

### **Area of Expertise**

KILA has established its expertise in the following core areas:

- Participatory Planning
- Local Governance and Development
- Urban Governance and Development
- KILA center for SDGs and Local Governance
- Local Economic Development and Livelihood Promotion
- Participatory Poverty Management
- Child Rights Governance
- Gender and Development
- Inclusive Governance and Development
- Natural Resource Management and Watershed Development
- Financial Management
- Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Development
- Good Governance and Social Accountability
- Human Development
- Training Skills Development
- Total Quality Management

### **About UNICEF**

UNICEF works in the world's toughest places to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents – and to protect the rights of every child, everywhere. Across more than 190 countries and territories, we do whatever it takes to help children survive, thrive and fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.

The world's largest provider of vaccines, we support child health and nutrition, safe water and sanitation, quality education and skill building, HIV prevention and treatment for mothers and babies, and the protection of children and adolescents from violence and exploitation.

Before, during and after humanitarian emergencies, UNICEF is on the ground, bringing life saving help and hope to children and families. Non-political and impartial, we are never neutral when it comes to defending children's rights and safeguarding their lives and futures.



### Programme schedule

9.30 – 10.00 am	Registration	
10.00 – 10.30 am	Welcome and Introduction	
10.30 – 11.00 am	Context Setting – What we did <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child</li><li>• Gender</li><li>• Urban Perspectives</li></ul>	Dr. Peter M Raj Associate Professor, KILA Dr. KPN Amrutha Associate Professor, KILA Mrs. Sukanya K U Research Associate, KILA

11.0 – 11.15 am	Tea Break	
11.15 – 1.15 pm	Presentations	
1.15 – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break	
2.00 – 2.30 pm	Questions and Comments	
2.30 – 3.00 pm	Response from UNICEF	Dr. K L Rao  Chief Social Policy  UNICEF, Tamil Nadu
3.00 – 3.15 pm	Presentation from Tamilnadu	Dr. Sujatha  UNICEF Consultant  TamilNadu
3.15 – 4.00 pm	Reflections from the state	
4.00 – 4.15 pm	Tea Break	
4.15 – 5.00 pm	Reflections from the state	
5.00 – 5.10 pm	Vote of Thanks	Dr. K P N Amrutha  Research Associate, KILA

## Sessions

## **Inaugural Session:**

One day National workshop on child rights realization and Gender Equality held with the participation of 6 states Tamil Nadu, Mizoram, Goa, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh Telugana and 22 local bodies including both Urban and Rural Development representing Kerala. Director General KILA Dr Joy elamon delivered the introduction and welcome speech. Dr Rao, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF shared his views at the inaugural session on Localization of SDG depends on Local bodies, why it is important and how can it attain through local bodies.



## **Inaugural Session remarks by the Team**

## **Sessions on Child**

To be Child Friendly Broad Themes for GPs for child status has been presented by Dr. Peter M Raj, Associate Professor of KILA. He discussed about the broad themes such as

- 7 themes and 121 GP specific indicators
- Nutritional security
- Child health and Development
- Quality Education
- Girl children
- Drinking water and sanitation security
- Child development, social inclusion and protection
- Child participation

And pointed out Capacitating GPs for Child Rights Realisation through Trainer development Programmes and Trainers were identified on District level (30 trainers) and Organised One day ToT of child friendly GPs.



**Presenting by: Dr. Peter M Raj, Associate Professor, KILA**

## **Sessions on Gender**

Dr. K P N Amrutha Research Associate, KILA has presented on the Topic Gender Responsive Local Governance in Kerala. The Local Self Governments in KERALA integrate gender perspective into their policies, planning, implementation and evaluation in all areas with a view to achieve gender equality and justice by Ensuring participation of women, Creating an enabling environment, Strengthening all the structural mechanisms of Decentralised governance, Raising up the socio-economic status of women through WCP, Converging all the activities in this sector.

Provide Academic and Handholding support specifically for ..

- Gender Responsive Planning
- Gender Auditing
- Gender Responsive Budgeting
- Strengthening the institutions related to Gender
- Converging the activities of Gender
- Gender Friendly Sustainable Local Governance



**Presenting by : Dr. K P N Amrutha, Research Associate , KILA**

## Sessions on Urban

Ms. Sukanya K. U Research Associate, KILA has presented about the Urban scenario. Capacity of Kerala LSGs in delivering services is much appreciated. The effective dynamics of 3 Fs viz Fund and Functions and Functionaries enable the Local Governments to take up appropriate development interventions. Capacity building initiatives on various aspects of local development had been a crucial part to this. Making SDGs work for children is very much important for ensuring child specific outcomes. The people's planning process is an opportunity to synchronize the plans of the local governments with SDG targets and outcomes. For this the Local Governments need to understand the importance of SDGs for children and how to make SDGs work for children.

Most of the initiatives so far are rural focussed, While considering urban initiatives, the focus has been on SDG 11- Sustainable Cities, However, all other goals are also applicable to urban, Child and gender are inseparable from Urban SDGs, This is how the Urban component of our initiative emerged and it Considers both child and gender. No previous LSDG framework and initiatives in urban areas. Rural already has such frameworks and experiences. Urban has to cover all other related sectors, themes and goals. So, LSDGs have to be integrated with development plan and Convergence.



