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25 YEARS OF PEOPLE'S PLANNING A SUCCESS STORY OF DECENTRALISATION OF POWER IN INDIA

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The People's Plan Campaign is a unique initiative that has transformed the landscape of developmental politics in Kerala. This great experiment encapsulated the democratic achievements, Kerala made over the decades. It included the land reforms initiated by the first Communist government led by EMS Namputiripad, the government which was the product of larger movement for land in the pre-independent era and also included the innumerable struggles for land- rights and surplus land in the post – land reform period by the tenants across the state.

In 1996, the state launched the People's Plan Campaign, which was designed and implemented as a successful methodology for transferring fund, functions and functionary that constitutional amendments in 1992 envisaged as the necessary condition to make the devolution of power possible. The campaign and the related process empowered the local level leadership and people at large to plan and implement their own development projects, ensuring inclusive development. Potential of our decentralized government system which was nurtured by the People's Planning process got its effective manifestation during the time of 2018 flood and Covid. Along with the Kudumbashree movement, decentralisation of power through the people's planning has achieved remarkable success in enhancing the quality of life of

people of Kerala and expanding the vistas for economic wellbeing and social development.

Today, in yet another transformative moment of Nava Keralam, new responsibilities are placed confidently on the shoulders of local governments in Kerala. Government expects local governments to become the leaders of economic development by fostering the growth and employment on par with that of developed nations, as it has been in the case of human development. In the journey of creating a Nava Keralam, we also pin hope on our local self-government institutions to make Kerala waste free by clearing the waste produced in our own neighbourhoods through the sustainable systems.

The series of 25 books published by KILA is a valuable contribution to the knowledge base on decentralization, documenting the experiences of the People's Plan Campaign and capturing the essence of decentralization and the role of local governments in development. I am confident that these books will serve as a valuable resource for other states and countries that are striving to achieve sustainable development through decentralization.

I congratulate the team at KILA and the local governments of Kerala for their outstanding work and am proud of the achievements of decentralization in Kerala. I am confident that the state will continue to scale new heights in the years to come.



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NURTURING COMMUNITY WELLNESS: THE 3G ANGANWADI PROJECT IN NEDUMANGAD BLOCK PANCHAYAT

Nedumangad Block Panchayat



Nedumangad Block Panchayat is a block panchayat located in Nedumangad taluk of Thiruvananthapuram district. Nedumangad Block Panchayat was formed in 1954 and covers an area of 123.5 square kilometres. It includes five Gram Panchayats named Karakulam Gram Panchayat, Aruvikkara Gram Panchayat, Vembayam Gram Panchayat, Anand Gram Panchayat, and Panavoor Gram Panchayat. The 3G Anganwadi project is an innovative initiative undertaken across five Gram Panchayats under the Block Panchayat. Its primary goal is to transform selected Anganwadis into centres of excellence that cater to the needs of all three generations within the community. The project aims to provide various amenities and resources, including play equipment, TV, computers, reading rooms, glucometers, pulse oximeters, and haemoglobin testing systems, to enhance physical and mental recreation and promote health activities for children, teenagers, and the elderly.

The 3G Anganwadi project allocates a budget of 10 lakh rupees to achieve its objectives. This fund is utilized to equip and upgrade five Anganwadis, transforming them into social resource centres. The revamped centres will serve as crucial hubs where individuals of different age



groups can engage in various activities that contribute to their overall well - being. Through this project, the aim is to create a holistic and inclusive environment that fosters growth, development, and a sense of community among children, teenagers, and the elderly. The availability of modern facilities and resources will enhance the quality of life for all the beneficiaries and promote a healthy and active lifestyle.





BRIDGING THE LEARNING GAP: THE CHANGATHI PROJECT IN PULLAMPARA GRAM PANCHAYAT

Pullampara Gram Panchayat



Pullampara Gram Panchayat is a vital local governing body situated in the Vamanapuram Block Panchayat, which is part of the Nedumangad Taluk in Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala, India. As a part of the decentralized governance structure, this Gram Panchayat serves the rural communities in its jurisdiction. In the midst of the challenging Covid era, Pullampara Gram Panchayat, situated in Thiruvananthapuram district, took a remarkable step towards enriching the lives of its children through the innovative Changathi Project. As the pandemic confined children indoors and limited their access to education and recreational activities, the Gram Panchayat devised an ingenious solution in the form of a travelling library, opening up a world of reading right at the doorsteps of its young residents. The Changathi Project, initiated primarily for children, proved to be immensely effective and enduring. It soon garnered widespread community support and found a way to expand its impact beyond the initial scope. What started as a small idea rapidly grew into a transformative endeavour, empowering not only children but also adults, particularly women, who embraced the project and transformed it into book distribution centres and



employment sites. This progressive shift highlighted the adaptability and success of the project.

The success of the travelling library led to the inception of the 'Playbox' project, aimed at providing children with engaging indoor activities. The Playbox initiative provided children from 1st to 7th standard in the Gram Panchayat with toy boxes containing a variety of games and toys such as snake and ladder, ludo, chess, ring ball, cricket ball, and skipping rope. This initiative effectively fostered mental development and physical prowess among the children, supplementing their academic pursuits with wholesome recreational opportunities. Building upon the momentum of the previous projects, the Gram Panchayat implemented another ground-breaking initiative, envisioning "a home as a school and a library as a home." Recognizing that children have libraries at school, the Panchayat aimed to create children's libraries right in their homes. Publications were provided to all the libraries, and the Panchayat allocated funds to cater to the specific reading needs of the readers, fostering a culture of reading and encouraging new readers to emerge.

The Changathi Project exemplifies the Government of Kerala's vision to create a knowledgeable society and global citizens by joining hands with various initiatives. It stands as a model for the state, showcasing how community-driven efforts can revolutionize education and recreation for the younger generation. The project's resounding success is a testament to the overwhelming public support it has garnered, underscoring the importance of collective efforts in creating a brighter and more enriched future for the children of Pullampara Gram Panchayat. With a passion for continuous improvement and an unwavering commitment to the welfare of its residents, Pullampara Gram Panchayat has set an inspiring example for other communities to follow. The Changathi Project embodies the spirit of transformation and inclusivity, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of its children and nurturing a generation of young minds that are intellectually curious, creative, and empowered. As the project continues to evolve and inspire, it promises to shape a promising future for the village and pave the way for progressive initiatives in rural India.



NURTURING YOUNG MINDS: VETTIKAVALA 'S JOURNEY AS A CHILD - FRIENDLY HEAVEN

Vettikavala Panchayat

Vettikavala Panchayat is a dedicated and community - driven organization that prioritizes the well - being and development of its youngest residents. With a strong belief in fostering a child - friendly environment, the Panchayat takes immense pride in its initiatives to enhance early education and support the overall welfare of children. In the financial year 2021 - 22, one of the significant projects undertaken was the construction of Anganwadi buildings, which have been transformed into smart Anganwadis to provide an enriching educational journey for children aged three years and above.

The concept of smart Anganwadis lies at the heart of the Panchayat's commitment to providing the best education for children. The focus is on creating a conducive learning space where young minds can explore, learn, and grow. Through meticulous efforts and dedicated funding, the Panchayat has successfully completed the construction work at Kokkadu North Thengara Anganawadi and Thalachira East Anganawadi, setting the standard for future projects and exemplifying their dedication to realizing their vision.

Vettikavala Panchayat is unwavering in its pursuit of establishing smart Anganwadis as centres of excellence,



where the foundation of knowledge is laid at an early age. Throughout the financial year 2021 - 22, the Panchayat has taken steps to construct well - equipped Anganwadis in various wards, ensuring that children have access to all the necessary facilities to facilitate their growth and development.

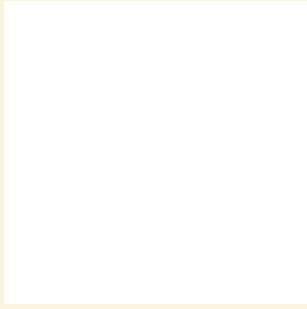
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Overall, Vettikavala Panchayat's dedication and proactive approach to promoting early education and child welfare have created a positive impact on the community. By investing in the growth and well - being of children, the Panchayat is laying a strong foundation for a brighter and more promising future for the entire region.



BLOSSOMING CHILDHOOD: ALAPPAD 'S TALE OF CHILD - FRIENDLY ANGANWADIS

Alappad Gram Panchayat



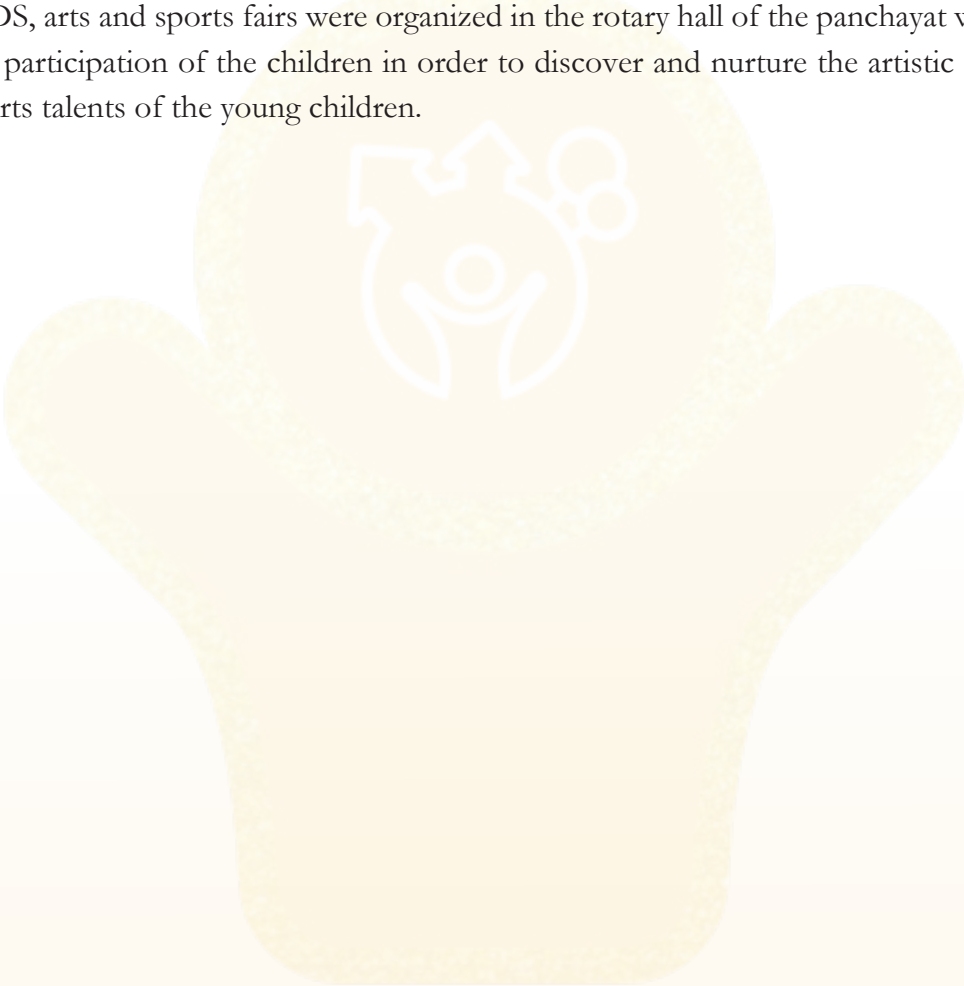
Alappad Gram Panchayat is a local self - government body located in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. Situated in the picturesque coastal region, Alappad Panchayat plays a vital role in the development and welfare of its residents. Known for its scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage, the panchayat is committed to promoting sustainable development and preserving the unique charm of its coastal landscapes.

Even in the limited situation of Alappad Gram Panchayat, the panchayat has undertaken comprehensive schemes for the students of the gram panchayat to get basic education and more than that to make them mentally and physically more interested in educational subjects. There are three LP schools functioning in Alappad Gram Panchayat. Around four hundred students are studying in these places. Apart from the educational facilities for the children, the teachers have also established various types of facilities with the help of the Gram Panchayat. In addition, smart classrooms with modern technology are functioning in each school. Football academies have been started at school levels to identify and nurture the sporting talents of children. The panchayat has taken up and distributed projects for schools such as desks,



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The panchayat has devised and implemented various innovative schemes during the period 2021 - 22 to further improve the education sector. The activities of the Anganwadis in the Panchayat are specially and continuously reviewed and the deficiencies are corrected and the social education of the children is realized by showing good work. With the efforts of the panchayat and with the support of ICDS, arts and sports fairs were organized in the rotary hall of the panchayat with the participation of the children in order to discover and nurture the artistic and sports talents of the young children.





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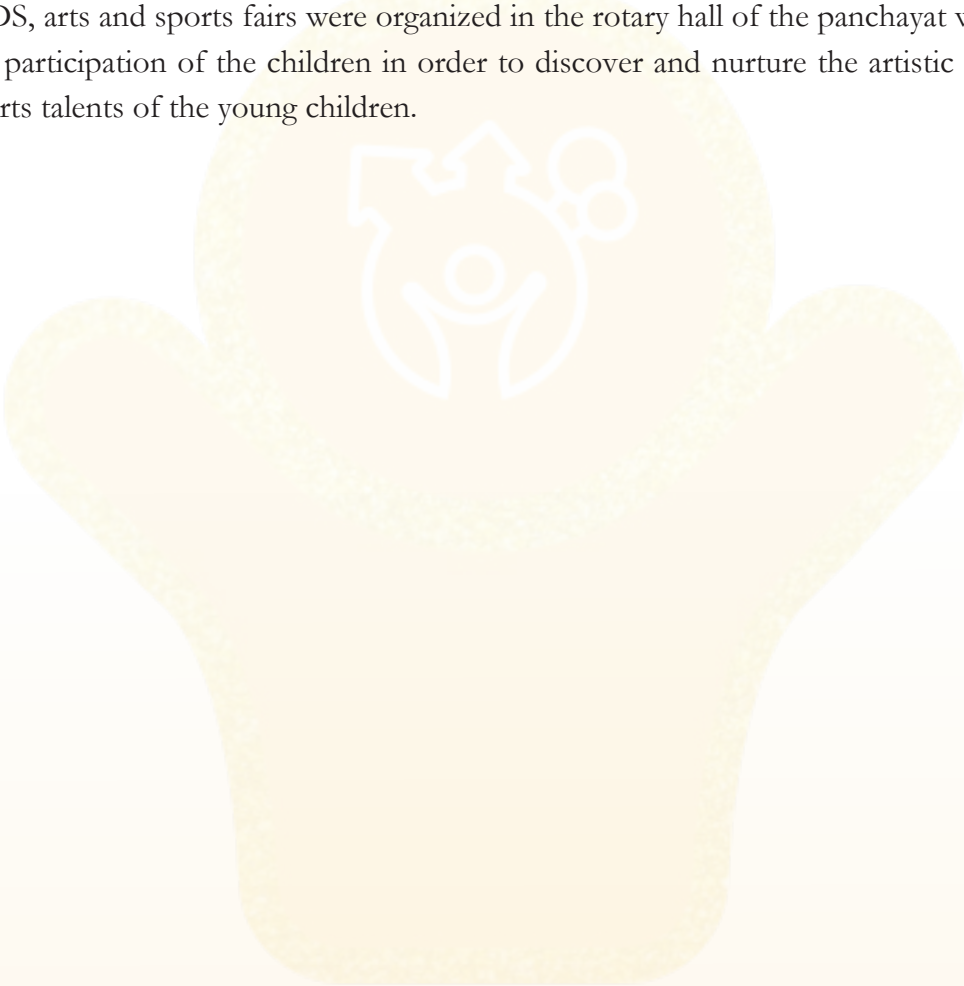
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KNOWLEDGE OASIS: SOORANAD SOUTH'S SUCCESS STORY WITH PROPER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Sooranad South



Sooranad South is a region that has shown remarkable dedication to education-related activities, fostering an environment where learning and knowledge flourish. With a rich history of contributing to the advancement of Malayalam literature through luminaries like Sooranad Kunjanpilla, the community has long recognized the significance of education in shaping the future.

The village has nurtured numerous talented individuals who have achieved advanced degrees, even doctorates, inspired by the exemplary success of their literary star. Beyond the pursuit of fame, the people of Sooranad South have recognized the importance of informal education as a crucible for scholarship, allowing many individuals to excel academically and intellectually.

The pre-1996 era marked a pivotal moment in the community's educational journey, driven by a collective desire to establish their educational institutions. With the generous support of locals, the first school, the Lower Primary School, was established in 1058, on the grounds of Kumaramchira temple. The enthusiasm of prominent figures such as Kesava Pillai and Sri Thengin Tundil Parameswaran Pillai played a crucial role in nurturing the growth of this school.



As time progressed, more educational endeavours emerged, fuelled by passionate individuals like Neelakanta Pillai and initiatives from leaders like Inchakkad LPS, which commenced two 3/9 operations in the year 1096. Other institutions, such as HVLPS, with the support of Hon. Ali Umar Musliar, and ELPS, initiated by Mr. Tharail Ramanpilla, further contributed to the educational landscape of the region.

Initially started in the private sector, the education system underwent a transformative phase when, in the year 1122, the Travancore government declared Kunnathur taluk as a compulsory education zone, resulting in the transfer of many schools to government administration. Among them, Kindangayam North LPS stands as a school directly under the control of the government.

Throughout its history, Sooranad South Panchayat has demonstrated a deep commitment to education and its transformative power. By encouraging learning and creating opportunities for academic growth, the community has laid the foundation for a brighter future, producing knowledgeable and skilled individuals who can contribute not only to their local community but to society at large. Education-related activities remain a cornerstone of this thriving village, promoting progress and enlightenment for generations to come.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: WEST KALLADA'S JOURNEY TOWARDS PROPER EDUCATION FACILITIES

West Kallada



West Kallada is a region located in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. It is a part of the Kallada River basin and is characterized by its picturesque landscapes and lush greenery. The region is known for its agricultural activities, with paddy cultivation being a prominent occupation.

West Kallada is home to several villages and hamlets, and its residents lead a predominantly rural lifestyle. Education has been a paramount priority for the community of West Kallada, and the region has witnessed remarkable developments in various educational endeavours. The collective commitment to nurturing knowledge and fostering a culture of learning has resulted in a range of educational activities aimed at empowering individuals and uplifting the community as a whole.

One of the key aspects of education-related activities in West Kallada is the recognition of local talent and the celebration of literary achievements. The village takes pride in contributing to the star of Malayalam literature, Sooranad Kunjanpilla, whose success serves as an inspiration for the aspiring minds within the region. Numerous talented individuals have followed his example, pursuing advanced degrees and doctorates,



making significant contributions to the field of education and beyond.

The West Kallada Gram Panchayat firmly believes in the attainability of progress, as demonstrated through its 2021-22 plans. These plans revolve around elevating the standard of education, particularly focusing on primary education and transforming Anganwadis into hi-tech centres. To foster creativity among children, Chayam has been introduced in all Anganwadis. This initiative provides boards and furniture for the children to enjoy drawing and explore their creativity. Additionally, an amount of 15,85,258 rupees has been allocated for children's nutrition, ensuring their well-being.

The panchayat has made considerable efforts to improve infrastructure by constructing adequate toilets in four government schools and one aided school within the area. Modern facilities for waste management have also been prioritized, with a budget of 5 lakhs allocated for this purpose. Innovative education has been encouraged, and breakfast has been provided to all children to create a culture of continuous learning. Furthermore, the panchayat has introduced counselling for children to address mental stress and other related issues, and experts have been engaged to provide appropriate solutions. Special classes for SSLC and Plus Two students were organized by Lahari V at the school level, aimed at preparing them for their future endeavours.

To enhance educational resources, 2 lakh rupees were invested in transforming the panchayat's cultural library into a digital library. In an effort to make education technologically secure, laptops and mobile phones were provided to all children as learning tools. Additionally, the panchayat included a budget of 10,000 rupees in its plans to provide laptops, and with the help of individuals and voluntary organizations, 100 mobile phones were purchased and distributed. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the panchayat's dedication to the educational standard of children remains evident. The initiatives undertaken during this period demonstrate the panchayat's unwavering concern for the future generations and their overall well-being. Kerala State has initiated the Vijayaveethi Study Centre in collaboration with Rutronics, providing young women with opportunities to prepare for competitive exams, further highlighting the panchayat's commitment to empowering its residents through education.



KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERMENT: SASTHAMCOTTA PANCHAYAT'S SUCCESS STORY WITH PROPER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Sasthamcotta Panchayat



Sasthamcotta Panchayat is a local governing body situated in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. It encompasses the region around Sasthamcotta, a serene town known for its famous freshwater lake, Sasthamcotta Lake.

Sasthamcotta Panchayat is committed to promoting sustainable Education is a fundamental right guaranteed to every citizen by the constitution, and providing adequate physical facilities for schooling is an essential responsibility of local self - government and local bodies. Sasthamcotta Panchayat, being an agricultural community with many relying on the cashew sector for livelihood, recognizes the importance of investing in education. A significant portion of the annual plan budget is allocated to the education sector.

One of the notable initiatives taken by the panchayat is the implementation of the breakfast project in six government LP schools and three aided LP schools. As many workers in the cashew sector start their work early in the morning, it was challenging to ensure that children received proper nutrition before school. With an annual allocation of up to 35 lakhs, this project provides nutritious breakfast to the students, addressing their nutritional needs and promoting better learning



outcomes.

Among the schools in Sasthamcotta, Muthupilakad LVLP School stands out with over 500 students attending, even from neighbouring panchayats, seeking quality education. Recognizing the need to improve the physical facilities of this school, the panchayat presented a petition to the honourable Minister of Education, resulting in government approval of one core rupees for the construction of a new building for the school. The panchayat ensures that all schools have improved sanitary facilities and implements waste management through the Collectors at School project, which is also part of the job guarantee scheme. Compost is produced in all schools to promote sustainability.

To foster a reading habit among children, reading centres have been established in all schools, and appropriate furniture is provided to cater to the needs of each institution. In an effort to connect children to the agricultural sector, vegetable gardens have been set up in schools, and the produce is utilized in the school kitchen to provide nutritious meals to the students.

Under the employment guarantee scheme, anganwadis are constructed and improved, promoting a sense of art and culture among the children through events like “Sargotsavam.” The panchayat has also allocated funds worth 32 lakhs in the 2021 - 2022 annual plans to support agricultural projects. Overall, Sasthamcotta Panchayat’s initiatives in the education sector demonstrate its commitment to providing a conducive learning environment and nurturing the intellectual and physical well - being of the children in its community.



EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOURS: A SUCCESS STORY OF PATTAZHI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Pattazi Gram Panchayat



Pattazhi Gram Panchayat has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality education by supporting the Government Model LP School within its jurisdiction. Through various initiatives and assistance, the panchayat has transformed the school environment, leading to improved infrastructure, academic standards, and overall student well-being. This dedication to education has made the school a symbol of excellence and a source of pride for the local community.

One of the key areas where Pattazhi Gram Panchayat has made a significant impact is in the repair and construction of school buildings. By investing in the school's infrastructure, the panchayat has created a conducive and safe learning environment for students. These improvements have not only enhanced the physical conditions of the school but have also contributed to raising academic standards and attracting more children to enrol.

Another remarkable aspect of the school's development is the emphasis on nurturing artistic abilities among the students. The panchayat has ensured that the classroom environment fosters creativity and encourages students to explore their artistic talents. This focus on the arts



helps to promote holistic development, allowing students to discover and express their unique talents beyond academic subjects.

In addition to supporting creativity, Pattazhi Gram Panchayat has also prioritized creating a school environment that harmonizes with nature. By emphasizing gardening and green initiatives, the panchayat instills a sense of environmental consciousness among students. This not only helps them develop a deeper appreciation for nature but also equips them with valuable skills related to sustainable practices.

The collective efforts of Pattazhi Gram Panchayat have resulted in a remarkable transformation of the education sector in the region. The school's improved infrastructure, focus on creativity, and eco-friendly approach have contributed to creating an excellent school environment. As a result, the school has become a beacon of quality education, attracting more students and earning accolades from the local community.

Pattazhi Gram Panchayat's dedication to education and its commitment to providing a nurturing and inspiring learning environment have yielded positive outcomes for the Government Model LP School. By investing in infrastructure, supporting artistic talents, and promoting eco-friendly practices, the panchayat has set a shining example for other educational institutions. The school's success is a testament to the power of collaboration between local bodies and educational institutions in fostering academic growth and overall well-being of students.



HIGHTECH VILAKKUDI

Vilakkudi Gram Panchayat



Vilakkudi is a village located in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. The village is known for its scenic beauty and is surrounded by lush greenery, making it a picturesque and peaceful place to live. Vilakkudi is part of the local governing body, such as a gram panchayat, which oversees the development and welfare of the village. The schools operating in the public education sector have received significant assistance from the Gram Panchayat during the year 2021 - 2022. This assistance includes maintenance, new construction, and provision of laptop projectors to 6 government schools under the purview of the Vilakkudi Gram Panchayat. As a result of this support, these schools have made remarkable progress in terms of academic quality and have experienced an increase in student enrolment.

Government UPS Elambal is a notable example of how the allocated funds have been utilized effectively. Approximately 5 lakhs and fifty thousand rupees were invested in renovating bathrooms and adding sheets to the school building, thus creating an excellent educational environment. With the funds received for various projects, the schools have been able to establish smart classrooms, which have significantly improved



the academic quality of the students. These smart classrooms have connected the children with modern technology, imparting knowledge and encouraging self - study. The provision of projectors and printers to Government UPS Elambal and other schools under the Vilakudi Gram Panchayat's administration has been a source of pride. It has allowed these schools to offer better education using modern technology, benefiting the students greatly.

Throughout the academic year 2021 - 2022, Vilakudi Gram Panchayat has extended substantial support to various government schools, resulting in significant academic and infrastructural progress. The assistance provided has covered school maintenance, distribution of study materials to students, and the provision of computers and projectors to enhance the learning experience. One of the most notable and innovative programs initiated during this period was the breakfast program, benefiting approximately 800 children. Under this program, nutritious and balanced breakfasts were provided to students across all six schools under the Vilakudi Gram Panchayat. The breakfast menu was thoughtfully designed, ensuring that the students received healthy and nourishing food each day. The program was successfully implemented and concluded in March.

The Vilakudi Gram Panchayat's commitment to improving the physical infrastructure and academic environment in public schools has been instrumental in uplifting the public education sector. The support received from the Gram Panchayat has enabled the schools to provide better facilities, enhance educational standards, and attract more students to pursue their studies in these institutions.



EDUSMART

Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat



Kulathupuzha Panchayat is a local self - government body located in the Kollam district, Kerala, India, situated in the eastern part of the district. Edusmart, initiated by Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat, reflects the panchayat's vision of providing quality education to all children, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, including Scheduled Tribes and Castes. The panchayat recognizes that schools in the area primarily serve students from underprivileged families, and it aims to elevate the standards of education by implementing modern and innovative teaching methods.

As part of the Edusmart project, the panchayat has transformed nine classrooms in seven schools into smart classrooms. These classrooms have been equipped with various modern amenities, including interactive panels, air conditioning, appropriate furniture, writing boards, curtains, and paintings. The integration of technology and upgraded facilities in these classrooms allows for a more engaging and immersive learning experience for students.

In addition to the physical enhancements, the project also focuses on providing special training for teachers to effectively use the smart classrooms and leverage technology in their teaching methods. This teacher training



ensures that educators can optimize the benefits of the new facilities and deliver more effective lessons.

The panchayat's commitment to educational development is evident through its financial investment in the project. In the financial year 2021 - 22, Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat allocated Rs 35, 92, 214 to implement the Edusmart project, showcasing its dedication to enhancing the learning environment and opportunities for students.

Looking ahead, the panchayat aims to continue the Edusmart project and expand its reach to all lower primary (LP) and upper primary (UP) classrooms in Kulathupuzha. This ambitious plan reflects the panchayat's long - term vision of providing quality education to every child in the region, fostering a brighter future for the community.

Overall, Edusmart is a commendable initiative by Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat, aiming to bridge the educational gap and improve the overall academic experience for students in the area. By embracing technology and upgrading classroom facilities, the panchayat is taking significant strides towards nurturing a generation of well - educated and empowered individuals, contributing to the growth and development of the region.



NURTURING YOUNG MINDS: VETTIKAVALA'S JOURNEY AS A CHILD-FRIENDLY HEAVEN

Vettikavala Panchayat



Vettikavala Panchayat is a dedicated and community-driven organization that prioritizes the well-being and development of its youngest residents. With a strong belief in fostering a child-friendly environment, the Panchayat takes immense pride in its initiatives to enhance early education and support the overall welfare of children. In the financial year 2021-22, one of the significant projects undertaken was the construction of Anganwadi buildings, which have been transformed into smart Anganwadis to provide an enriching educational journey for children aged three years and above.

The concept of smart Anganwadis lies at the heart of the Panchayat's commitment to providing the best education for children. The focus is on creating a conducive learning space where young minds can explore, learn, and grow. Through meticulous efforts and dedicated funding, the Panchayat has successfully completed the construction work at Kokkadu North Thengara Anganawadi and Thalachira East Anganawadi, setting the standard for future projects and exemplifying their dedication to realizing their vision.

Vettikavala Panchayat is unwavering in its pursuit of establishing smart Anganwadis as centres of excellence,



where the foundation of knowledge is laid at an early age. Throughout the financial year 2021-22, the Panchayat has taken steps to construct well-equipped Anganwadis in various wards, ensuring that children have access to all the necessary facilities to facilitate their growth and development.

Inclusivity and support are key pillars of Vettikavala Panchayat's mission for the welfare of children. By investing efforts in enhancing early education and providing comprehensive facilities, the Panchayat aims to empower the next generation to thrive and reach their fullest potential. The strong commitment to being a child-friendly Panchayat is evident in their continuous efforts to foster a nurturing community for young learners.

Overall, Vettikavala Panchayat's dedication and proactive approach to promoting early education and child welfare have created a positive impact on the community. By investing in the growth and well-being of children, the Panchayat is laying a strong foundation for a brighter and more promising future for the entire region.



BLOSSOMING CHILDHOOD: ALAPPAD'S TALE OF CHILD-FRIENDLY ANGANWADIS

Alappad Gram Panchayat



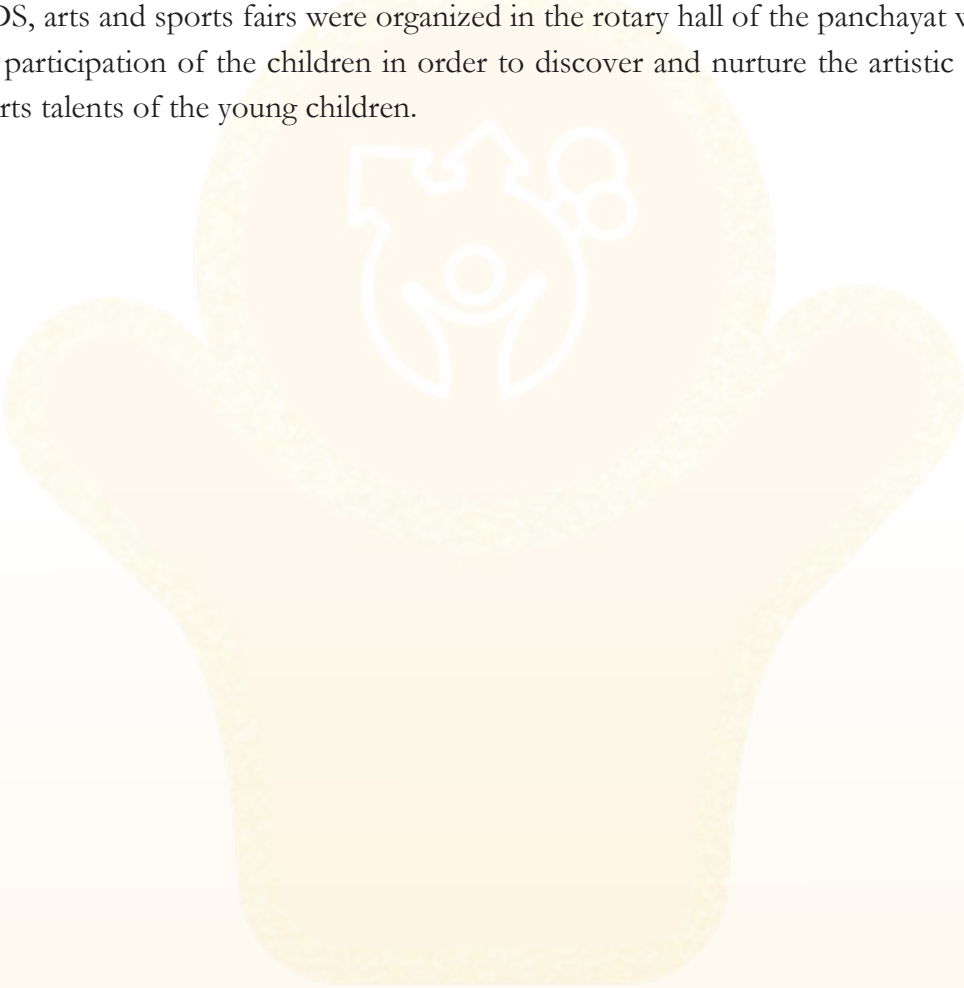
Alappad Gram Panchayat is a local self - government body located in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. Situated in the picturesque coastal region, Alappad Panchayat plays a vital role in the development and welfare of its residents. Known for its scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage, the panchayat is committed to promoting sustainable development and preserving the unique charm of its coastal landscapes.

Even in the limited situation of Alappad Gram Panchayat, the panchayat has undertaken comprehensive schemes for the students of the gram panchayat to get basic education and more than that to make them mentally and physically more interested in educational subjects. There are three LP schools functioning in Alappad Gram Panchayat. Around four hundred students are studying in these places. Apart from the educational facilities for the children, the teachers have also established various types of facilities with the help of the Gram Panchayat. In addition, smart classrooms with modern technology are functioning in each school. Football academies have been started at school levels to identify and nurture the sporting talents of children. The panchayat has taken up and distributed projects for schools such as desks, chairs



and projectors for the students during the period 2021 - 22.

The panchayat has devised and implemented various innovative schemes during the period 2021 - 22 to further improve the education sector. The activities of the Anganwadis in the Panchayat are specially and continuously reviewed and the deficiencies are corrected and the social education of the children is realized by showing good work. With the efforts of the panchayat and with the support of ICDS, arts and sports fairs were organized in the rotary hall of the panchayat with the participation of the children in order to discover and nurture the artistic and sports talents of the young children.





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EMPOWERING EDUCATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Aruvappulam Gram Panchayat



Aruvappulam Gram panchayat is situated in the Konni taluk of the Konni block of Pathanamthitta district. The Gram panchayat comprises of total 15 wards. Aruvappulam Gram Panchayat is a land area spread over 278 square kilometres in Aruvappulam Iravan village, located in Konni taluk of Pathanamthitta district. The funds allocated by the state and central governments for public welfare activities are effectively utilized by this Gram Panchayat.

Education is one of the key areas of focus for the Gram Panchayat. Aruvappulam Government LP School is the primary public school in the area and the headmistress serves as the executive officer responsible for educational initiatives. The educational projects implemented by the Gram Panchayat are particularly beneficial for poor children in the region. These projects include providing breakfast to school students, allocating funds for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), distributing laptops to scheduled tribe and scheduled caste students, implementing a continuing literacy program, and executing the Gotra Sarathi project.

Breakfast distribution, in collaboration with Kudumbashree, ensures that nutritious food is available



to all children daily. The Gram Panchayat also organizes extracurricular activities such as yoga training, day celebrations, and art competitions at Aruvappulam Government LP School. The laptop distribution project aims to enhance the learning quality of scheduled caste and scheduled tribe students. Under this initiative, the Gram Panchayat has purchased and distributed 45 laptops, spending a total of INR 12,39,144 to support the educational development of these students.

The Gotra Sarathi Yojana was designed and implemented to address the transportation challenges faced by scheduled tribe students. This project has been instrumental in providing transportation to and from school for the children residing in Avanipara and Kotanpara, which are Scheduled Tribe Colonies under the jurisdiction of the Gram Panchayat. The project incurred an expense of INR 15,600, even during the COVID-19 crisis. Whenever feasible, the Gram Panchayat presents the details of their education-related projects for consideration by the award selection committee.



WELL BEING OF THE STUDENTS

Ayiroor Gram Panchayat



Ayiroor Gram Panchayat is in the western part of Ranni taluk of Koipuram block, in the Pathanamthitta district of Kerala state, India. It is bordered by hills and situated near the Western Ghats. Ayiroor was previously part of Thiruvalla taluk in Alleppey district and is considered part of the Edanadu region in Kerala. The Pamba River flows on the southern side of the village. Ayiroor Panchayat is now officially known as Ayiroor Kathakali Gramam.

The panchayat has introduced various programs aimed at promoting the overall well-being and development of school children. Recognizing that children are the promise of the future, GLPS Ayiroor School organized a dedication campaign and awareness programs for the students. The primary focus of this campaign was to create awareness about the grave issue of drug abuse in society. By empowering the students and the community with knowledge and understanding, the campaign aims to take control and combat the spread of drugs, serving as an important initial step towards eliminating the presence of drugs from society.

In its commitment to promoting educational excellence, schools in the panchayat organize a diverse range of activities. These activities are designed to bring out



the innate talents of children through their active involvement in extracurricular pursuits. Various competitions and creative crafts are introduced to help children acquire new skills, boost their confidence, and provide opportunities to showcase their abilities.

Moreover, Ayiroor Panchayat has taken proactive measures to raise awareness about rabies prevention, particularly due to the increasing death rate of children from rabies. Special classes and awareness programs were conducted to educate children about ways to avoid rabies and the necessary first aid measures to be taken in case of any incident. The children wholeheartedly pledged to work towards making the country rabies-free, reflecting their commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of their community.

Furthermore, the panchayat has organized a series of programs aimed at encouraging and nurturing artistic talents among children. One such notable program was the Christmas and New Year celebration, where children actively participated and showcased their artistic skills and talents. These initiatives not only provide a platform for children to explore their creative abilities but also contribute significantly to their overall mental well-being and happiness.

The commitment of Ayiroor Kathakali Gram Panchayat towards the welfare and holistic development of its young population is commendable. Through these initiatives, the panchayat is shaping responsible and empowered citizens who are aware of social issues and actively contribute to the betterment of society. By investing in the potential of their children, Ayiroor Kathakali Gramam is fostering a brighter and more promising future for the entire community.



EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS OF CHITTAR

Chittar Gram Panchayat



Chittar Gram Panchayat is situated in the Konni taluk of the Ranni block of Pathanamthitta district. Gram Panchayat comprises of total 13 wards which covers an area of 25.90 Sq. Km. Education is undoubtedly one of the most crucial pillars for the development of any society. In the case of villages like Chittar Gram Panchayat, it holds even greater significance as it serves as the preamble to progress. The Panchayat recognizes the significance of providing good leadership and appropriate guidance to its children, who, in turn, will mature into responsible and capable individuals. With three LP schools, three U. P schools, and various schools under private management, the Panchayat is committed to offering quality education and fostering holistic development among its students.

Chittar Gram Panchayat is dedicated to ensuring that its educational institutions have top - notch facilities to create a conducive learning environment. All the schools in the Panchayat are well - attired with modern infrastructure, expansive playgrounds, computerized multimedia rooms, clean and smart classrooms, staff rooms, and hygienic bathrooms. These amenities are designed to provide students with a comfortable and



enriched learning experience.

The Panchayat takes pride in having a team of well - experienced and qualified teachers who are passionate about imparting knowledge and nurturing young minds. These dedicated educators conduct classes that go beyond the textbooks, emphasizing the importance of holistic learning and personal growth.

While text - oriented studies are essential, Chittar Gram Panchayat understands the significance of nurturing well - rounded individuals. Hence, the school administration actively encourages and provides awareness classes and sports training to its students. This balanced approach has led to the Panchayat's remarkable achievements in state and national - level competitions.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the democratic government and various institutions, Kerala boasts the highest literacy rate among the states of India. Chittar Gram Panchayat, with a literacy rate of 96. 55%, is indeed thankful for the support and helping hands that have contributed to this impressive milestone.

Education is the cornerstone of development, and Chittar Gram Panchayat is committed to providing its students with the best possible learning experiences. With state - of - the - art infrastructure, dedicated teachers, and a focus on holistic growth, the Panchayat has achieved remarkable success in nurturing capable and educated individuals. As they continue on their path of progress, the Panchayat remains grateful for the support and collaboration that have contributed to their remarkable literacy rate.



NURTURING MINDS, ENRICHING FUTURES: PANDALAM THEKKEKKARA GRAM PANCHAYATS VISION FOR EDUCATION

Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat



Pandalam Thekekkara Gram panchayat is situated in the Pathanamthitta taluk of the Adoor block of Pathanamthitta district. Gram panchayat comprises of total 14 wards which covers an area of 19.42 Sq. Km.

In the financial year 2021-22, Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat has undertaken various comprehensive education projects to empower the next generation. Recognizing the importance of nurturing the youth, the Panchayat has implemented initiatives focused on providing nutritious food, establishing smart classrooms, and supporting educational activities. One standout scheme is the prestigious breakfast program, aimed at ensuring every child receives a balanced diet for their physical and mental growth.

The Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat has prioritized education and the overall development of children. In the financial year 2021-22, they have undertaken several projects, including the creation of science and children's magazines, preparation of diary calendars and the purchase of library books to enhance the learning experience of students. Additionally, LSS (Lower Secondary Scholarship) training and distribution to schools have been carried out to support the academic



advancement of the students.

The Gram Panchayat has embraced technology to boost education quality. Smart classrooms have been established in all schools under their purview. This forward-thinking move aims to provide students with interactive and technology-enabled learning environments, equipping them with essential skills for the digital age.