**Presenting by: Mrs. Sukanya K U , Research Associate, KILA**

## **PRESENTERS**

1. Ramapuram GP
2. Ambaloor GP
3. Agali GP
4. Thanallur GP
5. Valappattanam GP
6. Edavaka GP
7. Madakkathara GP
8. Olavanna GP
9. Kolazhy GP
10. Vazhoor GP
11. Pallippuram GP
12. Eriyad GP
13. Kodoor GP
14. Vaniyamkulam GP
15. Sreekrishnapuram GP
16. Wadakkanchery Municipality
17. Ettumanoor Municipality
18. Thrissur Municipal-Corporation

## **PRESENTATION OF RAMAPURAM GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



**Presented by: Ramapuram Gram panchayat**

Ramapuram Gram Panchayat in Kottayam district has presented a video about child friendly initiations taken in the panchayat such as **Smart Anganwadis**, mini gym in the Anganwadis building for mothers, modern facilities in schools such as girl friendly toilets, mid-day meal. The video also gives light to the activities of the vigilance committee in the panchayat. The video also mentions about the program ‘vimukthi’ which has the aim to convert a panchayat into a drug free panchayat. Panchayat has constructed a bio diversity park, hanging bridge, cave, butterfly park, and an aquarium in kizhakkiri school in the panchayat to attract children. Panchayat has set up a children’s division in the panchayat to receive grievances of children. The presentation ended with saying that panchayat is trying to formulate projects with a child friendly focus.

### **PRESENTATION OF AMBALLUR GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



#### **Presented by: Amballur Gramapanchayat**

Amballur Gram Panchayat in Ernakulam district has presented a video about gender friendly local governance in their panchayat. The video showcased the activities panchayat has undertaken regarding the same such as making a gender policy document. Panchayat has formulated gender policy documents by preliminary data gathering, focus groups, workshops and interactions with experts. Panchayat also has an actively working gender resource centre. Which also acts as counselling centre, office of vigilance committee and the women centre. The Panchayat has a gender library. Video showed a report of study ( gender status study) conducted in the panchayat with the help of law students and KILA. Women’s self-employment training centre has been set up in the same building where LED light units are manufactured. Panchayat has placed complaint boxes in every ward and quick resolution of the same was ensured. Kanjiramattam school in the panchayat has free taekwondo training for the



girls to impart confidence and self-defence. A scheme named “**she pad**” ensures the free availability of sanitary napkins in every educational institution. Schools also have gender desks to resolve the problems of girls. In addition, schools have gender clubs which conduct debate, seminars, and rallies to gender awareness. A program called ‘Thulyatha sangamam’ is conducted once in every six months to give gender awareness. A special building has been constructed in the panchayat under central government’s ayush program for yoga classes for women. An open gym for women is also constructed near children park.

## **PRESENTATION OF WADAKKANCHERY MUNICIPALITY**



### **Presented by : Wadakkanchery Municipality**

The video presentation of Wadakkanchery Municipality explained about child friendly initiatives taken in the Municipality. The video gives a brief description of the status of municipality such as child labour, child marriage and missing case of children are zero. The activities conducted in the municipality are as follows.

- Programs for the upliftment of pregnant women, lactating women and children
- Drinking water, sanitation and safety measures to all the anganwadis in the municipality
- Anganwadi walls were made attractive with paintings.
- Educational institutions were made disabled friendly.
- Special check ups for pregnant women
- Growth monitors and BMI check ups of children are carried out every month.
- “ 12 aavande” program
- Breastfeeding week celebrations are carried out.

- Group counselling for pregnant and lactating women
- Bala sabha activities
- Kudumbasree activities
- “Sambushta Keralam” program
- ‘Night walk’ program
- Distribution of menstrual cups

## **PRESENTATION OF AGALY GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by: Agaly Gramapanchayat**

Agaly Grama Panchayat in Palakkad district has presented a video that shows the history and status of the panchayat and later video discussed about child friendly initiations taken in the panchayat such as the nutritional rehabilitation centre in Community Health Centre. The nutritional rehabilitation centre will accommodate pregnant women, lactating women, children who are malnutritional till they are healthy. There are various supplementary programs through anganwadis. A bud’s school is situated in a panchayat for the differently abled children. Panchayat is also considering a large-scale project aimed at health, education, training and rehabilitation. Video also mentions the ‘gothra saradhi scheme’ which is free transportation for children. Digital theatre class room, digital library, computer lab is set up in Agaly school. Panchayat is planning to have a wellness centre for girls and women.

## **PRESENTATION OF THANALUR GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Thanallur Gramapanchayath**

The Thanalur Gram Panchayat presented a video of their Gender Friendly activities with other initiatives and success stories of them. The panchayath was declared a Gender Friendly Panchayat in 2018. A Gender policy document was prepared and on March 29, 2018, the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly Mr. Sri Ramakrishnan submitted the said document to the general public.

The problems identified through the document have been classified into groups such as education, health, employment, creativity, social security and the activities to be carried out in each sector have been decided to be included in the 2020-21 year plan. Forming and,

- Prepare Gender protocol in schools
- Vigilance committee activities in schools
- Theykondo training for girls
- Orchestra Training for Girls
- Newspaper Production- Publication

The Gender Friendly Panchayat Scheme, various activities have been included in the 2022-23. Annual Plan and a plan has been prepared. It has been decided to carry out the activities in the coming years by giving more emphasis to the previous activities and accepting them as an innovative plan Activities to be implemented in the Annual Plan 2022-23.