Recognizing the significance of health and nutrition for the future generation, Pandalam Thekekkara Panchayat has launched a prestigious breakfast program in five schools. Each day, children are provided with different nutritious meals, ensuring they receive the essential nutrients required for their physical and mental growth. The objective is to promote the overall well-being of students and set them on the path to a healthy and successful future.

Under the leadership of Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat Bharana Samiti, a creative plan has been formulated to strengthen the future generation through proper nutrition at the early stages of their growth. By ensuring quality standards and nutritious meals in all schools, the Panchayat aims to make a significant impact on children's lives and ensure their academic and physical development.

Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat's unwavering commitment to education and child welfare is commendable. Through comprehensive education projects, smart classrooms, and the prestigious breakfast program, the Panchayat is nurturing the next generation and preparing them to lead the country in the future. By focusing on the holistic development of children, Pandalam Thekekkara Gram Panchayat is making a positive difference in the lives of its young residents and contributing to the betterment of the entire community.



ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT

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“KUDI PALLIKOODAM: EMPOWERING EDUCATION FOR ALL IN KAINAKARI GRAM PANCHAYAT”

Kainakari Gram Panchayat



Kainakari Gram Panchayat is a local self-governing body under Champakulam block panchayat of Alappuzha district. There are 15 wards under the panchayat.

In 1895, the visionary Pandipalli family founded Kudi Palikoodam in Kainakari Gram Panchayat with the noble concept of providing education for all. This educational institution has been a beacon of hope and progress, instilling knowledge and wisdom among generations. Notably, in 1996, the remarkable Akshara Muthassi of Kuttamangalam celebrated her 100th birthday, a testament to the transformative power of education.

Education is widely recognized as a fundamental human right, a potent catalyst for development, and a key instrument for poverty reduction, enhanced health, gender equality, peace, and stability. It yields substantial and consistent returns in terms of income and plays a crucial role in ensuring equity and inclusion within society. Kainakari Gram Panchayat has prioritized education as a cornerstone for community development.

However, in 2018, the devastating floods wreaked havoc on the school's infrastructure, disrupting the children's education. Despite the setbacks, the indomitable



spirit of the community prevailed, and the school building underwent extensive renovations. On December 15, 2022, the school was proudly inaugurated by Shri. V. Sivankutty, the Minister of Public Education, marking a new chapter of progress and opportunities.

Nestled on the shores of the majestic Pampa River, the “Grandmother of Education” stands tall with pride, symbolizing the enduring commitment of Kainakari Gram Panchayat to empowering education and fostering the growth of its future generations. With heads held high, the community continues to pave the way for a brighter and more enlightened future for all.





NURTURING EDUCATION: KUMARAPURAM GRAM PANCHAYAT AND ITS ENDURING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL

Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat



The year 1954 marked a significant milestone in the educational landscape of Kumarapuram as the school was entrusted to Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat. This marked the beginning of a lasting partnership that has flourished over the years. Since then, the government has transferred several panchayat schools, including this one, ensuring that the institution received the necessary support and basic facilities it required to provide quality education.

Under the dynamic leadership of the ever - changing Panchayat Bharanasamathi, the school's infrastructure has been given paramount importance. The Gram Panchayat recognized the crucial role that education plays in shaping young minds and thus, strived to create an environment conducive to learning. Efforts were made to improve existing facilities and provide a nurturing space for students to grow and flourish.

Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat has not only emphasized academics but also recognized the significance of extracurricular activities in fostering holistic development. Encouraging students to explore their talents and interests, the Panchayat actively supported and promoted various extracurricular activities. The



school has witnessed its students actively participating in NSS scholarship exams, showcasing their talent and dedication, and consistently achieving success year after year.

Despite the commendable efforts, there are still pending construction works for additional classrooms in the school. However, the Panchayat is firmly committed to addressing this need and ensuring the completion of the ongoing construction work. The dedication of Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat towards providing the best possible learning environment continues to fuel the progress of the school.

Throughout its journey, Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat has played a pivotal role in bolstering the growth and development of the school. The collaborative efforts between the Panchayat and the school have resulted in positive outcomes, enhancing educational opportunities for the young minds of the region.

The enduring partnership between Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat and the school stands as a testament to the power of collective effort in nurturing education. With a focus on infrastructure development, extracurricular empowerment, and the betterment of educational facilities, the Panchayat has made significant contributions to the progress of the school. As the journey continues, the commitment of Kumarapuram Gram Panchayat towards education remains unwavering, driving the school towards greater heights of excellence.



EXPANDING CHILD EDUCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: PROGRESS IN KANJIKUZHI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat



Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat has taken significant steps to enhance child education, health, and infrastructure development within the village. Recognizing the importance of early learning and nutrition, the panchayat committee has prioritized the establishment of Anganwadies and modernizing primary education with smart classrooms. Additionally, infrastructure development projects, including the construction of Baby - friendly toilets, OP Block Building, culverts, and road improvements, have been undertaken to ensure the overall well - being and convenience of the local population.

Anganwadies play a crucial role in promoting child education and health in the village. The panchayat committee, understanding their significance, has allocated Rs. 9, 10, 000 to uplift the centres. Notably, Baby - friendly toilets have been built, catering specifically to children's health and hygiene concerns. These efforts are aimed at providing a nurturing and conducive environment for young learners' holistic growth.

To enhance the quality of primary education, Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat has established 10 smart classrooms. These classrooms are equipped with projectors, screens, and sound systems, transforming traditional learning



spaces into engaging and interactive environments. As a result, students have shown increased interest and active participation in collective learning experiences.

For the betterment of health care services in the rural population, the construction of the new OP Block Building at Kanjikuzhi Family Health Centre has been completed. An allocation of rupees 1 core was made for this “urban mission Project,” aimed at providing modern facilities and improved services to the community.

Efforts to improve internal road connectivity and maintain proper drainage systems have been successful with the construction of culverts in the village. This has made access to the village streets more convenient, allowing smooth movement for the local population.

Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat has also taken steps to conserve natural water resources. By constructing random rubble side walls at the ‘Kannamkulam Pond’ in ward number 4, the availability of surface water has increased, benefitting the village and contributing to water resource conservation.

Infrastructure development has been a priority for Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat. Over 57 roads have been completed, amounting to 303.68 lakh rupees. With new street pavements, villagers can now easily access day-to-day activities.

To improve the living conditions and safety of villagers, the panchayat has upgraded street light facilities in 18 wards of the village. This initiative enhances the basics of community life and fosters a sense of security during night hours.

Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat has further invested in education by focusing on school up gradation. The ‘Charamangalam Government DVHSS’ was prioritized, and the construction of an Upper Primary School building has been completed with an expenditure of 1 core rupees.

Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat’s dedication to expanding child education, improving health care services, and enhancing village infrastructure showcases its commitment to the well-being and progress of the community. By undertaking various projects and initiatives, the panchayat has created a more conducive environment for education, health care, and overall community development. Through these efforts, Kanjikuzhi Gram Panchayat is setting an example of effective governance and prioritization of the needs and aspirations of its residents.



THE STEEL TUMBLER PREVENTING THE USE OF PLASTICS

Thekekara Gram Panchayat



Thekekara is a village in Alappuzha district in the Indian state of Kerala. The village is situated in Mavelikkara south. According to Census 2011 information the location code or village code of Thekekara village is 628280. Thekekara village is located in Mavelikkara taluk of Alappuzha district in Kerala, India. It is situated 6 km away from sub-district headquarters Mavelikkara and 65km away from district headquarters Alappuzha

The Thekekkara Gram Panchayat has undertaken an innovative project to completely stop the use of plastic water bottles in Anganwadis, where small children study in our society, even before the complete ban on plastic in our country and state. The project, named “Steel Tumbler,” takes measures to provide free steel water bottles to all the children of 32 Anganwadis in our Panchayat. The hope is that this initiative will not only help us reach our goal of becoming a plastic-free Panchayat but also educate the new generation about the dangers of plastic, thus contributing to the creation of a healthier future generation.

It is a well-known fact that small children often bring hot water in plastic containers. Numerous studies have shown that filling plastic bottles with hot water can lead



to diseases like deadly cancer. Thus, it becomes the primary duty of the Gram Panchayat to mould a healthy generation by taking steps to address this issue.

By providing steel water bottles to the children in the Anganwadis, the Gram Panchayat has been successful in educating their families about the harmful effects of using hot water filled in plastic bottles. Moreover, this project also conveys a vital message to the people that the use of plastic should be minimized. The Panchayat aims to serve as an example and inspiration to society through this initiative. The positive response received from the people and Anganwadi workers, along with the cooperation of guardians, has been heartening. The enthusiasm has led the Panchayat to extend the distribution of steel water bottles to the children of four government schools in the Panchayat this year.

This innovative project implemented by the Panchayat not only helps achieve the goal of eliminating plastic but also paves the way for raising a healthier future generation. By promoting the use of steel water bottles, the Panchayat plays a crucial role in safeguarding the health and well-being of the children and setting an example for sustainable practices in the community.



ARYAD GRAM PANCHAYAT'S INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT, AND INCLUSIVITY

Aryad Gram Panchayat



Aryad Gram Panchayat, despite its small size of 6.87 sq. km, holds significant importance in the Alappuzha District. The panchayat is bordered by backwaters and the sea, making it a densely populated area. Over the years, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of workers engaged in traditional occupations such as farming, fishing, and coir work.

Despite its small size and limited resources, Aryad Gram Panchayat has been a direct link to the world - famous Kerala Model of development. It has embraced and absorbed the positive impacts of various enlightened social movements that have occurred in Kerala. Despite facing challenges of low per capita income, the panchayat has managed to improve the overall quality of life for its residents through social and political interventions.

In terms of education and child development, the panchayat boasts 29 Anganawadis and different wards. These Anganawadis play a vital role in providing government services to young children, offering pre - primary education and recreational activities. Additionally, nutritious food is provided to children, promoting their overall development.



The panchayat has made significant strides in education with the establishment of a smart lower primary school equipped with smart classrooms. Students actively engage with technology - supported learning and are also provided with tasty meals and food supplements. The focus on recreation, games, and sports ensures the holistic development of students' physical and mental health.

Furthermore, Aryad Gram Panchayat supports differently - abled individuals through a Bud school, offering them opportunities to engage in various activities such as making paper pens, liquids, and washing liquids. This initiative empowers them to be productive members of society and fosters inclusivity.

In addition to education, the panchayat has a well - furnished cultural centre with library housing over 3000 books. The centre is frequented by people, promoting a reading culture and improving their habits. Various sports and recreational activities are also encouraged, enriching the lives of children in the panchayat.

To enhance physical fitness and swimming skills, the panchayat has developed four ponds that serve as swimming pools for children of all ages. These swimming pools are well - maintained, providing a safe environment for training.

Overall, Aryad Gram Panchayat's commitment to education, child development, and the welfare of differently - abled individuals showcases its determination to uplift the quality of life for its residents and contribute to the progress and development of the region.



EFFORTS OF MARARIKULAM SOUTH GRAM PANCHAYAT IN ADVANCING EDUCATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4 (SDG4)

Mararikulam South Gram Panchayat



Mararikulam South Gram Panchayat is a local self-governing body under Aryad Block Panchayat of Alappuzha District. There are 23 wards under the Panchayat.

Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) focuses on providing quality education for all, recognizing that education is fundamental to creating a peaceful and prosperous world. Education empowers individuals with knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed for their overall well-being, including better health and employability, and fosters tolerance and understanding among communities.

In Mararikulam Gram Panchayat, significant efforts are being made to advance education through various initiatives. The panchayat has shown remarkable progress in this area with the establishment of 51 Anganawadis, 11 Balakairali centres, and 2 schools. The increasing number of children attending Balakairali centres each year is a testament to the commitment of the village panchayat in Mararikulam South, Kerala.

To further promote education, the panchayat has allocated 756,961 rupees during the period of 2021-



2022. Some of these funds were utilized from the panchayat's own resources to improve infrastructure, including the construction of study rooms, providing toys, and other necessary facilities in educational institutions. A notable example of the panchayat's support to underprivileged students is the allocation of 2 lakh rupees each for building study rooms for students belonging to the Scheduled Caste who lacked proper facilities to study. This initiative aims to create a conducive learning environment for these students, enabling them to excel in their education.

Additionally, the panchayat distributed study materials worth 291,911 rupees to children residing in the coastal areas near the southern end of the panchayat. This step emphasizes the panchayat's dedication to ensuring that children in remote areas also have access to educational resources, removing barriers to learning and creating equitable opportunities for all.

The exemplary work carried out by Mararikulam South Gram Panchayat in the field of education, aligning with SDG4 of sustainable development goals, is commendable. Through its concerted efforts, the panchayat is contributing significantly to the holistic development of its residents, especially the young generation, and empowering them with education to build a brighter and more prosperous future for themselves and their communities. By investing in education, Mararikulam South Gram Panchayat is fostering a society that values knowledge, inclusivity, and progress, which will ultimately contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals on a broader scale.



QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Ezhupunna Gram Panchayat



In the academic year 2021 - 2022, Ezhupunna Gram Panchayat made significant strides in its educational projects, with a strong emphasis on prioritizing children's education. The Panchayat's own NSLP School is dedicated to upholding international standards, and one of its main objectives is to enable students to speak English fluently by the time they reach class 4.

During the year, Eramallur Government NSLP School, under the auspices of Ezhupunna Gram Panchayat, successfully implemented a range of activities aimed at enhancing the overall learning experience of its students. Special attention was given to creating innovative schemes that helped alleviate the stress faced by children in the post - Covid era. The mental well - being and happiness of the students were also prioritized, and the Varna Kudaram project, in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Kerala, was conducted effectively.

Furthermore, the Panchayat undertook the "Communicative English" project to ensure that the children studying in the school acquire a strong command of the English language. This initiative aimed to equip the students with the necessary language skills to excel in their academic and future endeavours.



Apart from educational aspects, the Health Education Standing Committee of the Panchayat embarked on a crucial project to provide proper and hygienic food for breakfast to the students. Additionally, the “Smart Kitchen” project was implemented to modernize the school’s kitchen, with the acquisition of new utensils and equipment, ensuring better facilities for the children.

The lunch program has been running successfully, with active monitoring by parents, who play an integral role in the children’s educational journey. Particularly during the challenging times of the Covid pandemic, the school made special interventions to address the problems faced by students who had to rely solely on online classes due to the loss of offline opportunities.

To foster a well - rounded educational experience, the school offered classes in various activities such as Dance, Music, and Chenda, allowing students to explore their interests and talents. Additionally, awareness classes were conducted for parents to help them better support their children and reduce stress levels.

Various cultural celebrations, including Onam and Christmas, were organized with enthusiastic involvement from parents, strengthening the school’s connection with the community.

Overall, Ezhupunna Gram Panchayat demonstrated its commitment to providing an enriching and supportive learning environment, engaging both the students and the community closely with the school’s activities and progress.



ENHANCING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND WELL - BEING

Punnapra North Gram Panchayat



Punnapra North Gram Panchayat, situated in the picturesque region of Kuttanad, Kerala, has been making significant strides in enhancing the educational experience and well-being of children through its innovative and forward-thinking approach.

The Panchayat comprises 17 wards and covers an area of 12.12 square kilometres. With a total population of 28,749, the Panchayat is responsible for providing essential services and facilities to its residents.

One notable initiative taken by the Punnapra North Gram Panchayat is the construction of new Anganwadi (AWC) buildings inwards number 1, 5, and 10. For this project, the Panchayat allocated Rs 29 lakh from its 2021-22 financial budgets. The establishment of new AWC buildings is crucial in providing a conducive environment for early childhood education and development.

To further enhance the educational experience for the children attending the Anganwadies centres, Punnapra North Gram Panchayat introduced the “Kilikonchal” program. This program is a collaborative effort between the KITE VICTERS channel and the Women & Child Department. It involves showing educational and



entertaining content through projectors, making it an attractive and engaging way to impart knowledge to young learners. This initiative not only attracts children but also encourages parents to actively involve their children in the Anganwadi centres.

Focusing on specific wards, the 5th ward in Punnapra North Gram Panchayat is located on the Western edge of Kuttanad fields, blessed by the presence of the Pampa River. It is home to small marginal farmers, labourers, and middle-class coconut farmers. In this ward, the 10th number Anganwadi Centre is situated, which is now transformed into a “smart Anganwadi Centre.” This transformation involves decorating the centre with child-friendly paintings and drawings, creating an environment that excites and inspires the children to come happily to the centre.

Overall, these initiatives taken by Punnapra North Gram Panchayat reflect a commendable commitment to improving early childhood education and well-being. By adopting innovative and creative approaches, Panchayat aims to provide a nurturing environment for its young population, setting them on the path of growth and development.



KOTTAYAM DISTRICT

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CHILD FRIENDLY AKALAKUNNAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

Akalakunnam Gram Panchayat



Akalakunnam Gram Panchayat is situated in the Kottayam Taluk of Pampady block in Kottayam District. It consists of 15 wards and is home to 23 Anganwadis and 2 government LP schools. The total population of the Gram Panchayat is 19,718.

Efforts have been made to enhance the functioning of educational institutions through various schemes. The governing body is optimistic about implementing more child - friendly activities. The Gram Panchayat has prioritized the development of a child - friendly environment and has included it in the annual plan. Numerous projects have been formulated and completed with the aim of achieving this goal. The focus is on ensuring a safe and clean environment, quality education, and improved health services for all children.

To address the issues faced by children and provide them with necessary support, several committees have been formed at different levels. These include local committees, school management committees, teacher - parenting committees, Matru Samiti, and Anganwadi monitoring committees. Efforts are being made to enhance the learning standards of children by providing necessary books in school libraries and fostering



a reading culture. The Gram Panchayat is also striving to improve technical education by ensuring the availability of computer systems. Additionally, initiatives such as organizing children's councils, establishing playgrounds, creating vegetable gardens, constructing small parks, and adorning walls with artistic paintings are being implemented to nurture the talents and overall well - being of children.

For the well - being of Anganwadi children, various events are organized, especially for to ensure adequate nutrition. The Gram Panchayat is also dedicated to providing necessary services to pregnant women, conducting awareness classes for adolescents, and offering information about required vaccinations to improve overall health.

In the upcoming years, the Gram Panchayat will continue to take necessary steps to implement and expand upon these excellent activities. The focus remains on creating a child - friendly environment that caters to the needs and aspirations of the young generation.



EXEMPLARY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN BY PAMPADY GRAM PANCHAYAT

Pampady Gram Panchayat



Pampady Gram Panchayat, located in Kottayam district and belonging to the Pampady block, is an integral part of the region. Total population of this panchayat is 33004. It lies in an area of 22.74 sq.km. With its 20 wards, the Gram Panchayat has undertaken numerous projects aimed at transforming it into a model Gram Panchayat. These initiatives prioritize the well-being of children, including providing a safe and clean environment, quality education, and improved healthcare services. Through the formation of various committees, the Panchayat ensures that the needs of children are understood and met effectively.

Within the Panchayat, 32 out of the 38 Anganwadis operate from their own buildings, while the remaining 6 are accommodated in other facilities. This infrastructure enhancement allows for better facilities and services for the children attending these centres. Additionally, the Panchayat supports three government LP (Lower Primary) schools, further emphasizing the importance of education within the community.

To enhance the learning outcomes of the children and foster a love for reading, the Panchayat focuses on providing necessary books for school libraries. It also



strives to improve technical education by ensuring computer systems. Various activities, such as organizing children's councils, creating playgrounds and vegetable gardens, establishing small parks, and incorporating different art forms like wall paintings, are included in the annual plan and diligently implemented to nurture the talents and holistic development of the children.

The welfare of Anganwadi children is a significant priority for the Panchayat. It ensures that adequate nutrition is provided and organizes various programs to promote the mental development of children. Initiatives include: offering essential services to pregnant women, conducting awareness classes for adolescents, and providing information about necessary vaccinations to improve overall health.

Pampady Gram Panchayat demonstrates a strong commitment to the well-being and development of its children. Through various projects and initiatives, the Panchayat strives to create a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment. By focusing on education, healthcare, and overall growth, Pampady Gram Panchayat aims to foster a brighter future for its young population. As it looks to the coming years, the Panchayat remains dedicated to implementing further exemplary activities that will continue to uplift and support the children within its community.



EDUCATIONAL SECTOR ENDEAVOURS OF KANJIRAPPALLY GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kanjirappally Gram Panchayat



Kanjirappally Panchayat is situated in the Kottayam district, specifically in the Kanjirappally Taluk, covering an area of 52.47 sq. km. It consists of 23 wards and was formed in 1959. The Panchayat has a population of 42,952 people, with 21,256 males and 21,696 females. The literacy rate in the Panchayat is 95%. Rubber is the major plantation crop in the area.

Kanjirappally Gram Panchayat has 23 schools and 44 Anganwadis, all striving to ensure education for all. There are approximately twenty thousand students in the schools among that 495 children are studying in the Anganwadis. The Panchayat has undertaken a diverse number of projects and policies, which have immensely contributed to the achievements in the educational sector. As part of the “One local idea” project, three lower primary schools in Kanjirappally Panchayat are being equipped with smart classrooms, aiming to improve the quality and standard of education to another level. One of the Anganwadis in the Panchayat has already been converted into a smart Anganwadi, and procedures are being taken to make the newly constructed ones smart as well.

To prohibit violence and crimes against children and to



ensure child literacy, safety, security, and better living standards, the Panchayat has undertaken various awareness campaigns in the schools. A diverse number of campaigns are arranged in schools by the Panchayat, police, and excise against the use of intoxicants among children. Medical camps were conducted in schools. Panchayat provided healthcare services and conducted various awareness classes for children about health and hygiene. Kanjirappally Panchayat has allocated around one crore for various activities related to the overall development of children in the Panchayat.





INTERVENTIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION BY LLAMA BLOCK PANCHAYAT

Lalam Block Panchayat



Located in the enchanting Meenachil taluk of Kottayam district, Lalam Block Panchayat encompasses a vibrant community that spans an expansive area of approximately 173. 46 square kilometres. Nestled amidst the breath - taking natural beauty of Central Kerala, this block panchayat comprises 13 wards within its jurisdiction. With the tranquil Kavanar River as its backdrop, Lalam Panchayat remains steadfast in its mission to uplift marginalized and vulnerable segments of society, working tirelessly to integrate them into the societal fabric.

Lalam Block Panchayat embodies a deep commitment to nurturing the material and social well - being of its rising generation. Understanding that the true wealth lies in the development of the youth, the panchayat places paramount importance on imparting value - added education and ensuring access to necessary resources for higher examinations. By dedicating a significant 22% portion of its budget to the renovation of schools and libraries, amounting to Rs 58, 11, 000 in the year 2021 - 22, Lalam Block Panchayat strives to create an environment where children can flourish and become successful contributors in various corners of the world. With a strong emphasis on public education and the



provision of essential infrastructure, the panchayat aims to empower its residents to not only acquire education but also gain meaningful employment opportunities. The block panchayat recognizes that education and employment go hand in hand, and thus, it extends its support to scheduled tribe students who secure employment abroad. By providing a travel allowance of Rs 1 lakh, the panchayat ensures that these students can pursue employment opportunities globally, thereby broadening their horizons and expanding their career prospects.

Moreover, Lalam Block Panchayat goes above and beyond in its efforts to cater to the needs of children and youth. It offers free internet facilities at citizen information centres, recognizing the significance of digital connectivity in fostering learning and growth. Additionally, the panchayat has invested in the development of government - aided schools, providing new classrooms, improved sanitation systems, clean drinking water, and hygienic kitchen facilities. Understanding the transformative power of libraries in enlightening society, the panchayat has also renovated library buildings and introduced various amenities. Furthermore, Lalam Block Panchayat ensures that no child is left behind by offering study rooms and scholarships specifically designed to support children from Scheduled Caste communities.

In this holistic approach to education and empowerment, Lalam Block Panchayat demonstrates its unwavering commitment to the growth and prosperity of its young population. By investing in infrastructure, resources, and support systems, the panchayat strives to create an inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Through these initiatives, Lalam Block Panchayat continues to uplift its community, laying the foundation for a brighter and more prosperous future.



INITIATIVES OF THIRUVARPPUGRAM PANCHAYAT FOR EMPOWERING THE YOUTH

Thiruvarpvu Gram Panchayat



Thiruvarpvu Panchayat, a local self - government body situated in the breath - taking Kottayam district of Kerala, India, stands as a testament to the region's natural beauty and vibrant cultural heritage. Nestled within the Kottayam taluk of the Ettumanoor block, this panchayat is dedicated to promoting social and economic development, with a strong emphasis on improving the well - being and living standards of its residents. With a deep - rooted commitment to providing essential amenities and services, such as healthcare facilities, educational institutions, transportation infrastructure, and sanitation provisions, Thiruvarpvu Panchayat strives to ensure a high quality of life for its community members. The panchayat encompasses a diverse and enchanting landscape, spanning an area of 33. 59 square kilometres. From scenic vistas to varied habitats, Thiruvarpvu Panchayat offers a rich tapestry of natural wonders. Within its jurisdiction, a total of 18 wards house a population of 29, 435 individuals, forming a vibrant and interconnected community. The 7, 059 households within the panchayat serve as the foundation of its social fabric, contributing to its resilience and growth.

Education has always been the key to enlightenment and



progress, shaping societies and transforming lives. In the heartland of Thiruvarpur Panchayat, the echoes of modern education have ushered in a wave of change. The Gram Panchayat has undertaken various initiatives to enhance the quality of education, aiming to empower and uplift the students of government schools. Through innovative projects and investments, they strive to create a conducive learning environment and provide equal opportunities for all.

Asanas and kudipallikudangal, where ancient knowledge was inscribed on palm fronds, served as the bedrock of education in bygone eras. Today, the winds of change have brought modern education to the heartland of Thiruvarpur Panchayat. The Gram Panchayat has embarked on several initiatives to enrich the educational landscape, particularly in lower and upper primary government schools. One noteworthy project is the implementation of Smart Classrooms in the academic year 2021 - 2022, with Kilirur Government UP Schools in Thiruvarpur as its beneficiaries.

Another remarkable undertaking is the construction of study rooms, providing a dedicated space equipped with essential resources for scheduled caste children who are marginalized within society. The scheme, with an expenditure of Rs. 1, 650, 000, aims to ensure a conducive environment for their educational pursuits. Additionally, the procurement of play equipment, with an investment of Rs. 100, 000, has been instrumental in fostering the physical and mental development of children.

Promoting inclusivity and equal opportunities, the Gram Panchayat has implemented the Meritorious Scholarship Distribution project. With an allocation of Rs. 715, 000, this initiative aims to empower socially and economically disadvantaged students. During the period of 2021 - 2022, 22 scheduled caste students have benefited from this scheme.

Recognizing the importance of libraries as rural universities, the Thiruvarpur Gram Panchayat has made significant investments in upgrading the facilities of their library. With an expenditure of Rs. 150, 000, the Gram Panchayat has expanded the horizons of reading and reference materials, enabling villagers to explore a broader world of knowledge.



In the era of information explosion, where knowledge is readily accessible, the Gram Panchayat has included the provision of computers and related equipment in the annual plan of 2021 - 2022. Two Government UP schools in Thiruvvarppu Gram Panchayat have been equipped with smart classrooms, with an investment of Rs. 342, 814. Furthermore, an additional Rs. 460, 434 has been spent on various infrastructure enhancement projects in schools.

The Samagra Shiksha Keralam has also contributed Rs. 569, 200 to support project activities aligned with the Gram Panchayat's educational objectives. Their collective aim is to become a beacon of enlightenment for marginalized and economically disadvantaged individuals, through an education policy approach that embraces modernity and excellence.

Thiruvvarppu Panchayat's commitment to education is evident in its multifaceted initiatives and investments. By embracing technological advancements, creating conducive learning environments, and ensuring access to educational resources, the Gram Panchayat aims to empower the youth and bridge the gap between the marginalized and the mainstream. Through these endeavours, Thiruvvarppu Panchayat strives to be a guiding light, illuminating the path towards a brighter and more prosperous future for its residents.



LAKSHYA BY VAIKOM BLOCK PANCHAYAT

Vaikom Block Panchayat



Vaikom Block Panchayat, situated in Kottayam district of Kerala, is an important administrative unit encompassing 6 Gram panchayats within its jurisdiction. With a total area of 123 square kilometres, Vaikom Block Panchayat plays a crucial role in the governance and development of the region. This block panchayat consists of 13 wards, each representing a specific area within its jurisdiction.

Vaikom Block Panchayat in Kottayam has taken a significant step towards empowering Scheduled Caste girls through the implementation of PSC Coaching program named “Lakshya”. This initiative was carried out under the guidance and approval of the Coordination Committee. The program aimed to provide coaching and support to enhance the competitive exam preparation of Scheduled Caste girls.

With a dedicated focus on the holistic development and empowerment of these girls, “Lakshya” became a transformative intervention in the community. The Block Panchayat allocated an amount of 3 lakhs for the successful implementation of the project. The entire allocated amount was utilized for conducting the coaching program, ensuring that every rupee was utilized effectively.



The completion of the PSC Coaching project marked a significant milestone for the Block Panchayat. The committed efforts and dedication of all stakeholders involved resulted in the successful completion of the project within the allocated timeframe. The utilization of 100% of the allocated amount further emphasizes the efficient management of resources.

Vaikom Block Panchayat for the financial year 2021-22 undertook an innovative project, which was under the decision by the Coordination Committee with the approval of the District Committee. This project aimed to empower young women through PSC (Public Service Commission) training. Thirty young women were selected through face-to-face interviews and provided three months of training. A combined study was conducted at the block panchayat to prepare all 30 candidates for the examination.

“Lakshya” was carried out in the financial year 2021-22 after obtaining special permission from the State Coordination Committee. Lakshya aimed to provide PSC training to young women belonging to Scheduled Castes. The target learners were identified from six Gram Panchayat’s gram sabhas under the block panchayat. Thirty young women were selected through a written test and interview, and they received 300 hours of training. The block panchayat provided study materials, food, teachers, and other facilities free of charge. The training centre was set up by renovating the upper part of the Scheduled Caste Development Building in the Block Panchayat. The first batch of the training program commenced on January 31, 2021, and concluded on March 26, 2022.

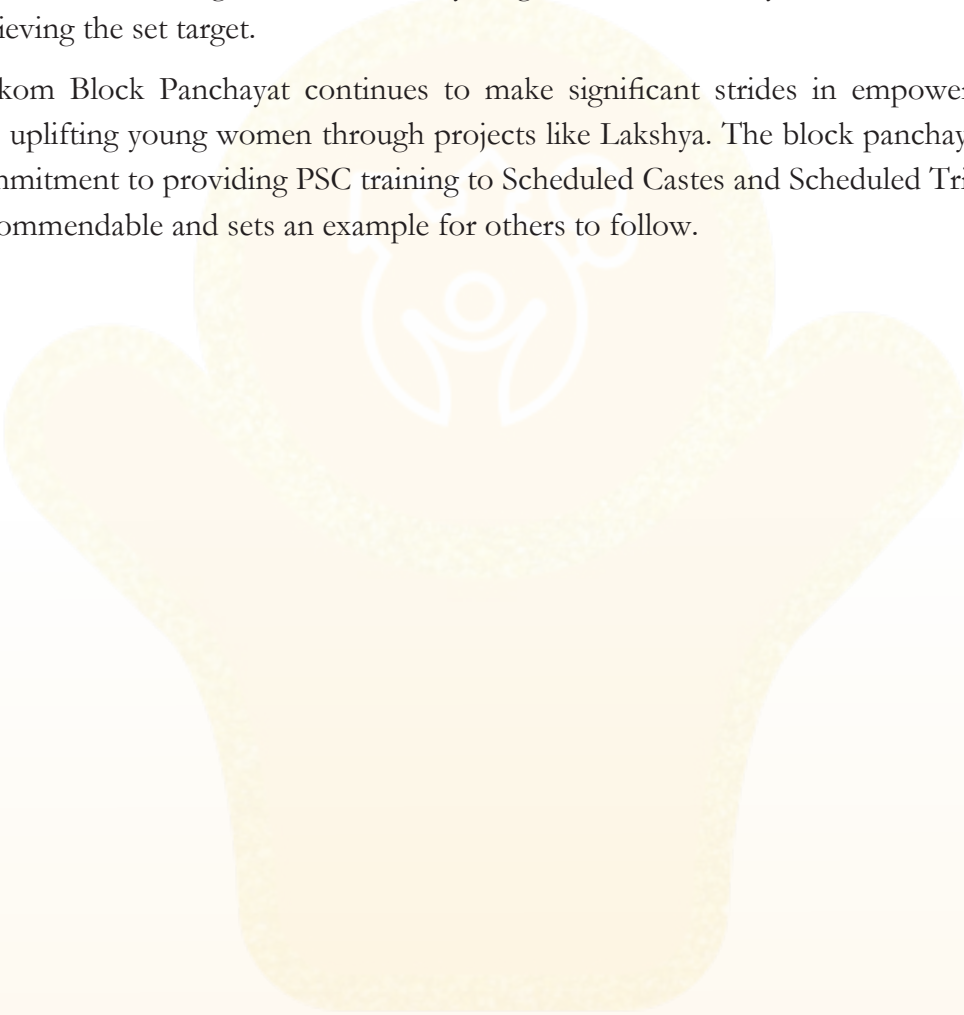
The objective of the Lakshya project is to uplift economically and socially backward Scheduled Castes and integrate them into the mainstream of society. Apart from PSC training, the learners also received career guidance and motivation classes, which equipped them to face job interviews with confidence in various fields. It is a proud accomplishment of the project that out of the 30 individuals who completed the training, nine secured employment in various institutions, and 15 have the confidence of getting positions in various mark lists.

In the PSC coaching program conducted by Vaikom Block Panchayat, participants have not only gained knowledge but also become a source of inspiration for others.



Despite the project not receiving approval from the district planning committee due to non-inclusion of the project in government guidelines, the governing body remained determined to carry out the project. The Coordination Committee acknowledged the innovation within the project, which played a pivotal role in obtaining the project's approval. As part of the second phase, the block panchayat has initiated training for another 60 young women, and they are confident of achieving the set target.

Vaikom Block Panchayat continues to make significant strides in empowering and uplifting young women through projects like Lakshya. The block panchayat's commitment to providing PSC training to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is commendable and sets an example for others to follow.





ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

1. Varna Vasantham School Walls Story: Fostering Creativity and Cultural Awareness among Children



VARNA VASANTHAM SCHOOL WALLS STORY: FOSTERING CREATIVITY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS AMONG CHILDREN

Ernakulam District Panchayat



In 2021 - 2022, an innovative and remarkable project called 'Varna Vasantham School Walls Story' was initiated with the aim of transforming school walls into vibrant canvases of creativity and learning. This project has succeeded in creating an engaging and joyful learning experience for children while nurturing their artistic talents. By harnessing the artistic skills of the students, beautiful and meaningful pictures were painted on the school walls, showcasing the history, culture, and uniqueness of each region. Additionally, famous literary works were depicted, allowing the children to connect with literature and gain a deeper understanding of their cultural heritage.

The 'Varna Vasantham School Walls Story' project provided an avenue for children skilled in drawing to utilize their talent in beautifying the school premises. The project team enlisted the support of teachers and art experts from the Ayal area to guide the children in creating these captivating artworks. The school walls were transformed into a canvas that showcases not only the creativity of the students but also serves as a source of inspiration and pride for the entire school community.

By engaging in this project, the children were encouraged



to explore their creativity and imagination. Through the process of drawing pictures based on historical events, cultural symbols, and famous literary works, the project fostered a sense of curiosity and appreciation for their own heritage. As they painted, they learned about the rich history and culture of their region, instilling a deep sense of pride and belonging.

The depiction of famous literary works on the school walls allowed the children to familiarize themselves with their literary heritage. They were exposed to the stories and characters from classic literature, which not only enriched their knowledge but also encouraged them to read and explore more books. This artistic portrayal of literature has made learning a more immersive and enjoyable experience for the students.

The 'Varna Vasantham School Walls Story' project has had a profound impact on 10 schools, transforming their walls into a beautiful tapestry of art and culture. The project has cost a total of 10 lakhs, a valuable investment in promoting creativity and cultural awareness among children.

The 'Varna Vasantham School Walls Story' project is a shining example of how creativity and art can be harnessed to enhance the learning experience of children. By painting beautiful pictures depicting history, culture, and literature on school walls, the project has not only beautified the schools but also inspired and nurtured the artistic talents of the students. It has cultivated a deeper appreciation for the region's unique heritage and literary works, creating a sense of identity and pride among the young learners. Through this innovative project, the schools have become vibrant hubs of creativity, fostering a love for art, culture, and learning among the students.



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COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Kolazhy Gram Panchayat



Kolazhy Gram Panchayat comes under Puzhakkal block in Thrissur. The Panchayat is semi urban in nature and is located 6.8 kilometres north of Thrissur City. Ever vibrant with commercial complexes like Shobha City, the province is rich with greenery and enriched by festivals and folk arts. Kolazhi holds the distinction of being the recipient of the First National Award for child friendly Panchayat in 2017-18.

Kolazhi has 467 adolescents and 977 children participating in Balasabhas. The wellbeing of children is ensured in many ways.

There is a Children's corner in the Panchayat library. Children make a spring of letters and reading. Apart from their intellectual development, physical fitness is also considered. Balasabha members were selected for district level competition in sevens football. Comprehensive and extensive programmes have been devised on a long term basis.

ENVISIONING ANGANWADIS WITH MODERN FACILITIES

The main goal of Panchayat is to set up own buildings for all Anganwadis, make them smart and air conditioned



and to transform all Anganwadis to 3G (3rd Generation).

CHANDRA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

There is an actively functioning student cadet corps at Chandra Memorial High School, the only one government higher secondary school in the Panchayat. The school has won many awards. It has a biodiversity park, star garden and very extensive playground. Campus and classes of government LP school, Kuttur needs to be smart.

The Gramsabha helps in ensuring right to participation. They are included in all working groups. Students are proud of carrying the umbrellas which were made by themselves. Children are today's citizens and tomorrow's leaders. Investing for children is one of the most effective methods to promote collective prosperity while ensuring the development of a society in the right lines.

The Panchayat's unwavering focus on children's welfare through Balasabhas, modern Anganwadis, and student-centric educational facilities demonstrates their dedication to nurturing the potential of the young generation. By fostering an inclusive environment and encouraging active participation, Kolazhi Panchayat ensures that children not only excel academically but also grow into responsible citizens and future leaders, securing the collective prosperity of the society.



JOURNEY TOWARDS A CHILD - FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Madakkathara Gram Panchayat



Madakkathara is a lush green village near Thrissur Corporation in Kerala with a population around 31000. Madakkathara is a lush green village in Ollukkara Block Panchayat with a population around 27181. It covers an area of 21.59 sq.km and the revenue villages in the Panchayat are Madakkathara, Kurichikkara, Vellanikkara, and Killannur. The Panchayat decided to equip children to become the leaders in various areas throughout the world.

The Panchayat began its journey towards child friendly Panchayat in 2022. For this they collected baseline data of SDG indicators, realised the gap and designed the programs. This was the plan of operations. The data showed that they had achieved quite good in the aspect nutrition, health of mother and child education to all below 14 years. There were no child labour, no school dropout and no child death. The focus was on sustaining thos good record. All the 25 Anganwadis had their own buildings, safe drinking water, provisions for nutritious food and a happy and healthy environment. They plan for their next generation to be self-sufficient personalities with strong self-esteem. To achieve this, they step forward with child rights awareness to one and



all of the society. Training on child rights to children, parents, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and elected members were conducted. Moreover IEC boards were installed in all public places of the village.

As far as the child rights aspect is concerned, Madakkathara has achieved a lot in Survival and we are concentrating on protection, development and participation of children. Child protection committee, jagratasamiti, gender resource centre, ICDS and Gram Panchayat elected members have carried out key roles in this.

CHILD POPULATION PROFILE

Total number of children	Number of girl child	Number of boy	0 - 6 months	6 - 3 years	3 - 6 years	6 - 18 years
5299	2637	2662	112	833	977	3377

STATISTICS OF SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN BELOW 18 YEARS

Blind	Deaf	Disabled	CP	Handicapped	Mentally retarded	Locomotor disability	Total
3	8	2	10	8	42	3	73

More focus was given for social inclusion of specially abled children. Special care was given for the happy life of specially abled children. Therefore 100% UDID registration of the disabled and 100% Aadhar registration of children were completed. Focused group discussions of care givers of specially abled children were done. They demanded livelihood earning opportunities, early detection of autism and cerebral palsy. Skill training for differently abled was carried out.

SURVIVAL

To sustain the quality of child health nutrition and welfare continuous awareness programs, counselling for pregnant women and lactating mothers was provided. If we check the figures of the last 2 years of Madakkathara we can understand that not a single child died immediately after birth. Regular care and check-up, special packages to wasted and stunted children like personal care and exercise were given. Health check-up of girls above 10 years, women and mothers was arranged.



PROTECTION

Programs for zero child abuse, self - defence, decision making, capacity building to adolescence girls, problems and remedies of child right issues, online games and mobile addiction, drug free village my responsibility were some of the programs conducted by the Panchayat.

DEVELOPMENT

Visions and involvement of the young will contribute a lot to the future development of the village. Hence, their involvement in social development, agriculture, and participation in palliative care, carbon neutral village campaigns was encouraged. Motivation to read books is the way to improve the intellectual and thinking capacity of children. Children's libraries that have been functioning for the past 20 years are being revived. They motivate children to live with the nature and field experience of agriculture exposed to them out of the school with the help of Kerala Agriculture University. The development of differently abled is a key focus area. Special Gram Sabha for disabled is very vibrant at Madakkathara and need for livelihood promotion was the request of the special Gram Sabha. Training and working station construction has also started. For mental happiness, physical engagement and livelihood generation from home the Panchayat provides chicken, goat etc. to disabled children. This enables the children and their caretakers to be engaged at home happily.