Activities to be implemented in the Annual Plan 2022-23

- Thaikonda
- Kabadi

- Shuttle Bat
- Bicycle Club Formation
- Community Theater
- Orchestra Training
- Publication (Patram /Masika)
- Pre Marriage Counselling
- School Gender Protocol
- Women's Cultural Festival
- Outing for Senior Women

The activities of the Vigilance Committee are being carried out as a part of the Gender Friendly Panchayat project implemented by the Vigilance Committee. Gender Friendly Panchayat has come forward to implement the scheme for equality between men and women by putting forward the slogan of knowledge, strength and security. Vigilance committee is conducting peaceful activities against the drug mafia in the panchayat. The inspection was conducted to eliminate the involvement of the liquor mafia in Amb Vattathani and Putthanteru Pattaruparam. The Vigilance Committee works as a panchayat level grievance redressal mechanism. Mainly it is a mechanism to prevent violence against women and children. The work is done at two levels namely ward level committee and panchayat level committee. Panchayat level vigilance committee consists of SC/ST women, Panchayat President Chairperson, ICDS Supervisor Convener, Tanur CI, Doctor, Lawyer, CDS Chairperson, Women Representative etc.

The Panchayat Vigilance Committee was able to protect the 70-year-old woman who came to Thanalur from Parappanangadi 20 years ago. He spent so much of his old age in a small house given by a native of Thanalur. They have no relatives who are suffering from mental difficulties. That's why under the leadership of Gender Coordinator Faseetha and Nirbhaya Volunteer Vanaja, the care of the elderly was brought to the attention of those who needed it and the activities were carried out efficiently.

Total Number of Cases	: 295
Related to Alcoholism	: 78
Related to Domestic Violence	: 22

Related to geriatric Cases : 8

As a part of the continuing work of the Vigilance Committee, the Panchayat level Vigilance Committee meets monthly in addition to conducting self-law awareness classes, Defence classes, and awareness classes in the Gram Sabha and Kudumbashree.

Vigilance Committee Activities:

- Ward Level Awareness Classes (What is the Vigilance Committee and Why?)
- Legal Awareness Classes
- Ward level Panchayat Level Vigilance Committee Meeting Monthly
- Counselling, (Follow Up)
- Field Visitor
- Panchayat Level Ward Level Jagrata Samiti for Members Awareness programs
- Self-defense classes
- Anti Drug awareness programs etc.
- Grievance box setup.

## **PRESENTATION OF ETTUMANOOR MUNICIPALITY**



**Presented by : Ettumanoor Municipality**

Mrs Sindhu, Superintend, Ettumanoor Municipality gave a presentation about the Child-Friendly Municipality-related Activities of the Municipality. These are the Activities included in it.

1. There are 45 Anganwadys under 35 wards of Ettumanoor Municipality. Among them, 21 Anganwadys work at their own property and the remaining work at rented buildings. Most of the activities of Anganwadys mainly focused on 4 categories of peoples. Such as Adolescent girls, pregnant women's, Lactation mothers and Children are under the age of 3 to 6.
  - Total pre-school children's : 450
  - Lactation Mothers : 250
  - Adolescent girls : 200
2. Supplementary Nutrition Food supply scheme: They provide supplements as ration, they provide morning snacks such as peanut chocolate, ragi etc. Kanji and peas are provided for lunch for the children. Monday to Thursday anganwadis provide upma. Milk and eggs were given on Tuesdays and Fridays.
3. Thenkanam project was implemented from June 1<sup>st</sup> thus the anganwadis provide 6 drops of honey for each child's age 3 to 6. For all these projects ICDS Funds has been utilizing
4. 28 lakhs have been set aside for 120 differently abled children under the municipality. There is only one Buds school which is private under the municipality.
5. Health check-ups were conducted at the block level based on anganavadi for children, girls, pregnant women and mothers etc. This nutrition camp was conducted on the basis of height and weight. This was also called a nutritional clinic. The nutritional camp is conducted every month for two days in a week.
6. September was observed as Nutrition Month. Nutrition exhibitions and Nutrition gardens were organized during these months.
7. 57 lakhs have been spent on school children through this project parent clinics are run by the anganwadis on every Saturday. Counseling for the students is also given. Apart from that, children's councils are held in all the wards under the guidance of CDS.

### **Bala sabha**

The Bala Sabha is conducted under the leadership of the Kudumbashree of each ward as well as the CDS. A Balasabha consists of five to ten children. Children's personality development and activities according to their interests are encouraged and empowered. Awareness classes on violence against children as well as drug addiction awareness classes are conducted here. Balsabhas are held in the wards for one day every week as well as every month.

### **Activities of Balasabha Conducted**

1. Gender awareness classes for children
2. Anti-drug activities were also conducted under the leadership of bala sabha and drawing art and craft etc. to develop the taste of children.
3. Conduct a children's meeting
4. Special interventions were made to provide sponsorship under the leadership of the municipality for the purchase of learning materials for poor children.
5. Martial arts training for kids.

### **Upcoming Projects**

1. A child parliament should be implemented in the municipality
2. Training of vocational courses should be implemented for the degree students
3. Swimming lessons should be made available to all children
4. Study trip led by Bala sabha
5. Renovation work, Construction of perimeter wall etc. to ensure safety of anganwadis
6. Provide anganwadi toys, vessels, and additional gas cylinder and electricity connection to anganwadis without electricity.

### **PRESENTATION OF VALAPATTANAM GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Valapattanam Gramapanchayat**

The mentor of Valapattanam Gram Panchayat did the presentation on Child-Friendly activities that they have accomplished over the years. The following are the presentation points.