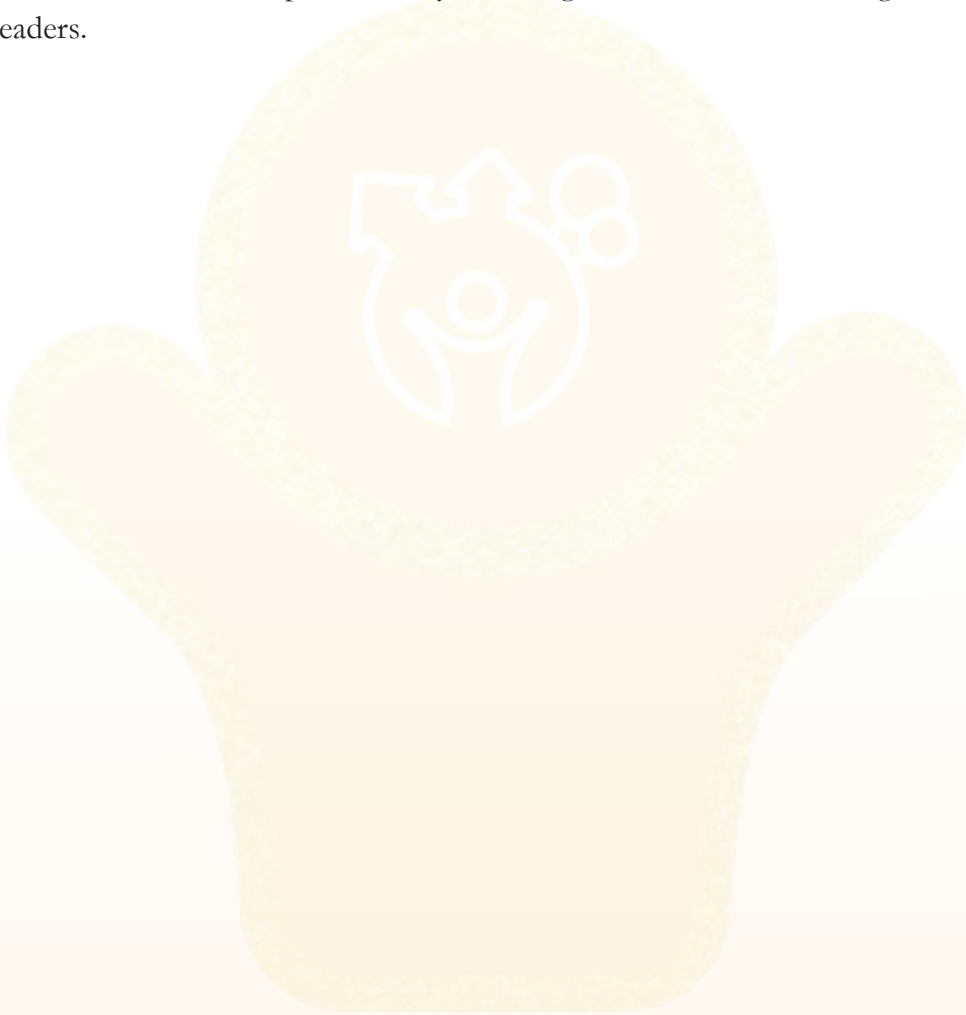
PARTICIPATION

Participatory spaces such as balasabhas at each ward, arts and sports clubs, Student welfare committees, children's Gram Sabha etc. are strengthened and conducted at regular intervals. Summer camps, Kali kootam and Kuttikootam are very energizing spaces for the Panchayat. Green places are provided and children are running to play areas after their school. However, some other parts of Panchayats have yet to be awakened in this aspect. With the help of KILA, a leadership camp was conducted for 80 children of Madakkathara. Through all these aspects, Madakkathara Gram Panchayat continues to be a child friendly Gram Panchayat.

Madakkathara Gram Panchayat's dedication to becoming a child-friendly community



has resulted in impressive achievements. The strategic approach, data-driven initiatives, and comprehensive programs have ensured the well-being, protection, and active involvement of children. By focusing on child health, nutrition, social inclusion, and education, the Panchayat has created a nurturing environment that fosters the holistic development of its young residents. These efforts exemplify how collective action can pave the way for a brighter future for the next generation of leaders.





THE KUTTIKKOOTTAM CHILDREN'S PARK A PARADIGM OF CHILD - FRIENDLY BRILLIANCE

Karalam Gram Panchayat



Karalam Panchayat is located in Irinjalakkuda Block Panchayat in Thrissur district. The Panchayat has a population of 21315 and an area of 17.74 sq.km. Karalam and Manavalassery are the revenue villages in the Panchayat.

The Kuttikkooottam Children's Park is a remarkable project undertaken by the Karalam Gram Panchayat, with the aim of providing a dedicated playground for children below the age of 10. The park's construction was completed as part of the 2018-19 year plan, which envisioned a child-friendly space adjacent to the Panchayat grounds.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of the children, various playground equipments were installed, and measures were taken to prevent cuts and bruises by planting grass in the area. In the following year, 2021-22, further improvements were made to enhance the park's aesthetics and accessibility. Artificial grass was introduced, giving the ground a lush and inviting appearance. Additionally, tiling pavements were laid, and paths were made elder-friendly, ensuring that people of all ages could comfortably navigate the park. The park stands as a significant landmark project for the



Panchayat, serving as a beautiful and engaging space specifically designed for the children who represent the future. The park has become a lively and vibrant part of Karalam, with children playing, laughing, and engaging in cheerful conversations during the evenings. It not only provides a safe and enjoyable environment for children to explore and play but also adds to the overall charm and liveliness of the community.

The Kuttikkootam Children's Park is a shining example of KaralamGram Panchayat's commitment to creating child-friendly spaces within the community. The park's thoughtful design, safety measures, and continuous improvements have transformed it into a vibrant and inviting playground for children below the age of 10. As children joyfully engage in play and exploration within the park, it serves as a symbol of hope and investment in the future, ensuring that the Panchayat remains a nurturing and inclusive place for generations to come.



SAMAGRA

THE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Thrissur District Panchayat



Thrissur, a revenue district in Kerala, is located in the central part of the state and is widely recognized as the cultural capital of Kerala, renowned for its vibrant festival, the Thrissur Pooram. Encompassing an area of approximately 3, 032 square kilometers, Thrissur district houses over 10% of Kerala's total population. Within the district, there are 86 Gram Panchayats spread across 16 blocks, actively engaged in local governance and developmental activities to cater to the needs of the residents and promote overall progress in the region.

In Thrissur, there are a total of 1, 125 functioning schools, including 211 higher secondary schools, housing around 5. 25 lakh students and 11, 000 teachers. Through detailed reports prepared by the Gram Panchayats, block panchayats and district panchayat as part of the Project Innovation, various academic and infrastructural issues were thoroughly examined and resolved. These efforts aim to strengthen and expand public education in the district. The formation of this Samagra education program stems from insights gathered during this evaluation.

This is a project with ambitious goals set ahead. It aims to enhance mass participation in the field of education,



improve public education, strengthen and expand it, and also to connect some of these activities with the comprehensive education program of 'Samagra Shiksha Kerala'. The project's objective is to empower and strengthen various resources centers, cluster resource centers, municipal resource centers, Gram Panchayat education committees, and municipal education committees in the district.

This project involves various developmental departments and programs such as SSK, KITE and DIET collaborating with the education sector in the district to conduct diverse activities and training. To ensure active participation in education, the district education committee will strengthen various activities. It will establish and support academic committees in block panchayats, Gram Panchayats, and municipal wards. The project will also coordinate various activities of school clubs in the district, enabling them to be more vibrant. It will streamline and schedule ongoing activities, involving science, history, literature seminars, and other educational clubs. It will bring together other activities following the same model under the district project. Additionally, it will provide more assistance to sub - district and district - level club initiatives.



LEARNING CITY THRISSUR: EMPOWERING MINDS, ENRICHING LIVES

Thrissur Corporation



Thrissur Municipal Corporation is the local governing body for the city of Thrissur in the state of Kerala, India. It was established on October 2, 2000, by upgrading the existing Thrissur municipality. The municipal corporation covers a total area of 101.42 square kilometers.

Thrissur Corporation has been actively involved in promoting education and learning in the city. Learning City Thrissur is an initiative undertaken by Thrissur Municipal Corporation in collaboration with Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) and the School of Architecture and Planning of Thrissur Government Engineering College (GEC). The venture has the support of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, as its knowledge partner.

The vision of the Honorable Mayor for Thrissur as a learning city was approved and promoted by the Indian National Commission to UNESCO and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) in Hamberg, Germany. As a result, Thrissur joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities from September 1, 2022. Additionally, Thrissur became a part of the Learning City Network under the Pascal International



Observatory, promoted by the University of Glasgow, UK.

To develop Thrissur as a study center of international standard, various local area - based approaches have been implemented:

- Making the streets and parks safe and useful.
- Establishing Community Learning Centers.
- Bringing prominent educational institutes in Thrissur under one platform and creating the Thrissur Learning City Partnership.
- Conducting Student Parliament to encourage student participation and leadership.
- Hosting an EDC (Education, Development, and Communication) summit as part of the Learning City Initiative.

The Corporation has successfully organized Student Parliament twice, with the active participation of students from various schools. Another successful initiative by the Corporation is “Family Friendly Thrissur,” where certain roads and public places in Thrissur are designated exclusively for educational, social, and cultural purposes.

These efforts aim to create an environment that supports learning, education, and holistic development in Thrissur, positioning it as a center of excellence in education and knowledge dissemination.



EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION THE PATH TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Punnayurkulam Gram Panchayat



Punnayurkulam Gram Panchayat is situated in the Chavakkad Block of Chavakkad Taluk in Thrissur District, Kerala, India. Punnayurkulam is a rural area that holds significance in the literary world through the renowned figures like Nalapatt Narayanamenon, Balamaniyyamma, and Madhavikkutty (popularly known as Kamala Suraiya). The total area of Punnayurkulam Panchayat is 18.71 square kilometers, which consists of two distinct parts. One part is along the coastal region, while the other part comprises rice fields and coconut plantations. The Gram Panchayat is divided into 19 wards to ensure effective administration and representation of the local population.

The Punnayurkulam Gram Panchayat has undertaken various initiatives to enhance the education sector within the locality. These efforts have resulted in significant progress and improvements.

One key aspect is the acquisition of land by the Panchayat itself, as well as contributions of land by individuals at no cost. This has facilitated the establishment of new educational institutions and the renovation of existing ones. For instance, the Cheri UP School, which was at risk of closure, was transformed into a smart school with



the collaborative efforts of the Panchayat, the public, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and teachers. The classrooms were upgraded to meet high-tech standards, furniture was provided by the Panchayat, and essential facilities such as drinking water and toilets were constructed in the school.

Additionally, century-old schools like Chemmannur, KupraValli, and Punnayurkulam have been able to upgrade to smart standards through collaborations with the Urban Mission and the state education department. The Chemmannur GMUP School in Punnayurkulam Panchayat holds the distinction of being the first fully high-tech school in Thrissur district. This school features a radio room to enhance students' knowledge of arts, literature, and general awareness.

The Panchayat has also focused on ensuring that all schools in the Panchayat are disabled-friendly. This objective has been achieved by constructing ramps and utilizing funds provided by Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). Furthermore, the provision of school buses for transportation has been particularly beneficial for economically disadvantaged students. Co-curricular activities, including food festivals, are organized to encourage students to acquire new skills and knowledge.

In addition to schools, the Panchayat has established five Anganwadis (childcare centers) with modern standards in various parts of the Panchayat. These Anganwadis are designed to foster the development of character traits and intelligence in growing children. They are equipped with play halls, baby-friendly toilets, ramps for differently-abled individuals, restrooms, and colorful walls, providing an environment conducive to children's growth and learning. Furthermore, the construction of Bud's schools is underway in the 7th ward of the Panchayat. These schools cater specifically to differently-abled students and fulfill the long-standing aspirations of these students and their parents.

Overall, the Punnayurkulam Gram Panchayat has taken significant steps to improve education by establishing and upgrading educational institutions, ensuring accessibility for all students, and creating an inclusive and enriching learning environment for children.



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: KORATTY'S E - ASSIST DIGITAL LITERACY PROJECT

Koratty Gram Panchayat



Koratty is a Panchayat located on the southern border of the district, about 35 km from Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala. It comes under Chalakkudy block Panchayat. With an area of 23.42 sq. km, it has a population of 32523. Koizhakkumuri and Muringoor Thekkumuri are the revenue villages included in the Panchayat.

The digital literacy project developed by Koratty Gram Panchayat in Thrissur district has gained attention for its success in providing access to digital services and knowledge, particularly for the elderly and physically challenged individuals. The project, known as E-assist, aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that government services can be accessed from the comfort of people's homes through mobile phones.

The implementation of e-governance and digitization of services has been a priority for the state government, with 213 services made available online last April. However, the realization that not all individuals have easy access to these facilities led to the initiation of the E-assist project in Koratty Gram Panchayat. The project has been fully implemented on an experimental basis in three wards and is set to make Koratty a fully digital literate Panchayat by next month.



The project began by addressing people's concerns about managing money digitally. A swiping machine for digital payments was installed in the Panchayat office, and awareness campaigns were conducted to familiarize residents with the process. The project's objective is to enable at least one person in each household to handle digital services.

The project is implemented with the help of corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds and financial assistance from companies. Students from PongamNaipunya College and KodakaraSahrudaya Engineering College have collaborated in the project, training around 200% of the population in digital literacy. Around 80% of the elderly in the Panchayat are now using Android phones, but lack technical know-how to access government online services. To address this, the Panchayat distributes a manual to every family after teaching them about online transactions through mobile devices. This manual, prepared by the Panchayat committee, provides instructions on utilizing the e-services of various government departments.

The success of Koratty's digital literacy model has garnered attention and discussions at various levels. The state literacy commission is planning to extend the project to all districts, and the state planning department has also shown interest. The project's core objective is to ensure that no one is left behind in the digital era due to lack of knowledge or other limitations. Koratty Panchayat is embracing the limitless possibilities of digital technology and empowering its residents by transferring technical knowledge from the literal world to the digital realm.



INVESTING IN MINDS: COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Chelakkara Gram Panchayat



Chelakkara Gram Panchayat is situated in Pazhayannur Block Panchayat in Thrissur district. The Panchayat has an area of 33.74 sq.km and a population of 40450 in 6 revenue villages; Chelakkara, Kurumala, Venganellur, Pangarappilly, Pulakkode and Thonnurkkara.

In Chelakkara Gram Panchayat, significant investments have been made in the education sector through the state government's General Education Protection Mission. For the construction of hi-tech classrooms in Chelakkara GLPS (Government Lower Primary School) and Kurumala GLPS, an amount of Rs. 2 crore has been spent. This initiative aims to provide modern and technologically advanced learning environments for students. Additionally, the state government allocated Rs. 3 crore for the construction of hi-tech classrooms in Chelakkara SMTGHSS (Government Higher Secondary School), which serves as a valuable asset for the general education sector in Chelakkara Panchayat.

Furthermore, in the financial year 2021-22, an allocation of Rs. 55, 90,000 has been made to improve the educational sector in Chelakkara Gram Panchayat. This includes infrastructure development for Chelakkara GLPS and Kurumala GLPS, providing necessary



assistance to students in other schools within the Panchayat, furnishing support for Scheduled Caste students, granting scholarship allowances to differently-abled students, and supplying study materials to Scheduled Tribe students. These efforts aim to ensure access to quality education for all students in the Panchayat.

In addition, an amount of Rs. 7, 70,000 has been allocated to provide laptops to Scheduled Caste students to assist them in their higher studies. This initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and empower students with the necessary tools for their academic pursuits. So far, 22 students have been provided with laptops through this scheme.

For the distribution of supplementary nutrition and infrastructure development of Anganwadis, an amount of Rs. 80, 03,306 has been earmarked. This investment aims to enhance the facilities and services provided by the selected Anganwadis in the Panchayat. Additionally, it ensures the provision of nutritious meals to children visiting the 43 Anganwadis in the area on a daily basis.

Overall, these financial allocations and initiatives reflect the commitment of Chelakkara Gram Panchayat to improving the educational infrastructure, providing support to marginalized students, and promoting the overall development and well-being of children in the Panchayat.



REMARKABLE INITIATIVES IN BUILDING RESILIENCE AND ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Arimpur Gram Panchayat



Arimpur Gram Panchayat is situated in Anthikkad Block Panchayat in Thrissur district. It spreads over the villages of Eravu, Parakkad, Veluthur and Manakodi with an area of 22. 65 sq. km and a population of 32292.

THUMPAPPOO - A FLOWER THAT BLOOMED DURING COVID

During the COVID - 19 pandemic, children have faced various challenges, including the inability to attend school and socialize with their friends. In response to this situation, the teachers of the Government Upper Primary School launched an online children's magazine called "*Thumpappoo*". The magazine aimed to creatively engage children at home during the pandemic.

The teachers encouraged children to write stories and poems from their homes. Each month, the children were given different activities to participate in. Some children chose their own subjects and wrote about their personal experiences during the pandemic. For example, a second - grade student expressed the stress of not being able to see their mother due to flight cancellations. Others found inspiration in plants, flowers, and birds they encountered and created poetry. The children also wrote



letters expressing their anger and sadness towards the coronavirus. Themes such as Onam, Christmas, and resilience during COVID - 19 were represented through the imagery of nature.

The activities and submissions for “Thumpappoo” magazine were conducted entirely online. The magazine was launched as part of the comprehensive education programs under the *Janakeeyasoothranam* scheme of Arimpur Gram Panchayat for the years 2020 - 21 and 2021 - 22. The first release of “Thumpappoo” by the Raipur Government Upper Primary School took place in 2007. Parents, alumni, and teachers came together to release the magazine this year, with Headmistress Ushakumari Teacher, Chief Editor Omana Teacher, and Student Editor SrinandaRajan leading the initiative.

KALIMUTTAMORUKKAM (LET’S MAKE A PLAY GROUND)

After being closed for 19 months, schools are set to reopen on November 1. In preparation for the reopening, the surrounding areas of the schools, which have become overgrown with grass during the closure, are being cleaned. The Deputy Director of Education instructed to initiate the cleaning operations, which were named “Kalimuttamorukkam,” starting from October 2.

The clean-up programs were organized in a popular manner, with the inauguration taking place on October 2 by Manalur MLA Mr.Murali Perunelli. The function was presided over by Panchayat President Smt. Smita Ajayakumar. Over the course of four weeks, the school was cleaned with the assistance of alumni, clubs, and volunteer organizations, with the PTA leading the efforts.

The cleaning included disinfecting the classrooms, chlorinating the wells, and closing pits. The classrooms were arranged to ensure social distancing, and a Google form was prepared to collect vaccination data. This helped gather information on those who had received the vaccine and those who had not. Parents who had not taken the vaccine due to fear were educated and encouraged to take the necessary steps. A system was put in place for students to enter the classroom after washing their hands with soap. The mothers of the “Mathrusangam” group prepared three - layer masks suitable for children.

To promote COVID - 19 precautions, posters explaining the necessary instructions



were provided to the children through WhatsApp messages and displayed in the classrooms. These posters were seen as model posters and were adopted by other schools as well.

It's great to see the various other activities and initiatives undertaken by Arimpur Government UP School and Arimpur Gram Panchayat. Here is a summary of the events and programs mentioned:

The school has been working towards constructing a new building to replace the outdated ones. A master plan was prepared, and efforts were made to secure funding. In the 2020 - 21 budgets, Rs. 1.5 crore was allocated for the new building, and the construction work is currently in progress. The school, in collaboration with Arimpur Gram Panchayat, established a model compost unit to create awareness about waste management among children. The unit, built at a cost of Rs. 4,10,000, facilitates the decomposition of organic waste into organic manure. Teachers are incorporating this unit as a learning activity for students.

On Environment Day, Mr. A Nandakumar delivered a message to the students, and saplings were distributed for them to plant and care for. Poster writing and quiz competitions were also conducted to engage students. After the Covid-19 pandemic, the school reopened on November 1, 2021. The school entrance festival was organized with the participation of Panchayat President Mrs. Smita Ajayakumar and Panchayat Vice President Mrs. Shimi Gopi. The event followed Covid-19 protocols, and students expressed their happiness to be back in school.

Karate training was organized for girls under the leadership of BRC Puzhakkal block. The training program was inaugurated by Arimpur Gram Panchayat President Mrs. Smitha Ajayakumar. BRC Trainer Seema G Nair conducted a session for children as part of the "VayanaPakshacharanam," where they learned about authors, books, and shared their enjoyment of reading.