- Valapattanam is the Smallest GP in Kerala
- It situates in the 2nd Northern District, Kannur
- Population as per GIS Data of GP (2022) : 8230 Male: 4152 Female: 4078
- Children's Population (2022) : 2412

Valapattanam on the way to Child Friendly GP:

- Family Health Center
- Govt. HSS Valapattanam
- ICDS Initiatives
- Children's Library and Creative Home
- Children's Park
- Kudumbasree Balasabha
- 16 Projects in 2021-22 For Children

Children's Library becomes participation center for children:

- Library Connects 400 Children directly
- Little Librarians and Children's Forum
- Projects for Children's Library – Every Little Reader get Library Diary for writing book appreciations and Observations.
- Evaluations and Gifts every month from KARMA UAE



- Partnership with School Clubs – 12 Joined Programs.
- Children's Visits @ Library
- Children's Library has 3000 books, Computers and Digital Materials – They select for their library.
- Children's Grama Sabha initiated by Children's Forum.
- 64 Online offline Programs
- Parental School -5 Classes

### **Innovations in Pandemic Time:**

- Effective use of social media Platforms- WhatsApp, Telegram, FB, Blog , You Tub, etc.
- Acquainted with New Normal Life
- Children become Leaders of the community
- Open Library in the Children's Park
- 'Unarvu'- A special project for the comprehensive Development of Children 2019, 2021-22, 2022-23
- Online Programs
- Interactions
- 6000 more Creative Makings
- Facilitating Online Education
- Collecting Money for CMDRF
- Health Awareness – Familiarising Masks
- 7 Memory Books
- Inter State Library Exchange Programs
- NEWS @ Kutty Views – 80 Episodes
- Children's Grama Sabha – Online & Offline mode. Conduct even in Covid Time.
- Conducted every Ward in 2022
- Appreciations and Awards for Children
- Read Friendly Family -2021

### **Other activities and achievements:**

- Cycle Club for Girls from 2021

- Children's Forum Activities Included in IFLA's World Report – One in four from India
- Placed in IFLA's World Map of Libraries
- PVK Kadamperi Puraskar for the Best Children's Forum -2021
- Indicated as a Best Model in KILA's Hand Book for People's Representatives
- Mikavu Puraskar of Education Dep-2022
- GV Books Award – 2022
- All these in credit of Children's Forum
- Mikavu Puraskar -2022 - Primary School Level Intervention
- FHC Vaccine Room
- Children Grama Sabha
- Partnership Projects

## **PRESENTATION OF THRISSUR MUNICIPAL-CORPORATION**



### **Presented by: Thrissur Municipal - Corporation**

Mrs Subi Sukumaran, Counsellor, and Development Standing committee member, Thrissur Municipal-Corporation, Presented the activities of a Child-friendly Municipality on behalf of Thrissur Municipal Corporation. Activities and Initiatives of the Thrissur Corporation are as follows.

Children have four rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: the rights to survival, development, protection, and participation. Based on this project the Thrissur Municipal Corporation taking by coordinating six grama panchayats viz Ayyanthole,

Koorkenchery, Nadathara, Vilvattom (part), Ollur, and Ollukkara under Thrissur Municipal corporation have planned many child-friendly projects.

- Initiated as a way to invite the effective participation of children in the city's planning and designing process, the Hon'ble Mayor established the Children's Parliament.
- The first Children's Parliament' with 84 students from 24 Schools within the Thrissur Corporation area was held on 18th July 2022.
- The Second Children's Parliament was held on 14th November 2022
- Thrissur Municipal Corporation has made Budgetary Allocations for (2022-23) for Child-Friendly Initiatives

### Learning City

- Municipal Corporation in partnership with KILA and the School of Architecture and Planning, GEC Thrissur submitted a proposal to the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UILL), Hamburg, Germany.
- It was endorsed by the Government of Kerala and Indian National Commission for UNESCO situated in the Ministry of Education, Government of India. On September 2, 2022, UILL announced that Thrissur has been inducted into the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.
- PASCAL International Observatory hosted by the University of Glasgow, UK also included Thrissur into its network of cities

### Initiatives

- Nehru Park Thrissur is located in Thekkinkadu maithanam North East side of Swaraj Round. The 60 years old famous children's park was inaugurated by Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, the vice president of India in 1959
- The park was renovated and modified by constructing modern types of play equipment for children.
- Facilities like children's library ,Toilet, playground etc

### Balasabha

- In Thrissur total number of 100 CDS, 1789 number of ADS, and 3707 Bala sabhas are functioning efficiently
- Out of 3707 bala sabhas total number of 50932 kids are actively participating in the activities in which 23255 are boys and 27371 are girls

#### Gender Friendly Local Governance: Snehitha Gender Help Desk

- Snehitha is a 24 hours working gender help desk. It works to avail support and help to shield women in society.
- The main aim of the center is to provide help and support to those women and children who are in distress and provide voice for their issues and concerns, also to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change.
- Snehitha also looks to enhance the socio-economic status of young, underprivileged women by empowering them with self-confidence and the required skills to enable them to become independent and contribute to family and society
- Snehitha facilitates the women in distress to access the service of other institutional agencies (legal service authority, police department, CWC, NGOs etc.) to address the issues
- Provides immediate help, shelter, counseling, motivation and legal assistance to the victim of violence
- Women and children are availing shelter as well. As per the latest gender status study 206 direct cases and 211 tele cases has been filed in snehitha. Zero human tracking has been reported in Thrissur corporation during the study period. 147 short stay has been arranged during the period

#### Gender Friendly Local Governance: She Lodge- Panjikkal

- Six kilometers from Thrissur town, the new two-storey building to provide “secure, affordable” accommodation exclusively for traveling women, and their children
- Single rooms and dormitories that can accommodate a maximum of 50 women at a time.

### **PRESENTATION OF EDAVAKA GRAMA PANCHAYATH**



**Presented by : Edavaka Gramapanchayath**

Mr. H.B Pradeep Panchayat's president, Edavaka Grama panchayath, described the activities for achieving the goal of becoming a child-friendly village of the panchayat. The coordination of activities was explained through a video presentation.