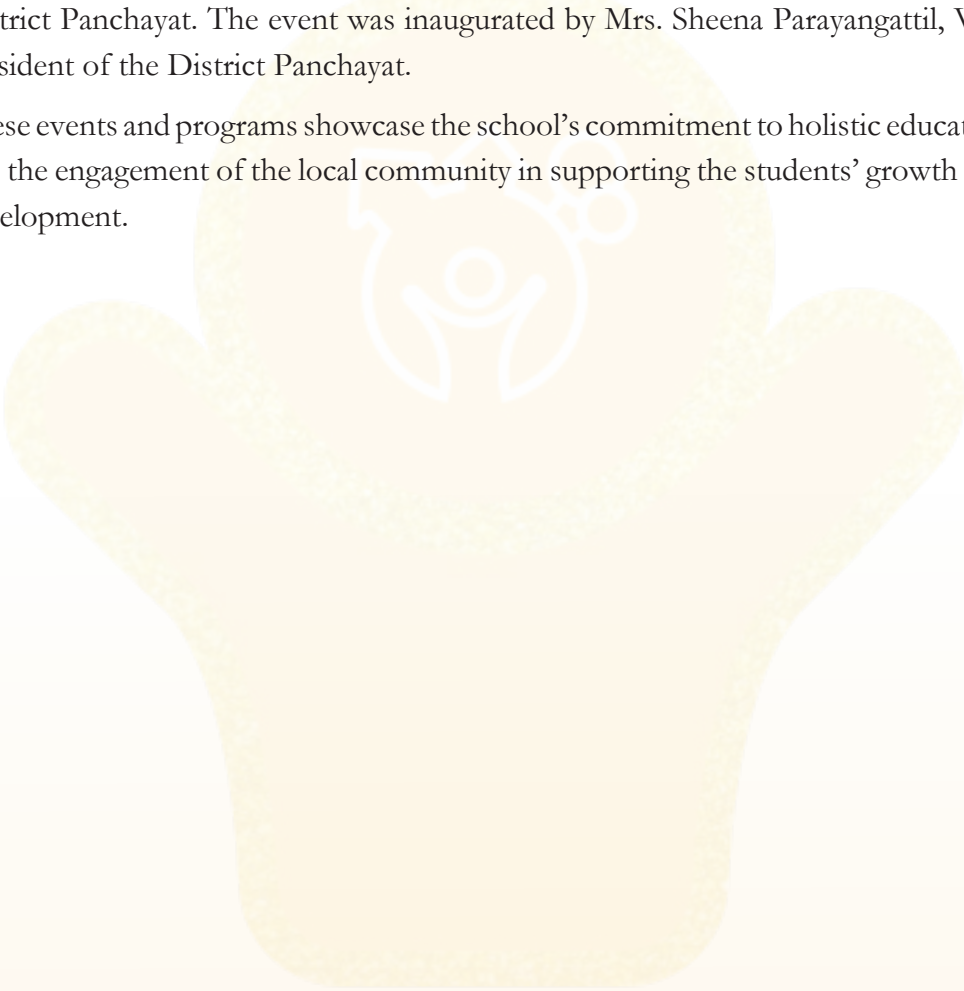
Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, was celebrated with various competitions and programs such as Pookkalam competition, Uriyadi, musical chair, and water filling. The day ended with a grand feast, Onasadya. A week-long program was organized to celebrate Kerala Piravi, which marks the formation of the state of Kerala. Various activities and events were conducted during the celebration. As part



of the Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (India's 75th Independence Day celebrations), the school organized programs including a rally, signing of the Independence Day, and various competitions.

The inauguration of the Stars Project, Varnakuda, was performed by MLA Mr. Murali Perunelli. The school hosted the inauguration of the Vijnanolsavam school-level program, which is part of the comprehensive education program of Thrissur District Panchayat. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. Sheena Parayangattil, Vice President of the District Panchayat.

These events and programs showcase the school's commitment to holistic education and the engagement of the local community in supporting the students' growth and development.





CHITRAMULA: FOSTERING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Mattathur Gram Panchayat



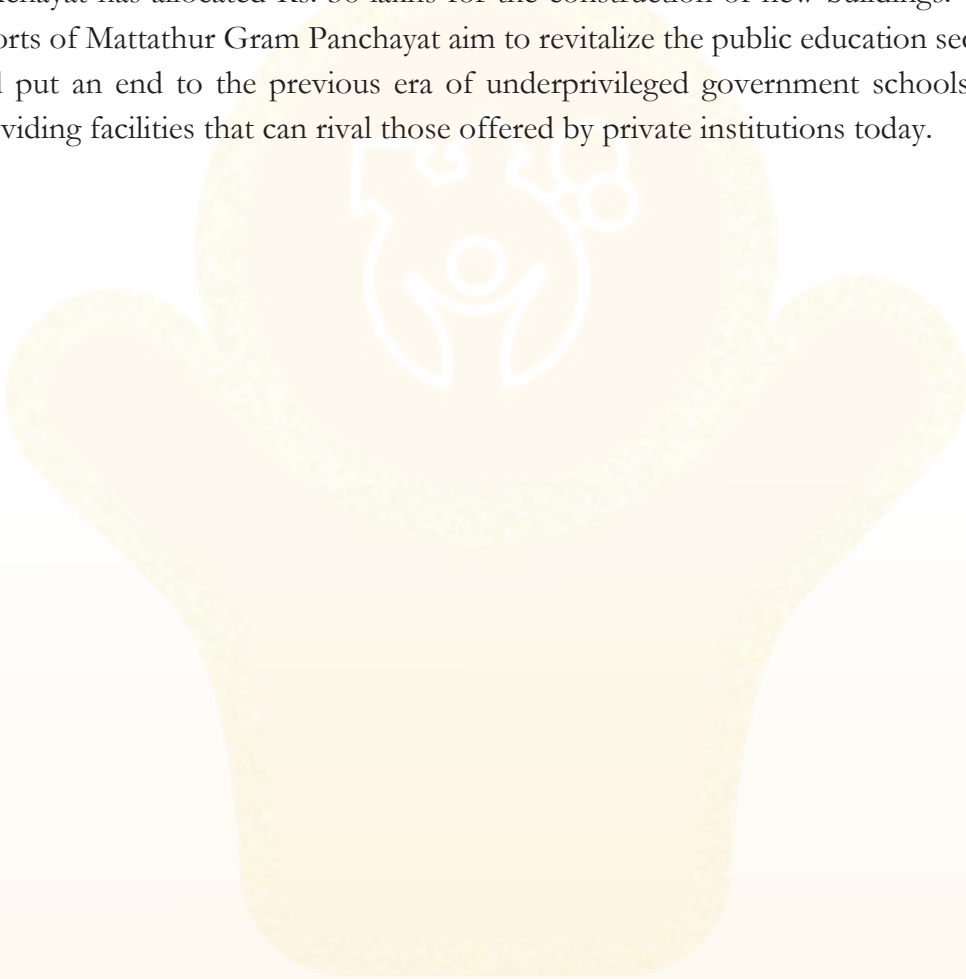
Mattathoor Gram Panchayat comes under Kodakara block Panchayat. With a span of 103. 11 sq. km, it contains 3 revenue villages - Mattathur, Vellikulangara and Kodassery and a population of about 47875.

The initiatives taken by Mattathur Gram Panchayat to improve the quality of education have gained significant popularity among the public. Recognizing that today's children are the citizens of tomorrow, the primary school phase plays a crucial role in their early development. With the objective of creating an environment conducive to academic excellence and offering opportunities for extracurricular activities and performing arts, a special project called Chitramula was launched with an allocation of Rs. 15 lakhs from the Mattathur Gram Panchayat.

One notable outcome of this initiative is the transformation of Mattathur Avithampilly GLP School through the GLPS Chief Teacher Executive Officer scheme. The school has undergone beautification and implemented activities aimed at stimulating children's learning experiences and making education enjoyable. Various structures designed to spark curiosity and wonder, workshops for extracurricular activities, and



dedicated areas for acting and art have been established, appealing to all students equally. The classrooms, spanning 40 cents of space, have been thoughtfully arranged with designated areas for art, reading, math, play, acting, music, and general knowledge. As a result, students not only receive quality education but also engage actively in extracurricular activities, ultimately becoming responsible citizens. To further enhance the physical conditions of the school, the Gram Panchayat has allocated Rs. 38 lakhs for the construction of new buildings. The efforts of Mattathur Gram Panchayat aim to revitalize the public education sector and put an end to the previous era of underprivileged government schools by providing facilities that can rival those offered by private institutions today.





COMMITMENT TO CHILD - FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Koratty Gram Panchayat



Koratty is a Panchayat located on the southern border of the district, about 35 km from Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala. It comes under Chalakkudy block Panchayat. With an area of 23.42 sq. km, it has a population of 32523. Koizhakkumuri and Muringoor Thekkumuri are the revenue villages included in the Panchayat.

Koratty Panchayat in Thrissur district also stands out for having the largest number of students studying in public schools within its boundaries. There are a total of 7,425 students enrolled in 3 higher secondary schools, 3 high schools, 1 upper primary (UP) school, and 5 lower primary (LP) schools in Koratty Panchayat. The Panchayat places great emphasis on ensuring that all children above the age of five attend school, and this is made possible through the efforts of the Panchayat Education Committee and the Parent - Teacher Association (PTA). The education committee meets regularly to plan and implement projects in the Panchayat schools.

The governing body of Koratty Panchayat is committed to strengthening public education with the motto of "Child Friendly School, Child Friendly Education." The LP school in Koratty Panchayat, being the only government school, focuses on improving infrastructure



and academic content. It features 8 smart classrooms, a modern kitchen, a children's park, child - friendly classrooms, a library, and other facilities. Special training programs for students and teachers, awareness classes for parents initiated by the Panchayat, and activities of various organizations such as NSS, NCC, SPC, Scouts and Guides are organized in collaboration with the Panchayat. Additionally, the Panchayat carries out anti - drug activities, sanitation activities, traffic awareness campaigns, and other timely initiatives.

Classes on various subjects are conducted by experts, including members of the Shastra Sahithya Parishad, BRC trainers, and other professionals, utilizing modern technology. Koratty Panchayat has also established modern library facilities of high quality in Koratty Panchayat LP School and other schools, providing students with modern reading corners and libraries through the use of CSR funds and public funds. The Panchayat is dedicated to implementing innovative projects in educational activities. In order to provide non - toxic vegetables for children's lunches, kitchen gardens have been set up in all schools. Through these endeavours, Koratty aims to elevate knowledge and wisdom among its children.

One noteworthy model project initiated by Koratty and extended to Kerala is "Patheyam. " It aims to make Koratty a hunger - free place by providing lunch to 50 people each day. Students from each school take turns preparing and delivering food packets to feed the hungry. This initiative is conducted in collaboration with the Koratty Janamaithri Police and the Koratty JanakiyaSamithy, attracting attention throughout Kerala.

Education should be made not just a process of imparting knowledge but also something that gives energy and motivation to live. Koratty Panchayat is dedicated to promoting education, providing essential facilities, engaging in social activities, and implementing innovative projects to ensure the well - being and development of its residents, particularly the children.



PALAKKAD DISTRICT

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EMPOWERING EARLY EDUCATION: MALAMPUZHA BLOCK PANCHAYAT'S SUCCESS STORY AT ANGANWADI NO. 73 IN 2021 - 22

Malampuzha Block Panchayat



The successful implementation of the project at Anganwadi No. 73 by Malampuzha Block Panchayat in the financial year 2021 - 22 had a profound impact on the community and the children attending the facility. The strategic selection of the Anganwadi's location played a crucial role in ensuring its accessibility, making it convenient for parents and guardians to drop off and pick up their children. This thoughtful decision resulted in higher attendance rates and increased active participation, thereby fostering a strong sense of community engagement and support for early childhood education.

By thoughtfully equipping the Anganwadi with a comprehensive range of learning materials, play items, and exercise equipment, the panchayat created a stimulating and enriching learning environment. The diverse and engaging learning materials provided ample opportunities for the children to explore, learn, and develop their cognitive abilities and creativity. Additionally, the inclusion of play and exercise materials contributed to the children's physical development and overall well - being, while fostering a sense of joy, happiness, and camaraderie among them.



The success of the scheme was evident not only in the increased attendance and active participation of children but also in the overall growth and development observed in the young learners. The well - equipped learning environment facilitated the development of various skills among the children, ranging from academic to social and emotional skills. This comprehensive approach to education ensured that the children received holistic support, preparing them for a bright and successful future.

The positive outcomes of the project were widely recognized and appreciated by parents, caregivers, and the community at large. The panchayat's commitment to providing quality early childhood education and care was evident in the project's success, and it served as a role model for other regions to emulate.

Moreover, the project's impact extended beyond the Anganwadi, positively influencing the entire community. By investing in the education and well - being of the young learners, the panchayat demonstrated its dedication to building a strong foundation for future generations. The project's success not only uplifted the lives of the children attending the Anganwadi but also contributed to the overall growth and development of the community as a whole.

In conclusion, the project undertaken by Malampuzha Block Panchayat in the financial year 2021 - 22 to enhance facilities for children at Anganwadi No. 73 was a resounding success, showcasing the panchayat's commitment to providing quality early childhood education and care. The thoughtful planning, strategic location selection, and provision of essential learning and play materials created a nurturing and inclusive environment for the children's growth and development. The positive outcomes and community appreciation further validate the effectiveness of this initiative, serving as a shining example of the panchayat's dedication to building a brighter future for the young learners and the community they belong to.



ENHANCING PAEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE: KUZHALMANNAM BLOCK PANCHAYAT'S INSPIRING CHILDREN'S WARD PROJECT

Kuzhalmannam Block Panchayat



The inauguration of the children's ward on June 14, 2021, by the esteemed Alathur MLA, Prasanna Avarkal, marked a significant milestone in the initiatives undertaken by the Kuzhalmannam Block Panchayat. This exemplary project aimed to create a child - friendly healthcare space and was made possible through a dedicated allocation of PRs 5 lakh. The funds were utilized for the creation of a vibrant and engaging environment, adorned with colourful cartoons and child - friendly injection sites, ensuring that children feel comfortable and at ease during their medical treatment.

The children's ward is a crucial addition to the healthcare infrastructure, catering to the healthcare needs of children from seven panchayats within the block. By centralizing paediatric treatment services in this facility, the panchayat ensures that young patients receive specialized care and attention. The children's ward has become a beacon of hope and support for families in the region, providing comprehensive medical assistance and prompt treatment for various paediatric health issues.

In addition to the dedicated children's ward, the block panchayat has also focused on enhancing paediatric services at the Community Health Centre (CHC). This



holistic approach ensures that children receive continuous medical attention, starting from the primary health care level to more specialized treatment at the CHC. The availability of paediatric services at the CHC further reinforces the panchayat's commitment to the well - being and health of the younger population.

The establishment of the children's ward and the provision of paediatric services reflect the visionary approach of the Kuzhalmannam Block Panchayat. By prioritizing the healthcare needs of children, they have set an inspiring example for other regions to follow. The project's successful implementation not only showcases the panchayat's dedication to improving healthcare services but also highlights their sensitivity towards the needs of young patients and their families.

With the children's ward and paediatric services in place, the panchayat has taken a significant step towards building a healthier and happier community. The positive impact of this project will resonate for years to come, contributing to the overall well - being and prosperity of the region's young population. As a result, the Kuzhalmannam Block Panchayat's initiatives have garnered appreciation and admiration from the community and stakeholders alike, setting a benchmark for delivering child - centric healthcare services.



PERUMATTY GRAM PANCHAYAT'S PANDEMIC INITIATIVES: EMPOWERING EDUCATION AND BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE (2021 - 22)

Perumatty Gram Panchayat



Perumatty Gram Panchayat, a region heavily dependent on the agricultural sector, has been taking significant steps to improve education within its boundaries. The panchayat oversees six educational institutions, two of which are aided, and one being the Panchayat School. Additionally, the presence of a Tamil medium high school in the Meenakshipuram area further adds to the diversity of educational offerings.

PANDEMIC CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

The outbreak of the pandemic in 2021 presented significant challenges to the education system in Perumatty Gram Panchayat. Traditional in - person learning became difficult, and the panchayat had to devise alternative approaches to ensure uninterrupted education for the students.

ONLINE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Understanding the importance of continued learning, the panchayat swiftly adapted to online platforms to provide students with proper education. Virtual classrooms were set up, and teachers were trained to conduct online classes effectively. Through these digital means, students were able to access educational content and interact with



teachers from the safety of their homes.

SMARTPHONE DISTRIBUTION

Recognizing the digital divide, the panchayat took an inclusive step by distributing smartphones to students. This move aimed to ensure that all students could attend online classes without any hindrance, irrespective of their economic background.

ONLINE CELEBRATIONS

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the panchayat found innovative ways to celebrate important events and festivals. Virtual celebrations were organized to maintain a sense of community and festivity while adhering to safety guidelines.

“OUT OF SYLLABUS” ONLINE CAMP

To keep students engaged and promote holistic development, the panchayat executed an online camp named “Out of Syllabus.” This camp aimed to inculcate various skills and interests in students aged between 5 and 15. The camp curriculum included activities such as brain gym exercises, yoga sessions, cooking classes, and even photography workshops.

Perumatty Gram Panchayat’s commitment to education during the pandemic period showcased its dedication to ensuring that students received quality learning opportunities. Through the adoption of online education, provision of smartphones, and the implementation of the “Out of Syllabus” camp, the panchayat demonstrated its ability to adapt and innovate in the face of adversity. By focusing on educational initiatives, Perumatty Gram Panchayat continued to nurture its human capital and contribute to the long - term growth and development of the region.



2021 - 22 ANNUAL PLANS: STRENGTHENING EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT FOR MARGINALIZED STUDENTS

Alathur Gram Panchayat



In line with the 2021 - 22 annual plan aimed at enhancing the education sector, a series of essential initiatives have been successfully implemented in the Alathur Gram Panchayat. To promote inclusive learning and create a conducive environment for Scheduled Caste (SC) students, the provision of laptops has been introduced, allowing them to access modern educational resources and bridge the digital divide. Additionally, desks and chairs have been purchased, ensuring comfortable and ergonomically designed seating arrangements for SC students, further enhancing their learning experience.

Recognizing the importance of infrastructure development in schools, the Kattuserry School has undergone a significant transformation with the renovation of its toilets. This crucial improvement not only ensures better hygiene and sanitation but also contributes to a healthier and more conducive learning environment for students and staff alike.

To address the specific needs of SC students and uplift their learning standards, the implementation plan included the purchase of reading materials. By providing these students with appropriate and engaging learning resources, their academic progress is expected to improve,



ultimately leading to greater educational opportunities and future prospects.

Another noteworthy initiative is the establishment of a dedicated study room for female undergraduate students. This safe and supportive space allows female students to concentrate on their studies and academic pursuits without distractions, fostering a positive and empowering learning environment.

Recognizing the importance of well - equipped schools, the provision of furniture has been extended to multiple educational institutions in the area. Puthiyanagam UP School, Kattusseri School, and G. M. L. P. School have all received essential furniture, ensuring that students have comfortable seating arrangements and conducive learning spaces.

Moreover, as part of the comprehensive plan, the timely payment of the SSK (Scheduled Caste Sub Plan) share has been ensured. This financial support serves as a crucial lifeline for the implementation of various educational projects and initiatives targeted at empowering Scheduled Caste students.

The successful execution of these initiatives in the education sector signifies a commendable effort by Alathur Gram Panchayat to uplift and strengthen the learning environment for all students, with a special focus on marginalized communities. Through these measures, the community strives to create a more equitable and inclusive education system, paving the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all learners.



“BUILDING BRIDGES OF KNOWLEDGE: EMPOWERING EDUCATION AND FOSTERING UNITY IN AKATHETHARA GRAM PANCHAYAT

Akathethara Gram Panchayat



Recognizing education as a fundamental basic need of society, Akathethara Gram Panchayat has undertaken a vital responsibility of reaching out to marginalized communities. The panchayat takes pride in protecting public schools and fostering unity in diversity through various initiatives. These schools are not only centres for literacy but also hubs for artistic, sports, cultural, historical, agriculture - oriented, and scientific activities, ensuring the holistic development of each generation.

AKSHARADEEPAM EDUCATION PROJECT: DEVELOPING DIVERSE ABILITIES OF CHILDREN

The Aksharadeepam Education Project has been a cornerstone of Akathethara Gram Panchayat's efforts to nurture and analyse the diverse abilities of children. The project implements various activities to identify and address the specific needs of students. Under the leadership of parent - teacher committees and the education standing committee, innovative research - based projects have been successfully carried out, enriching the learning experience and improving educational outcomes.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S PRE - PRIMARY SCHOOL: SOWING THE SEEDS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

One of the proudest achievements of Akathethara Gram Panchayat is the Alumni Association of Akathethara GUP School, which has been actively running a pre - primary school for 128 children. This initiative highlights the panchayat's belief that alumni play a crucial role in shaping the future of the country. By imparting quality early education, the panchayat sets a strong foundation for these young minds, ensuring they grow up to become responsible citizens and contribute to the nation's progress.

EMPHASIZING HOLISTIC EDUCATION

Akathethara Gram Panchayat places a significant emphasis on holistic education, which goes beyond traditional academic subjects. The panchayat encourages a comprehensive approach that includes artistic, cultural, and sports activities to foster creativity, expression, and physical well - being among students. Additionally, students are introduced to the rich historical heritage of the region, connecting them to their roots and instilling a sense of pride in their cultural identity.

PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY - FRIENDLY AGRICULTURE

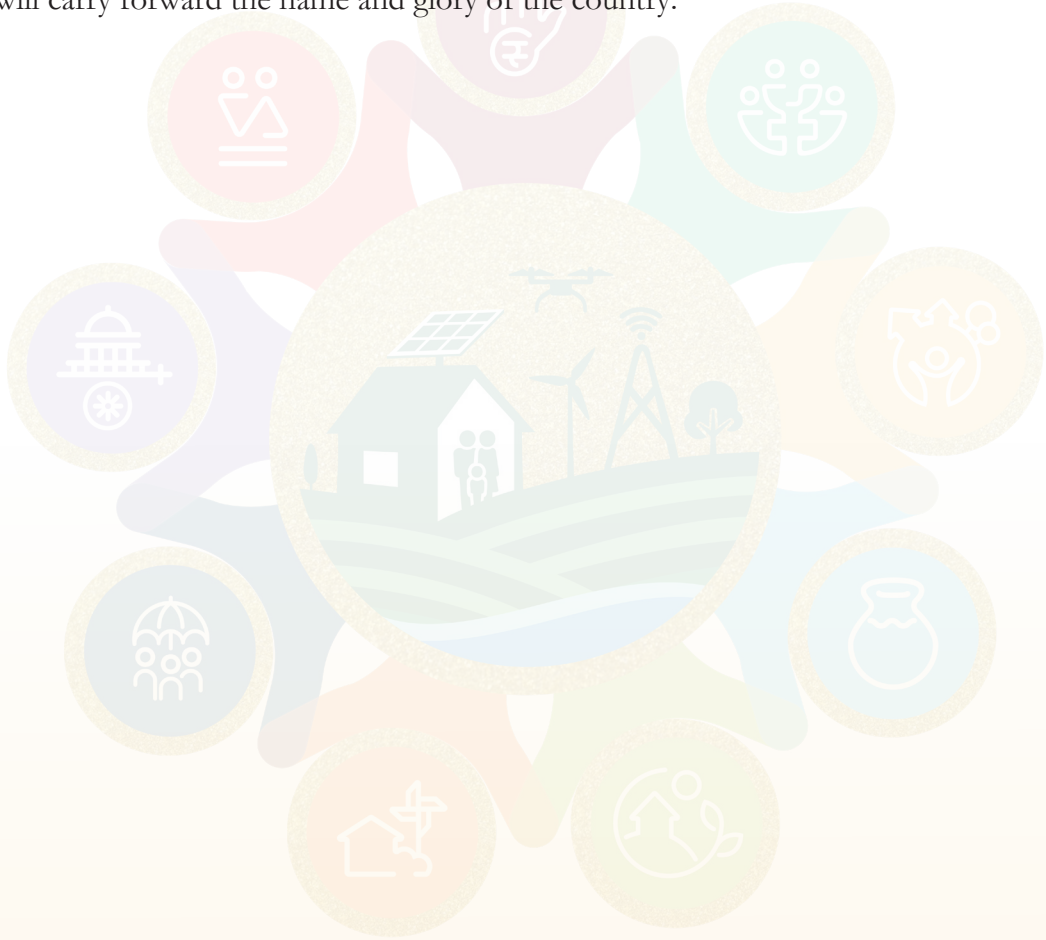
Understanding the region's reliance on agriculture, the panchayat integrates soil - friendly and agriculture - oriented activities into the educational curriculum. By promoting sustainable agricultural practices, students are educated about the importance of preserving the environment and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

FOSTERING SCIENTIFIC REASONING

To nurture critical thinking and analytical skills, Akathethara Gram Panchayat places a strong focus on scientific reasoning in its educational endeavours. By encouraging students to explore, question, and experiment, the panchayat aims to produce young minds capable of tackling real - world challenges and contributing to scientific advancements.



Akathethara Gram Panchayat's commitment to empowering education and fostering unity stands as a shining example of responsible governance. Through the Aksharadeepam Education Project, alumni - led initiatives, emphasis on holistic education, promotion of environmentally - friendly agriculture, and encouragement of scientific reasoning, the panchayat shapes the next generation into capable and responsible individuals. By instilling values of pride, knowledge, and citizenship, the panchayat paves the way for a brighter future, where the upcoming generations will carry forward the name and glory of the country.





TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION AT GOV. LP SCHOOL: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PROMOTING NUTRITIONAL VALUE

Pallassana Gram Panchayat



In the Pallassana Gram Panchayat, transformative initiatives in education have been implemented at the Government LP School, with a strong emphasis on strengthening community involvement and promoting nutritional value. These initiatives reflect the community's commitment to enhancing the overall learning experience and well-being of students in the region. By fostering active participation from various stakeholders and prioritizing the importance of nutritious meals, Pallassana Gram Panchayat's Government LP School is paving the way for a more inclusive and healthier educational environment. Let's delve into the details of these transformative initiatives and their positive impact on the school and its students.

MECHANIZED LUNCH PROGRAM – ADUKKALAYILE AMMAKOOT

To address the challenges faced by the school lunch program, Gov. LP School collaborated with the Gram Panchayat to implement the “Mechathiluchayoonu” initiative. With combined resources from the school and government funds, the program ensures the provision of nutritious food for students. Moreover, the “Adukkalayile Ammakoot” was introduced, wherein two



mothers assist kitchen workers in distributing food to children on time, promoting community involvement and fostering a sense of care and responsibility.

NON - TOXIC VEGETABLES FOR ALL – A SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT

PKMLP School, in collaboration with Pallasshana Gram Panchayat and Krishi Bhavan, initiated the “Non - Toxic Vegetables for All” project. The aim is to instill the value of agriculture in children while making chemical - free vegetables accessible to the community. Extensive vegetable cultivation within the school premises and surrounding areas involved teachers, P. T. A. members, and public representatives. This project not only promotes sustainable practices but also educates children about agriculture and its importance.

RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT

The efforts of Gov. LP School and PKMLP School did not go unnoticed, as they received awards from the state government for being the best vegetable school and for outstanding contributions by the headmaster and the best farmer student in the district. Additionally, to support children facing challenges due to the pandemic, social support was provided in the form of TVs and smartphones to facilitate remote learning.

HOME VISIT PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Through the home visit program, the schools succeeded in building trust and confidence among children and parents. This personalized approach helped address individual needs and create a stronger bond between the school and the community. The involvement of peoples’ representatives further strengthened the relationship between the school and the wider public.

CLUSTER - BASED LEARNING INITIATIVES:

To enhance the quality of education, Pallavur GLPS introduced Thanaloram classes for LP students and Kannara classes for pre - primary children. These cluster - based learning initiatives involved teachers, children, parents, and various public representatives, fostering collaborative learning environments and creating a sense of belongingness within the educational community.

FOCUS ON HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



The schools recognized the importance of holistic development and made significant contributions to children's health by providing training in yoga and karate. These activities not only promote physical well - being but also instill discipline and character - building qualities in students.

PALLASSANA EDUCATION MODEL

The innovative Pallasshana education model has garnered attention in the state's education sector. With high - tech classrooms, unique activities like Aksharakoot Pallavam and Ammakoot Pallavam, and a comprehensive education program known as Kaithiri, the Panchayat Education Committee has achieved remarkable progress in general education.

Through a series of transformative initiatives, Gov. LP School and PKMLP School, along with the active support of the Gram Panchayat and community, have significantly improved the educational landscape in the region. By prioritizing nutritional value, sustainable agriculture, community involvement, and holistic development, these schools have become role models in the state's education sector. Their efforts continue to inspire positive changes and promote the overall well - being of students and the surrounding community.



MALAPPURAM DISTRICT

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KODUR PANCHAYAT WITH CHILD - FRIENDLY SCHEMES

Kodur Panchayat



Malappuram is the land of patriots who left their footprints in the pages of history of our nation. This land has a unique and eventful history enriched with various political, sociocultural reform movements. Malappuram is surrounded by hills on all sides and is remarkable for its unique natural beauty. Kodur Gram panchayat is situated in Malappuram Block. Kodur Gram panchayat has 19 wards.

Kodur Gram Panchayat's governing body is passing through the years enriched by different programmes in various fields. Among them, many programs were implemented during these periods. Panchayat had a clear objective of becoming a child-friendly panchayat, which received a lot of attention. According to the 2011 Census, there are 5829 boys, 6925 girls, and 95 special needs children in the panchayat. Our ultimate goal is to ensure a social environment where all children can enjoy their education, development, physical fitness, and participation in their society, an attempt has been made to achieve this through a number of key strategies including;

- Ensuring every child's rights



- Ensure a safe and sound environment for each child
- Create an opportunity for each child for their growth and development
- Make sure that every child's family life, play, work, and free time can be properly utilized and enjoyed.

ATTAR is a unique project of Kodur which started with the aim of making awareness of the exploitation of girls in society and strengthening mental health by teaching them physical attacks to defend themselves against physical attacks. The training was given to about 60 children from the wards. Children completed the course with Certificate.

Another project under Kodur Panchayat named Vision 500 is a remarkable one that started with the thought of how we can take our children to different types of courses inside and outside our country. It prepared 500 students of the panchayat for the Entrance Examination for Higher studies within 5 years. In the first year alone, 50 students could able to secure admission to universities in different states. Vision 500 has now become a project with huge public support.

A multi-disability arts festival was organized by Panchayat for differentially abled children. The name of the program was AVES. Prizes were given to children who perform in the fest. The children were able to entertain the audience with their different artistic performances. Child-friendly Gram Sabha was organized to make children aware of their rights, create social awareness among them and present their opinions and wishes. Children's Gram Sabha was organized in different wards to inculcate knowledge of the economy in the children. Programs were organized to strengthen the interaction& communication skills of children. A bicycle rally was organized to spread the message of anti-drug addiction. Pluck cards and anti-drug slogans were used in this program, which got great support from children and parents.

For the new generation, to get to know and learn the life essence of a bygone era, a program named 'IthiriNeramOthiriKaryam' was organized for the children to seek the experiences of elderly people. This programme helped children to know how the social and cultural environment of their forefathers energized the current generation. To inculcate the culture of agriculture among the children and to study



more about paddy & rice production, a programme called 'NjaarumNjaanum' is organized. Under this programme, a Sunday planting was started, which was a different experience for the children.

Buds School, a notable for children with special needs, is working under Kodur Panchayat in its new building. The building is about a budget of 60 lakhs. For promoting good health and well-being, a programme called 'Then Nellikka' is implemented- Thang project is started for needy students for net recharge during their online study. On June 5, World Environment Day, the My Tree (Ente Maram) programme was implemented, where each student planted a tree. During the Covid period, 6250 masks and sanitizers were distributed in all the schools in our Panchayat. As a part of the Children's Day Celebration, the Police station was visited by children's representatives.

There are a lot of programmes in panchayat's upcoming projects based on survival, development, protection, and participation. Kodur Gram Panchayat is moving ahead with innovative child development projects.



AR NAGAR AS CHILD FRIENDLY GRAM PANCHAYAT

Abdul Rahman Nagar Gram Panchayat



Abdul Rahman Nagar Gram Panchayat is located in the Vengara block, within the Tirurangadi taluk of Malappuram district. According to the 2001 India census, the population of Abdu Rahiman Nagar was recorded at 35, 534, comprising 17, 262 males and 18, 272 females. The gram panchayat covers an area of approximately 14.83 square kilometers. Situated in the picturesque region of Malappuram district in Kerala, Abdul Rahman Nagar is blessed with natural beauty and cultural diversity. The area's population consists of a vibrant mix of people, fostering a rich tapestry of traditions and customs.

Over the years, the gram panchayat has seen significant development, with efforts focused on improving infrastructure, education, healthcare, and overall living standards. The local administration works closely with residents to address their needs and aspirations, ensuring a better quality of life for all.

While considering the field of education, it is evident that the plans made by the people in previous years have had a significant impact on the overall progress of the village. The educational landscape of the area comprises 40 Anganwadis, 2 Lower Primary schools, 1 Upper Primary school, and a single institution offering higher secondary



education. This distribution of educational facilities indicates a concerted effort to cater to the needs of children at various stages of their academic journey.

One notable achievement in this regard is the official declaration of the Panchayat as a “child - friendly Gram Panchayat.” Such recognition is indeed remarkable and serves as a testament to the Panchayat’s commitment to promoting and enhancing children’s education within its jurisdiction. This forward - thinking approach reflects the Panchayat’s understanding of the crucial role education plays in shaping the future of the community and the nation as a whole.

Emphasizing the holistic development of the child, the Panchayat places immense importance on aspects beyond mere academic growth. It takes into account the social, physical, emotional, and intellectual well - being of each young individual. This comprehensive approach aims to nurture well - rounded and responsible citizens, capable of contributing positively to society in various spheres.

One of the 2 LP schools is operating in a hired building, and measures have been taken to establish its own building, with funds allocated to improve the infrastructure of the other LP school. The UP school has its own building, and efforts are underway to address the lacking facilities. When considering the Anganwadis, out of 21, 6 have been transformed into smart Anganwadis, boasting modern facilities. The Panchayat has ensured that all Anganwadis are child - friendly, equipped with appropriate furniture, toilets, food provisions, playgrounds, dining halls, kitchens, storage rooms, and classrooms, all designed with modern standards.

In recognition of maintaining a hygiene - friendly environment in one of the Anganwadis, an Anganwadi worker received an award. Consequently, parents are delighted to send their children to Anganwadis instead of unaided nurseries. The children themselves are enjoying their time with friends and teachers in the nurturing atmosphere. Such is the positive environment that children are even eager to attend Anganwadis during holidays, a testament to the caring and child - friendly ambiance provided.

Staying true to their commitment, the Panchayat continues to prioritize meeting all the needs and demands expressed by the children through Bala Panchayat activities, just as they have in previous years.



SIGNIFICANCE OF PULLIYIL SCHOOL IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Karulai Gram Panchayat



Karulai Gram Panchayat is situated in Kalikavu Block of Malappuram District. Karulai is the “gods’ own village” in Kerala State with green forest and has a variety of animals and fish in the River Karimpuzha. A considerable area of the Karulai village is a forest that includes the Nedumkayam Rainforest.

Pulliyil Government UP School is the only government UP School in Karulai Gram Panchayat in Malappuram District. Government UP School at Pulliyil started functioning on 3rd September 1974 with just 229 students and today it has become the best school in the district with excellent physical academic technical facilities.

Puliyil Government UP School is the only fully - fledged hi - tech school in the Nilambur sub - district with solar facilities. With the financial assistance of the Gram Panchayat, nutritious breakfast is provided to all the students in the school. A Vedika Auditorium with an area of 2400 square feet has been constructed in the school. Chembakam Biodiversity Park, which won the third position at the state level, is located at Palliyal Government School. And the only science park in the sub - district is at the Palliyil Govt UP School. The school also has a vegetable garden maintained under the



supervision of the school Green Sena. The school has constructed toilets with vending cum insulator facilities. The school has a spacious playground for sports practice and more. As mentioned above, many facilities are provided in the school.

School staff has bought mobile phones for children who are finding it challenging to study online during the Covid pandemic. 14 students of Govt UP School in Pullily were bought Android phones by teachers and non - teachers. Such an act was done as part of the school's policy that no child's education should be interrupted due to a lack of facilities. A phone worth 7500 rupees was given to the children for study purposes. The eligible persons were identified by visiting the children's homes and collecting information under the guidance of the class teachers.

Regular SRG meetings are held every week to review and plan academy affairs. After KTET Victor's classes, regular online discussion classes were conducted by the school every day. Notebooks are checked twice in a team under the guidance of teachers. The school also conducts awareness rising by visiting special needs groups, distributing kits, and financial assistance to poor students.

Various fairs, camps, counselling classes conducted with the help of various organizations, and school anniversary celebrations sponsored by local channels are the activities of this school during the Covid era. The storytelling camp conducted by local artists following the Covid norms was very impressive. Inspire TV channel was started in the school to cover school news and activities. A classroom studio was also constructed for this purpose.

The Sapparyapatra quiz conducted every week, unaramuyaramt raining program implemented to make up for the post - covid learning gap, yoga practices, skating, aerobics, musical drama practices, and chess tournaments, set this school apart from other schools. Mathrubhumi newspaper's seed club started functioning in the school this year. Birthday celebrations of students in the school are celebrated following green protocol. A program of farm visits to farms was organized to inculcate agricultural aptitude in children. As part of anti - drug activities, rallies, flash mobs, panel discussions and one million goals against drug addiction are some of the best activities of the year.

The school was able to perform brilliantly in various fields this year. With the help of the Gram Panchayat, various schemes are being implemented in the Government UP School.



PROMOTING EDUCATION IN TRIBAL REGIONS: THE PADASALA PROJECT

Nilambur Block Panchayat



Nilambur Block Panchayat is situated in Malappuram District. Nilambur is a major town, a municipality, and a Taluk in the Malappuram district of Kerala. It is located close to the Nilgiris range of the Western Ghats on the banks of the Chaliyar River. This place is also known as 'Teak Town' because of the abundance of Nilambur teaks in this area; Which is a variety of large, deciduous tree that occurs in mixed hardwood forests. Nilambur is a region known for its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, and the block panchayat plays an important role in preserving and promoting these aspects of the region.

Now the total area of the block is 621.2 sq. km which is covered by 13 block divisions and 3 district divisions. Nilambur Block Panchayat has received the Swaraj Trophy for the year 2005-06 and 2012-13 in recognition of the activities of the Block Panchayat and the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Shaktikaran Abhiyan Award of the Central Government for the year 2013-14 for Best Block Panchayat as well as the Best Block Panchayat Award for 2021-22 for the best performance in the field of differently abled.

In the year 2021-22, Nilambur Block Panchayat and



Janmaithri- Excise Department jointly devised a project for the children in the tribal region to build a study house in the ST colonies. During this project, Nilambur Block Panchayat spent Rs.856858/- (Eight Lakhs Fifty-Six Thousand) for the establishment of a study house. During this period Nilambur Block Panchayat build 14 study houses in different ST Colonies. Study houses in tribal colonies provide access to education for tribal children who may not have easy access to schools located in mainstream areas. By establishing study houses within or near tribal colonies, educational opportunities are brought closer to the community, reducing barriers such as distance and transportation.

Also, they provide awareness classes for substance abuse in the colonies, especially for children. In collaboration with Kudumbashree, a small honorarium is being given to a few students in the study houses, and study equipment including benches, desks, books, and sports kits including football, jerseys, etc. are distributed.

The Janmaithri Excise Squad is working with the objective of eradicating drug use in tribal areas. Janmaithri Excise is carrying out various projects aimed at educational, social, professional, and health improvement in the tribal area as only by empowering the tribal groups through education, arts, and cultural activities, it is possible to reduce the use of drugs among them. JanmaithriExcise-related activities in ST Colonies Study House

The Block Panchayat has been able to ensure a sense of social responsibility for a new generation by implementing the project in the 2021-22 financial years and providing social interactions in colonies by providing study houses and related facilities. Overall, study houses in tribal colonies play a vital role in promoting education, preserving culture, empowering communities, and fostering socio-economic development. They are essential in bridging educational gaps, addressing the unique challenges faced by tribal communities, and promoting inclusivity and equity in education.

Overall, the Nilambur Block Panchayat has undertaken various activities to promote the social, economic, and environmental well-being of its residents. These activities have helped improve the quality of life of the community and promote sustainable development in the region.



FOCUS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN TAVANUR PANCHAYAT

Tavanur Gram Panchayat



Tavanur Gram Panchayat is situated in Ponnani Block of Malappuram District. Tavanur is a gram panchayat known for its abundance of diverse educational institutions, catering to students of all levels and types. The panchayat places significant importance on safeguarding public education, as evident from the projects included in the 2021 - 2022 annual plans for the education sector. Notably, three projects were undertaken to enhance the educational landscape: Project No. 34/2022 aimed at upgrading models to the pre - primary level, Project No. 35/2022 focused on establishing compost pits in schools, and Project No. 117/2022 involved the purchase of smart furniture for schools. The implementation of these initiatives has successfully elevated the primary public schools to a smart level, making Tavanur the first in the state to achieve this milestone.

Amidst the challenging times brought about by the Covid - 19 pandemic, Tavanur Gram Panchayat took proactive steps to support school children through the “KharuthalPadam” Student Counselling Program. This project offered psychological and physical assistance to students during the pandemic, garnering significant attention and admiration for the panchayat’s focus on



public education and well - being. In a bid to foster curriculum reforms and improve the education system, the gram panchayat conducted a comprehensive discussion meeting involving various stakeholders from different walks of life. The ideas and insights generated from this gathering paved the way for progressive changes and set a new direction in the field of education.

To promote anti - drug awareness and instill positive values among students, the panchayat initiated the “Smile” program, which featured the Oppam campaign. Students across all schools in the panchayat took an anti - drug pledge, and awareness classes, poster exhibitions, and rallies were organized to sensitize them to the hazards of substance abuse.