Edavaka is also the seat of various Scheduled Tribes. The panchayat has great potential in the field of agriculture and tourism. Out of the total population of 31168, 15309 are women. Edavaka Gram Panchayat projects and programs are planned and implemented from the perspective that the development of the country is possible only by ensuring their development. Regional planning becomes effective when the needs and problems of all sections of the people in the respective area are reviewed and plans are formulated and implemented in a need-based manner. Kerala Panchayati Raj insists that development activities should be based on gender justice. It is also specifically suggested that all local bodies in Kerala should include a chapter in their annual plan document assessing the status and status of women in their respective areas. Gender conscious regional development requires an understanding of the status and status of all gender groups in the region. If we want to formulate plans aimed at the upliftment of women in a local body, the existing problems of women and their causes must be evaluated. With the emergence of the Kudumbashree movement, which was started with the aim of poverty eradication and empowerment, women's participation at the planning level, organizational skills, personal skills, and cooperation has increased and women's involvement in economic development activities has become stronger.

Vigilance committees were formed to deal with violence against women and discrimination and exploitation at local levels. A study on the status of women was conducted to identify the status, status and problems of women at the local government levels and formulate remedial

proposals. Gender Resource Centres have been established to organize and coordinate activities aimed at ensuring gender equality at local government levels. Infrastructural development, poor growth and development of economic quality and resources are the areas of development that are mainly emphasized in the traditional development policy approach.

### Gender resource centre

A gender Resource Centre has been set up to spearhead Gender related activities in the Panchayat and provide academic support. Meetings are held at regular intervals and activities are evaluated. A Community Women's Facilitator has been appointed for the activities and Kudumbashree's Community Counsellor is working as a facilitator for this activity.

### Vigilance Committee

The Vigilance Committee, which has been proposed to prevent violence against women and girls, is working at the Panchayat level in a very effective manner. The Vigilance Committee is formed in all the wards and is working effectively. It is possible to mention that it has been possible to control violence to a large extent.

### Women's Studies

The women's status study conducted by the Panchayat with the help of Sakhi Women's Resource Centre India was beneficial in understanding the existing problems and finding solutions. Status studies have made it possible to find and formulate solutions including Lack of accurate data has often hampered planning.

### Legal education activities

Legal awareness activities are being organized with the help of Wayanad Niti Vedhi to ensure the necessary legal support for matters including violence against women, children and the elderly in the society and to make people aware of the laws.

### Employment programs

From the point of view that the development of women is possible only by ensuring their employment and income, extensive programs have been planned and implemented at the panchayat level to ensure employment and income for women in the past. Two important programs are being implemented, one is a thriving flour mill enterprise on an industrial basis

as well as a manufacturing unit in it. These two enterprises stand as examples of women's management businesses.

## **PRESENTATION OF MADAKKATHARA GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Madakkathara Gramapanchayath**

The presentation of Madakkathara grama panchayat consist of activities focusing child friendliness that include.

- Anganwadis has own buildings.
- Trainings on child rights to the students
- Child protection committee
- 100 % UDID registration of disabled kids
- Early detection of disability and counselling
- Special grama sabha for disabled children
- Bala sabha, students welfare committee, summer caps, kali koottam, kali koottam are conducted
- Health training for girls like Cycling, Swimming, dancing, Sports, and Arts.
- Training for handling emergency casualties and first aid.
- Providing sessions for children to clear their doubts about growth & development and sexual awareness.
- Digi locker for all children
- Digital library for children

- Conduction of Focus Group Discussions(FGDs) participating Gender resource Person, Widows, Unmarried mothers, Female beneficiaries of Social welfare pension scheme, Kudumbasree, Small women enterprises, Traditional workers, Senior Citizens, Transgenders
- Conducted gender analysis with the help of gender resource gender centre and jagrata Samithi
- preparation of gender budget and it was approved on 2022 March 26
- As a part of Gender Friendly Panchayat programme, in order to spread awareness about gender equality and gender justice among children a project named Healthy and Happiest school was prepared and which is at its implementation stage
- Conducted ‘One Day data collection Workshop’ Regional Development - Gender Equality Perspective 29.09.2022
- Conducted ‘Three Days Workshop on Gender Friendly Local Government’
- Conducted law awareness programme for jagratha samithi members
- Gender equality Grama panchayath-Special Vanitha Gramasabha
- Awareness programme for jagratha samithi members vimukthi programme conducted In collaboration with kerala women’s commission
- Conducted Free Carrier Guidance class for Auxiliary Group Members

## **PRESENTATION OF KOLAZHY GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



**Presented by : Kolazhy Gramapanchayath**

The presentation of Kolazhy Grama panchayat includes child friendly activities that include



- Programmes for static food , promotion of local flavours and rural products, nutrition and bio fencing, home remedies etc. and environmental protection are envisaged Special training in nature folk lore local history, folk arts and folk songs. A folk art troupe of children is to be formed
- Distribution of break fast, Nutrigarden, Bio fencing, Poshan Ma , nutritfood diversity, Receipe competition, Food exhibition, Periodical health checkups and test Asha , HI, JPHN at Subcentre, Tasty noon meals carried out
- The panchayat library is linked with the other library teams functioning in the area and to organize various programmes
- The children's corner in the existing panchayat library will be attractive and children's reading and association is to be encouraged by giving more membership to the children
- Reading festival, Reading competition , Sarga Sangamam, Talent meet, Interviews with Eminent people etc
- distribution of breakfast for students, providing scholarship, sponsorship of children from vulnerable group and channelize CSR funds of RIJU &PSK
- distribution of breakfast for students, empowerment of PTA, MPTA & ALM Functioning at the school and Anganwadis, income generating activities channelising with Kudumbhasree
- Skill development , skill nurturing programmes , smart library , student academy (resource centre)
- Guidance centre connecting with parents and students , providing expert opinion
- Trainings and activities in the field of Play Ground (Kaliyidam), Art (Kalayidam), eloquence( Vakkidam ), Drawing (Varayidam) etc so as to plunge item into do creativity
- Empowerment of school clubs, Providing counselling services, Campaigns and programmes to quitting from addiction ( street play, flash mob, pledge, Marathon etc)

## **PRESENTATION OF VAZHOOR GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Vazhoor Gramapanchayath**

The activities conducted in panchayat regarding gender friendliness is listed below

- Conducted awareness classes on life style diseases and health.
- Kudumbashree counselor services are available to improve women's mental health.
- Awareness classes and distribution of menstrual cups were conducted for women.
- Menstrual cup distribution
- Under the leadership of Jagratha Samithi practices have started against violence.
- Gender desks have been set up in schools.
- Services of Gender desk, Jagratha samithi gender resource centre and community women facilitator are also available.
- Vegetable farming, flower farming, poultry farming, cow farming, mushroom farming, bee farming are going on in association with Kudumbashree.
- Ward level Jagratha samithi were convened and reorganized in all the wards.
- Complaints were received in the Jagratha Samithi and sittings were held, around 90% of the complaints were solved.
- Panchayat Jagratha samithi meetings were also conducted.
- Women's project formation workshop was conducted in 2022-2023 under KILA and UNICEF.
- A three day training program was conducted based on the topic Regionalization of sustainable developments gender friendly local governments under the joined leadership of KILA and UNICEF
- Jagratha samithi held sittings and provided counseling services to those in need.

- Conducted medical camp.
- Installation of helpline numbers and stickers .
- Women friendly awareness classes.
- Fitness centre
- Self defense training.

## PRESENTATION OF PALLIPURAM GRAMA PANCHAYAT



### Presented by : Pallipuram Gramapanchayath

- 42 Anganwadis & 15 schools are active here and the Panchayat has conducted several programs to facilitate & nurture the overall development of children
- Early Childhood care & Protection programs are conducted through Anganwadis for children under 6 years of Age for their holistic development.
- Various Programs were conducted to ensure participation & thereby a comprehensive physical, mental & social development of Children.
- Children took Oath during an Anti-Drug awareness program.
- Conducted dry day carol.
- Conducted programs on Handwashing Day.

## **PRESENTATION OF ERIYAD GRAMA PANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Eriyad Gramapanchayath**

- Menstrual cup distribution
- Swimming pool for women
- 'Avalidam' fitness centre
- Gender resource center
- Free yoga training for women
- Women canteen
- Canteen run by transgenders to bring them to the mainstream.
- 'ATTAR'- a special program for self defence for girls
- Vision 500 program- career guidance for higher studies
- Muti disability arts festival called 'AVES' conducted.
- Grama sabha for kids
- Cycle rally to reduce drug usage

- ‘Ithiri neram othiri karyam’ program
- ‘njanum njarum’ program
- New buds school
- ‘then nellikka’ program for disabled kids
- ‘E-Thang’ program- support in online study
- ‘ente maram’ program

## **PRESENTATION OF OLAVANNA GRAMA PANCHAYAT KOZHIKODE DISTRICT**



### **Presented by : Olavanna Gramapanchayath**

Mrs. Sharuthy, President, Olavanna Gramapanchayath, Kozhikode District , Presented how the goal of Gender Friendly Panchayat has been achieved and described the coordination towards its projects.

Conducted Focus Group Discussions(FGDs)

Participants :

- Gender resource Person
- Widows
- Unmarried mothers
- Female beneficiaries of Social welfare pension scheme.

- Kudumbasree
- Small women enterprises
- Traditional workers
- Senior Citizens
- Transgenders

### **Gender analysis**

1. Gender Resource Centre
2. Jagratha Samithi
3. Previous Budget
4. Previous income and expenditure
5. Plans for the last year
6. In institutions
7. In organizations

### **Budget preparation**

1. The collected information was codified by the Expert Committee
2. The planning committee and working groups discussed and formulated the draft.
3. Finance Standing committee prepared the budget note and on the basis the accountant and Plan clerk prepared the Proforma.
4. Finance Standing Committee and steering committee discussed.
5. Presented on March 25, 2022 in the Grama Panchayat Committee.
6. And the budget was approved on 2022 March 26.

### **Benefits**

- Gender was able to make an active discussion Grama Panchayat Committee.
- Gender became the main subject in budgeting and planning and realized how to incorporate it.
- Gender was discussed in working groups. They were able to incorporate budget allocation into this subject.
- Although could not prepare a gender budget in the full sense, but realized its potential and method.
- Gender can be more active in the upcoming years



- Kitchen Garden terrace Vegetable Cultivation
- Non-Agricultural Activities in collaboration with Kudumbashree
- Health Check-up Counselling Cancer Detection Camps for Mothers, Pregnant Women and Adolescents
- “Sumangali Marriage Funding for SC Girls”
- To intervene in the issues of women and to find solutions to various types of women's problems, Gender Resource Centre has been started and working. Community Women Facilitator has also been appointed to coordinate the activities.
- Laptop distribution to children who are pursuing their professional education, providing study materials, various vocational training like sewing, pallet making, self-employment initiatives etc.

### **Gender Resource Centre**

Solution for upliftment of social status and involvement in women's issues gender on 08/03/2019 Community Women Facilitator appointed 1/07/2019 for Resource Centre Centre Gender Resource Centre activities 15 members comprising more women J Inter resource ... sworn in. Actions have been initiated to find out. Coordinating

### **Gender Resource Centre Activities**

#### **“Samdarshita” Women Status Study Report 2019 - 2020**

- This study was conducted with many objectives to make it easier to make Srikrishnapuram Gender friendly and to understand the gram panchayat, to create awareness about gender status and the existing gender status activities of women and the special problems faced by women, to empower women and society to identify and intervene in the problems themselves.
- To identify the social status of women in Srikrishnapuram Gram Panchayat.
- Identifying the status identified the names of inequalities in the society and devised programs towards a state of equality
- Identify the problems faced by the society in the areas of education, Health economic and social work for the achievement of men and formulate solutions.
- Develop a team capable of intervening on issues related to women.
- Prepared programs including women component in the plan to ensure gender equality. The study was completed, and the report was published in 2020.



## 2. **Intensification of Vigilance Committee Activities**

Vigilance Committees working to find solutions from the side of women and children in case of violence against women and children, violation of rights etc. through Gender Resource Centre have been able to be made more energetic at ward and panchayat level.

## 3. **Counselling facilities**

Counseling services are provided from 10 am to 5 pm for those who are suffering from various mental problems, family problems, couples, adolescents, character problems, learning problems, mental challenges experienced by children, parents, mental stress and any elderly people.

## 4. **Different Kinds of Awareness Classes**

In order to raise the status of women and bring them into the mainstream according to today's social situation, different types of seminars like cyber security, women and law, cautious life etc. are being conducted under the auspices of Gender Resource Centre.

## 5. **“Employment Enterprises and Social Life of Women Study Report – 2021**

To understand the current status of women entrepreneurs, find out the problems faced by women entrepreneurs and the problems and reasons related to entrepreneurship. The study aimed to find out how much employment and income helped to improve the social life of women and helped to make new proposals and programs in the field of enterprise. It has become a new tool to make suggestions and programs in the field.

## 6. **Women Friendly Village**

UNICEF and KILA are jointly conducting various programs as part of Localization of Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Friendly Local Government.

### **Follow-up Activities**

1. Gender Equality Propaganda Programs (documentary, Street play, poster making etc.)
2. Organized Women's Parliament

3. Gender Desk.
4. Budgeting, Auditing, Planning
5. Vigilance Committee Strengthening
6. Pre-marriage Counselling
7. Gender Friendly Special Governing Body meeting once in 3 months.
8. Gender friendly local governance activities are conducted Jointly with UNICEF and KILA by Localisation of Sustainable development goals

## **PRESENTATION OF KODOOR GRAMAPANCHAYAT**



### **Presented by : Kodoor Gram panchayat**

#### 1. Key Child Interventions - Health Mother-Child Interactions

##### I. Poshanma 2022

A medical camp for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children was organized under the name Poshanma 2022. A medical camp is also essential for nurturing a strong bond between children and mothers right from pregnancy.

##### II. Thean nellikka

Honey Gooseberry organized by Kodur Gram Panchayat as part of solving weight loss. Then Nellika is a different program which is implemented with the aim of identifying underweight in children and ensuring proper nutrition in order to mold a healthy generation.

## 2. Early childhood care and education-Eye check-up camp

An eye check-up camp was organized for children in collaboration with the Eye Hospital. The increasing use of mobile phones affects the health of children today more than adults. These kinds of camps are necessary to detect such problems and take further treatment

## 3. Safe Childhood

Conducted an awareness class on character development of Gram Panchayat students, role of mobile phone and visual effects due to use of other intoxicating substances.

## 4. Children's Gram Sabha

The children's gram sabha is also useful in formulating and implementing panchayat plans to inform the gram panchayat directly about the rights of children including the problems faced by children in the gram panchayat, protection, education and social benefits.

### I. Primary Education-To Touch Kodoor

- A special project called To Touch Kodoor has been formed for the new generation to know and enjoy the heritage culture of Kodoor.

### Police Station Visit

Kodur gram panchayat visited the police station with the children to get mental strength to fight against the violence against the children legally, about what the police services are and to avoid the crimes against the children.

### Vision 500 Plaza

Vision 500 Plaza is a project implemented by the Panchayat to provide facilities for the students of Kodur Grama Panchath to get further studies in Central All Arts Schools. Vision 500 is to organize special coaching classes for students,

conduct competitive exams and empower them to get admission in various universities.

### Community-based management

#### 1. Ithiri Neram Othiri Karyam

A program called “Ithiri Neram Othiri Karyam” was organized for children with the intention to seek and burn the experiences of the elders to get to know and learn about the life signs of the bygone era for the new generation. Knowing how the social and cultural environment of their forefathers is also gives energy to the new generation to move forward. The clean and beautiful climate, the houses and farms built by nature to suit it, the customs, rituals and festivals surrounding it are the home memories of the older generation. Senior members of the ward shared their past experiences with the children. All of them were experiences that could not be said or heard. Children watched a lot. There were questions and curiosity of the old days. And about with surprises

#### 2. Njarum Njanum

Njar(Sapling) and I will impart new knowledge in the field of agriculture to the children of Gram Panchayat and by going to the field and training the children about Njaar planting, such projects will be beneficial to increase the interest in agriculture among the children.

#### 3. My Tree(Ente Maram)

On the occasion of World Environment Day, a project called My Tree for children was formed on 5 June. These kinds of activities are necessary to touch nature for the new generation who are confined to smart phones only.

4. All the children in the Gram Panchayat are given swimming lessons during the summer holidays.

#### 5. Lahari Vimukutha Rally

The gram panchayat organized a children's bicycle rally to create a new barrier for the society with the aim of becoming a complete Lahari Mukta Panchayat.

6. Kootichanta

It will be useful to encourage the children of the gram panchayat to inculcate saving habits, discourage fast food, sell home-made produce and agricultural produce grown in their home premises and sell various 20 food items.

II. Special programs for children

1. Kodur Panchayat's unique project to empower the growing women community "Atarkalari Training Project" successfully completed the first phase.

2. E-Thang

Electronic Thang( E-Thang) is a unique scheme of the gram panchayat to provide mobile recharge to the economically backward students of the gram panchayat for the purpose of online learning.

3. Entrance Festival

The entrance festival was full of laughter. Playing again in Anganwadis after two years. By singing songs, telling stories and sharing stories, the children entered the Anganwadi courtyard, full of joy and wonder and children's expressions, making the entry day beautiful. When the data analysis was done in all areas, it was possible to see happy children in general. Health analysis can generally detect underweight children. Then Nellik program was also conducted for them. Nutritionist's class and follow up is going on using Ashas. Kodur Gram Panchayat is heavily involved in educational projects. Vision 500, E-Thang, Kovoov are being implemented after obtaining DPC approval of Kodur Nutana Project.

**PRESENTATION OF VANIYAMKULAM GRAMAPANCHAYATH**



**Presented by : Vaniyamkulam Gramapanchayath**

Panchayat has provided play and learning materials for physical and mental improvement. There are 13 anganwadis 11 schools and 1 bud school. Activities to ensure health care immunization care, anemia screening are carried out through panchayats. Panchayat has won state awards for anganwadi workers, helpers and icds supervisor. All angwadis has vegetable garden and maintenance of flowering plants. Anganwadi entry festival, nutritional day, children day are celebrated under the charge of panchayat. Here they functions kumati clubs to create awareness for scientific help of adolescence, hygiene, reproduction education etc.

Panchayat Ensures that all school has safe drinking water, napkin venting and disposal system, waste management etc. They set up a traffic park under the leadership of police to understand about traffic. They have excellent team of SPC.

**Way forward (Groups)**



**STATE REFLECTIONS**

**MIZORAM :** Mizoram is a small state and have very small villages governed by village councils elected from the village citizen themselves. Finance commission grants are allowed to village council. Both the participation of women and men is inevitable. Their village are focusing on child and gender friendly villages. Women participation is very high in every important areas of the community. There are mizoram women association and the role of church is very high. SIRD and state Administration Department works on the LIF for localizing SDG.



**Presented by : Mr. Lalhmunsanga , SIRD, Mizoram**

**GOA :** Goa is a beautiful small state. We have just one Training Institute public administration Training Institute Goa, which acts as the ATI and work related to gender besides other training programs by officers and officials of different department. They focus on gender sensitization, gender issues while prevention of violence against women and the girl child. We have programs on health issues for women and on different laws related to women.

Programs are related to girls and women on awareness and benefit of different schemes. We conduct through academicians, self-help groups, NGOs and all benefits are given at grassroot level to the Needy and the deserving people . They got cards by government yellow card and pink card. The deserving get the benefits.





**Presented by : Remy Rosaliva Lauda and Arlette M.H**

**TELENGANA :** Gram Panchayat has to perform the 12 category category of duties and responsibility for related to Gender and child friendly activities in Telangana.Gram Panchayat take over the activities of categories. Gender and social empowerment is widely undertaken And also Gram Panchayat has to create awareness on Central sponsored schemes.

Family Welfare,public health and also education as per the Panchayati Raj act Telangana state Gram Panchayat has to organise the grama sabha once in 2 months while organising the grama sabha they have to Focus on women and aged friendly women participation.risk based on the category of duty of Gram Panchayat at social empowerment. Panchayat has power to review the all line department activities Mahila Sabha review the Central and state government schemes and awareness building against all legislation related to women and child development and gender equality and equal wages.



**Presented by : Mrs. K. Nagamony, Telengana, SIRD**

**MAHARASHTRA :** The best initiative in Maharashtra was child and gender friendly initiatives.

Around 2018-19 the challenge in Maharashtra to implement the child friendly initiative Idea because people or administration consider child and women is not this subject of Panchayati Raj. Working on women and child development initially even at the highest level of Bureaucracy government was not ready to accept that this has to be taken to be implemented through different Departments. We have done this in 9 Gram panchayat of Maharashtra. We started only on child rights are there in 9 Gram Panchayat outspoken Maharashtra child-friendly models focus in physical child participation in decision making and planning because Gram Panchayat implement some of the other highlights for example on survival rates development, rights of protection rights etc.

GP themselves invest a lot of money from their own pocket for child development and they are not ready to do also they have their own priorities and their representation. It is called Bal Panchayat. They ensure children's participation in decision making and Bal Panchayat will work on regular basis and take up to children's issues on time.



**Presented by : Pramod S. Kalekar, SIRD, Maharashtra**

**TAMILNADU:** Tamil Nadu Government is Working on the LIF to achieve the quality indicator frame work. They focused on urban focused indicators, capacity building, District SDG units, monitoring of low performing indicator etc. They focus on programmatic approach to SDGs. They have been focusing on policy driven approaches such as LGBTIQ+ and various women policy such as public consultation over and now to be released.

Their focus on social justice is inevitable across the state. They focus on widows and women housing allotments in rural and urban areas, special housing area development, Malnutrition free panchayats. They also focus on child friendly in improving in sports, arts and culture.



**Presented by: Dr. Sujatha, Tamil Nadu**

**Valedictory Session:**



The workshop came into an end by the valedictory speech by Dr Amritha K P N, Associate professor, KILA. The workshop carried out in a well manner within a short period. The sessions and experience sharing was very helpful all the participants for their upcoming works on localizing SDG and especially in Child rights realizations and gender equality.





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