Moreover, Tavanur Gram Panchayat prioritized waste management and environmental consciousness. The introduction of the Thumburmuzhi Model Aerobic Compost system facilitated waste disposal while creating awareness among children about responsible waste management practices. With a dedicated effort towards achieving cleanliness and better infrastructure for education, the panchayat established units to treat dirty water, ensuring a hygienic environment for the student’s overall well - being.

Through these commendable interventions in the field of education, Tavanur Gram Panchayat has not only provided quality education but also nurtured the talents and potential of its students. The numerous platforms created to acknowledge and celebrate their progress have further empowered young minds to excel. Tavanur’s exemplary initiatives in education have earned it a place in Kerala’s cultural history, serving as an inspiration for other regions to follow suit.



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN THIRURANGADI MUNICIPALITY: ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

Thirurangadi Municipality



Tirurangadi Municipality is located in Tirurangadi Block, Tirurangadi Taluk of Malappuram District. The municipality has an area of 17. 73 sq. km and has a population of 56632 as per the 2011 census. About 40% of the total land is used for paddy cultivation. Coconut is the main crop in the municipality, and rice, banana, kappa, pulses, and vegetables are also cultivated. The north, east, and west parts of the municipality are bordered by Kadalundipuzha and the south by Nannambra and Thennala gram panchayats.

In the field of education, Tirurangadi Municipal Corporation has created awareness. The first priority was given to the provision of basic facilities in the schools. The development plans were prepared by visiting the schools by elected representatives. Classrooms have become super hi - tech. Municipal Corporation has handed over funds in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan scheme to make schools attractive with projectors, super chairs, tables, class libraries, etc. Through this, teacher training and student training were implemented.

Free PSC coaching for job aspirants has started. Around 100 students are participating in the training at Tirurangadi Government Higher Secondary School. Through this,



the candidates are enabled for government service. SSLC plus One Equivalence Courses are exemplary. The toppers in the SSLC plus Two examinations were felicitated in four stages. Swimming certificate issued in time to applicants for higher secondary admission students to get bonus points

Municipality provided bottle booths to schools for waste disposal. The municipality honoured those who qualified in the SAFE national competition. In addition to sports clubs, steps have been taken to provide sports kits to schools. Literacy campaign is being successfully conducted in the municipality. Those who do not know how to read and write were identified through the survey. Thus, the Municipal Corporation is successfully implementing the study project (PadanLignaAbiyan Project) started for those identified through the survey. With the help of the District Literacy Mission, *Changati* guest worker literacy program for guest workers is organized.

It is a great relief in the field of education that the necessary buildings for the municipal government schools have been constructed in various projects. As part of school beautification, Chantapadi GLP School was renovated and an open auditorium was constructed. The Municipal Corporation has provided all necessary equipment for the computer lab at Tirurangadi Government Higher Secondary School. Apart from this, the municipality has also provided facilities for the physics lab with modern facilities. The Municipal Corporation is giving consideration to constructing buildings for educational institutions which are progressing well and need buildings to progress with the institutions. Laptops, study room tables and chairs, and scholarships for SC students are activities of the municipality.

Education is the most valuable wealth that can be passed on to future generations. Therefore, Thirurangadi Municipality is giving more emphasis to the educational sector. As a result of the collective action of the elected representatives and People in the municipality, it was possible to create achievements in the field of education.



KOZHIKODE DISTRICT

1. Milestone in the child friendly sector by Koodaranji gram panchayat
2. Smart (project to provide online learning facility to all students of Arikulam panchayat) by Arikulam gram panchayat
3. Wings –educational initiatives by Kakkur Gram panchayat
4. Unnathi by Kodyathur Gram panchayat
5. Educational upliftment initiative by Koodaranji gram panchayat
6. Infrastructure development of educational institutions by Thuneri gram panchayat
7. Combined efforts in educational institutions and gram panchayat by Vanimel Gram Panchayat
8. Lakshya - an educational initiative by Chelannur gram panchayat
9. Grass root level educational management by Thalakulathur gram panchayat
10. Infrastructure along with quality of education by Chekkiad gram panchayat
11. Accomplishments in the field of education by Maruthonkara gram panchayat



MILESTONE IN THE CHILD FRIENDLY SECTOR BY KOODARANJI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Koodaranji Gram Panchayat



Koodaranji Gram Panchayat located in Kozhikode district in Kerala. The Panchayat realized the importance of the service sector and was mobilized to carry out activities for Women, Children, Pregnant Women, and the Elderly. The future of our nation lies definitely on the health and wealth of its children. Undoubtedly, they are the creators and shapers of tomorrow's nation. Physical growth and mental well-being of a child are very important for us and we work focusing on the growth in different stages of our children. Child development programmes of social justice seek to meet the health, nutritional and educational needs of infants, pre-school children, and women from the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. Healthy children are the future of our state and wealth of our nation.

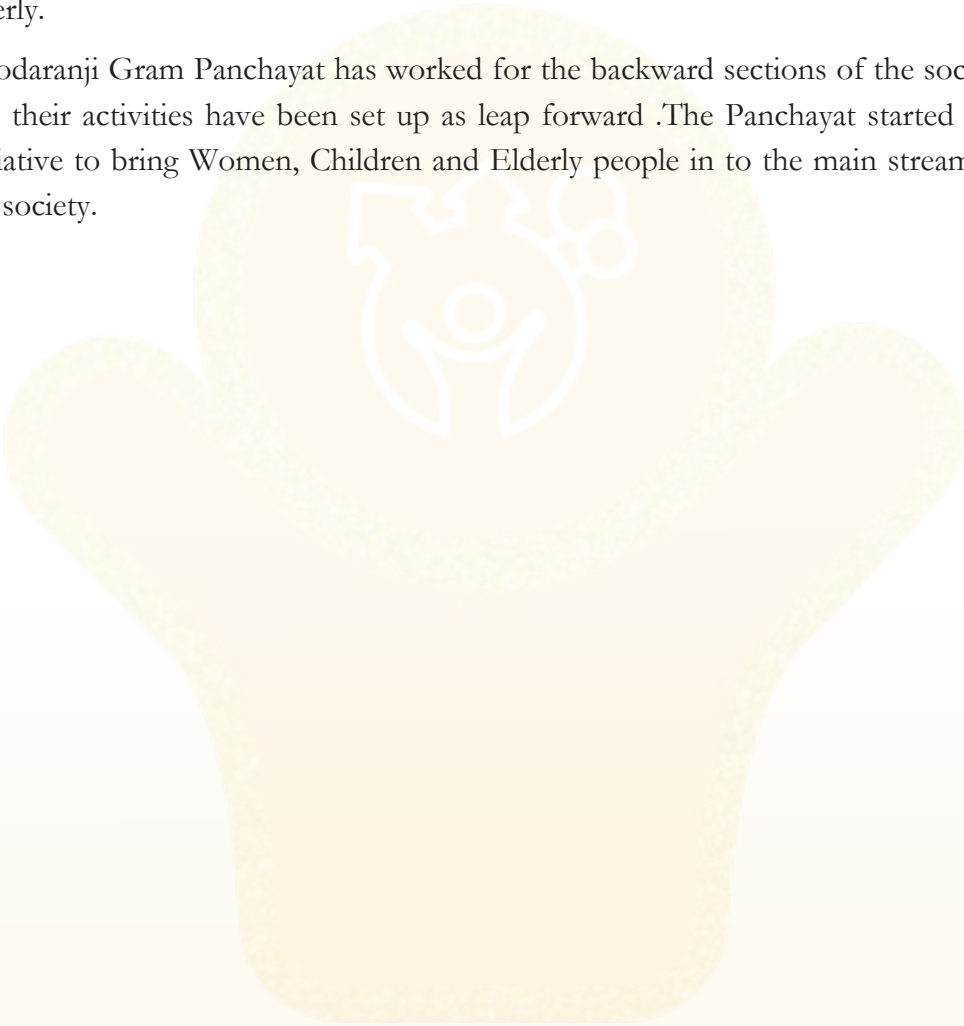
Top priorities are being given to the woman and children in Koodaranji Gram panchayat. 9 anganwadies out of 19 have been upgraded to the level of "Cradle Anganwadi". All facilities including toys, indoor park, and play space have been provided. The walls of the Anganwadi were decorated with paintings. During the year 2021-22 Rs. 450000/- spent on making Anganwadies smart, Rs. 250000/- were borne by Koodaranji gram panchayat



Fund and the rest Rs. 200000/- by the woman and child welfare Department.

In order to prevent malnutrition, packed nutrition raw foodies distributed timely among the children, teenage girls and pregnant woman. These activities are very useful for common pregnant women, Teenagers, and children. The Panchayat was able to bring about a big change in this regard. Many things have been done for elderly.

Koodaranji Gram Panchayat has worked for the backward sections of the society and their activities have been set up as leap forward. The Panchayat started this initiative to bring Women, Children and Elderly people in to the main stream of the society.





SMART (PROJECT TO PROVIDE ONLINE LEARNING FACILITY TO ALL STUDENTS OF ARIKULAM PANCHAYAT BY ARIKULAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

Arikulam Gram Panchayat



Gram Panchayat is a fundamental governing institution in Indian villages, serving as a political body and acting as the cabinet of the village. The Gram Sabha functions as the general body of the Gram Panchayat. Arikulam is a prominent panchayat located in the Panthalayani block of Kozhikode district, covering an area of 16.25 sq. km. In recent times, Arikulam has undertaken various innovative projects to develop education at the grassroots level, especially during the challenging period of the Covid pandemic.

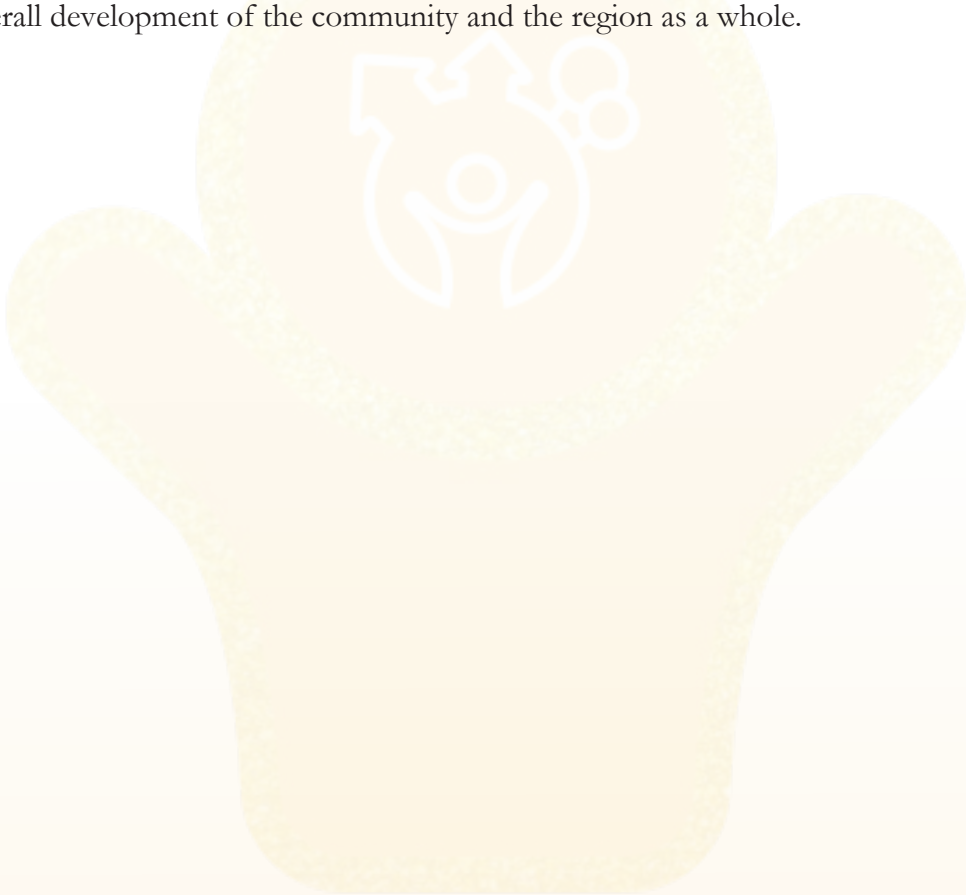
One of the primary objectives of the smart project is to make ten schools in the 13 wards of Arikulam panchayat fully equipped for digital education. Recognizing the importance of providing students with access to online classes, the SMART project aims to ensure that the panchayat has a robust network connection. This initiative includes setting up public Wi - Fi centres and local learning centres, providing public Wi - Fi service in Anganwadis, colonies, libraries, clubs, and other community spaces.

The estimated cost of the SMART project is Rs. 3, 38, 325, with the total expenditure amounting to Rs. 1, 06, 412. By implementing this project, Arikulam Gram



Panchayat aims to bridge the digital divide and create an environment conducive to remote learning and online education for students in the region.

Additionally, the panchayat is also focusing on other educational initiatives and schemes that empower students and ensure their academic progress. The comprehensive approach to education is aimed at improving literacy rates, enhancing learning outcomes, and providing equal opportunities for all students, irrespective of their economic backgrounds. The efforts of Arikulam Gram Panchayat in the field of education are commendable, and they are contributing significantly to the overall development of the community and the region as a whole.





WINGS –EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES BY KAKKUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kakkur Gram Panchayat



Kakkur Gram Panchayat is situated in Chelannoor block in Kozhikode district, covering an area of 20.36 square feet. It is located approximately 404 km away from the State capital, Thiruvananthapuram. Kakkur is surrounded by Balusseri Block towards the North, Kunnamangalam Block towards the East, Koduvally Block towards the East, and Panthalayani Block towards the West. Cities like Quilandy, Kozhikode, Mavoor, and Vadakara are nearby to Kakkur. The region is situated close to the Arabian Sea, and the local language spoken is Malayalam.

Kakkur Gram Panchayat actively promotes educational activities in schools and other institutions. Some of the main educational institutions in the area include Malabar College of Arts And Sciences, B - ed College Kaithakkal, Sayyid Abdulrahman Bafaqy Thangal Memorial Government Arts and Science College, Muchukunn Sree Narayana College Keezhalmukku, Vatakara, Kmct College of Nursing, Pavandoor Hss, Kuttamboor Hs, Naduvallur Aups, Ponnu Cherupalam Aups, and Punnassery Amups.

The panchayat conducts various career guidance activities for the students, recognizing the significant impact



it has on their future choices. One of the most useful career guidance programs implemented by the panchayat is called “Wings. ” Wings are a creative initiative designed to provide decisive interventions in the field of career development. It aims to identify the interests of the students in the Panchayat, assist them in choosing suitable courses, and enable them to plan their future careers effectively. The project is jointly implemented by Kakkur Gram Panchayat and Career Development Centre Perambra.

The logo of Kakkur’s career development project, Wings, was unveiled by District Collector N. Tej Lohit Reddy, IAS. Two classes have already been conducted as part of these activities, focusing on Kakkur and Karakkunnath areas of the Panchayat. District Employment Officer P. Rajevan and other prominent individuals led the classes. Over 150 students from classes 10th to plus two participated in these sessions.

The students found the classes valuable in introducing them to job opportunities both at home and abroad, as well as courses suitable for higher studies. A budget of 1.5 lakh rupees has been allocated from the panchayat funds for this project. The panchayat authorities are hopeful that Wings will continue to evolve and enhance its impact in the coming days.



UNNATHI BY KODIYATHUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat



Kodiyathur is a Gram Panchayat located in Kunnamangalam block of Kozhikode district, Kerala, India. It is surrounded by two rivers, Chaliyar and Iruvazhinji, and falls under the Thiruvambady legislative constituency. The name “Kodiyathur” is derived from “Kodi Kuthiya Uru”. The region has historical significance, as it was the place where freedom fighter Muhammed Abdul Rahman and social worker Moideen were associated.

Education plays a crucial role in developing critical skills like decision - making, problem - solving, and logical thinking. It empowers individuals to make rational and informed decisions, benefiting them both personally and professionally. Education is a process of acquiring knowledge, values, and virtues, contributing to the development of better individuals worldwide.

Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat has been actively progressing in the educational domain. It houses various educational institutions such as PTM HSS Kodiyathur, Govt. HSS Cheruvadi, St. Thomas HSS Thottumukkam, Wadi Rahma Senior Secondary School, Lead Square, Govt. UP School Thottumukkam, SKA UP School South Kodiyathur, Govt. LP School Kazhuthuttipuraya,



Govt. LP School Pannicode, Govt. LP School Chullikkaparamba, and Govt Mappila Upper Primary School Kodiyathur.

The panchayat has implemented several innovative activities in the field of education, realizing that an educated generation is vital for the country's future. Under the project named "Unnathi," the panchayat provides free training to academically excellent children from economically backward backgrounds for various competitive exams like NTSE, NMMS Olympiad, medical, engineering, and foundation classes for central and state service competitive exams.

Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat has also focused on infrastructure development in schools, providing modern - style child - friendly dual desks and benches as part of the Unnati Comprehensive Education Scheme. The panchayat has allocated funds to enhance school infrastructure, including furniture, benches, tables, cupboards, and green boards.

The panchayat has made commendable efforts to promote cultural and educational activities. It has revived a cultural centre and library that had stopped functioning, renovating and upgrading the facilities for the community's benefit. The governing body felicitates students who achieve high marks in SSLC and +2 examinations and supports students from scheduled castes with financial assistance and laptop distribution to encourage their learning journey.

Furthermore, Kodiyathur Panchayat has actively participated in initiatives like providing honey to children in Anganwadis for nutritional support, Wi - Fi connections in Anganwadis under the Varnakoot project, and comprehensive training programs for students preparing for competitive exams.

The panchayat is dedicated to providing quality education and fostering a conducive learning environment for all its residents. Investments in education and infrastructure development reflect their commitment to the growth and progress of the community.

To empower children preparing for competitive exams and provide LSS - USS scholarships to more students, a comprehensive training program has been initiated in Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat. Approximately four hundred children are benefiting from this program, which is conducted with the assistance of Mukkam



Vidya Centre for Excellence under the name ‘The Icon’. Additionally, the Schedule Caste Literacy Program, known as the Navachetana project, has been effectively implemented in Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat.

The Vidya Centre for Excellence holds a unique distinction as the sole sanctioned centre in the Kunnamangalam Block Panchayat within Kodiyathur. The centre, situated in Mattumuri Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, is now operational with the appointment of a dedicated instructor.

Furthermore, recognizing the importance of infrastructure in educational institutions, the governing body has allocated 12 lakh rupees for the replacement of the damaged roof of Thotumukkam Govt. UP School, which was affected last year.

The panchayat’s proactive approach to education, through training programs and scholarships, is commendable and reflects its commitment to nurturing the potential of the younger generation. By investing in quality education and providing necessary resources, Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat is paving the way for a brighter future for its students.



EDUCATIONAL UPLIFTMENT INITIATIVE BY KOODARANJI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Koodaranji Gram Panchayat



Koodaranhi Gram Panchayat is a village of koduvally block in Calicut district with an area of 98. 21 square kilometres. The first school in koodaranhi was St. Sebastian's Eternity School which was established in 1949. The second school in Koodaranhi Panchayat is the Tribal School in Coombara. Many other schools were established in private and public sector. Koodaranhi Panchayat gives first priority for education. The Panchayat realized that education plays a major role in various aspects of development such as employment, health, sanitation, hygiene and alleviating poverty.

All the four government primary schools in the Koodaranhi Gram Panchayat provided with tiled classrooms with sufficient number of toilets and other amenities with the aim of welfare of children. The Panchayat realised that lack of access of proper sanitation facilities poses a huge barrier to education as children miss school due to hygiene - related diseases. Toilets and proper washing facilities can help to stop the spread of many diseases and also provided special care and vigilance to keep the school clean healthy. Another initiative ensured access to clean water for children.

The one and only tribal school at Koombara have been



developed in to international standard. All the walls of school are decorated with carvings and paintings to make child friendly. Smart class with television are also arranged during the year 2021 - 22 pre - school has been renovated by the SSK fund Rs 10 lakhs. The aim of the school is not only economic development of tribes but also for inner strength of the tribal communities which helps them in meeting the new challenges of life. To promote inmate skills and talents of the students, a well - equipped stage with attractive light and sound system is provided.

There is a well - kept vegetable garden is maintained by the students with proper irrigation facility which improves and motivates the students in agriculture as a part of curriculum. This helps children to develop more interest in agriculture. Children get pesticide –free vegetables.

A spacious play ground with gallery is being constructed under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme. Through this children get mental and physical happiness.

Education is a human right a powerful driver of development, and one of the strongest instruments for reducing poverty and improving health, gender equality, peace and stability it delivers large consistent returns in terms of income, and is the most important factor to ensure equity and inclusion. Panchayat emphasizes on education to bring development.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THUNERI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Thuneri Gram Panchayat



Thuneri Gram Panchayat in Thuneri block of Kozhikode district has made significant progress in the field of education and child welfare. The Eshwara Vilasam Upper Primary (EVUP) School, established in 1939 by R. Govinda Kurup and Ammalu Amma, is the main school in the area. Currently, the third generation of the family manages the school. Additionally, there are 13 lower primary schools, two upper primary schools, and one higher school belonging to Thuneri Panchayat.

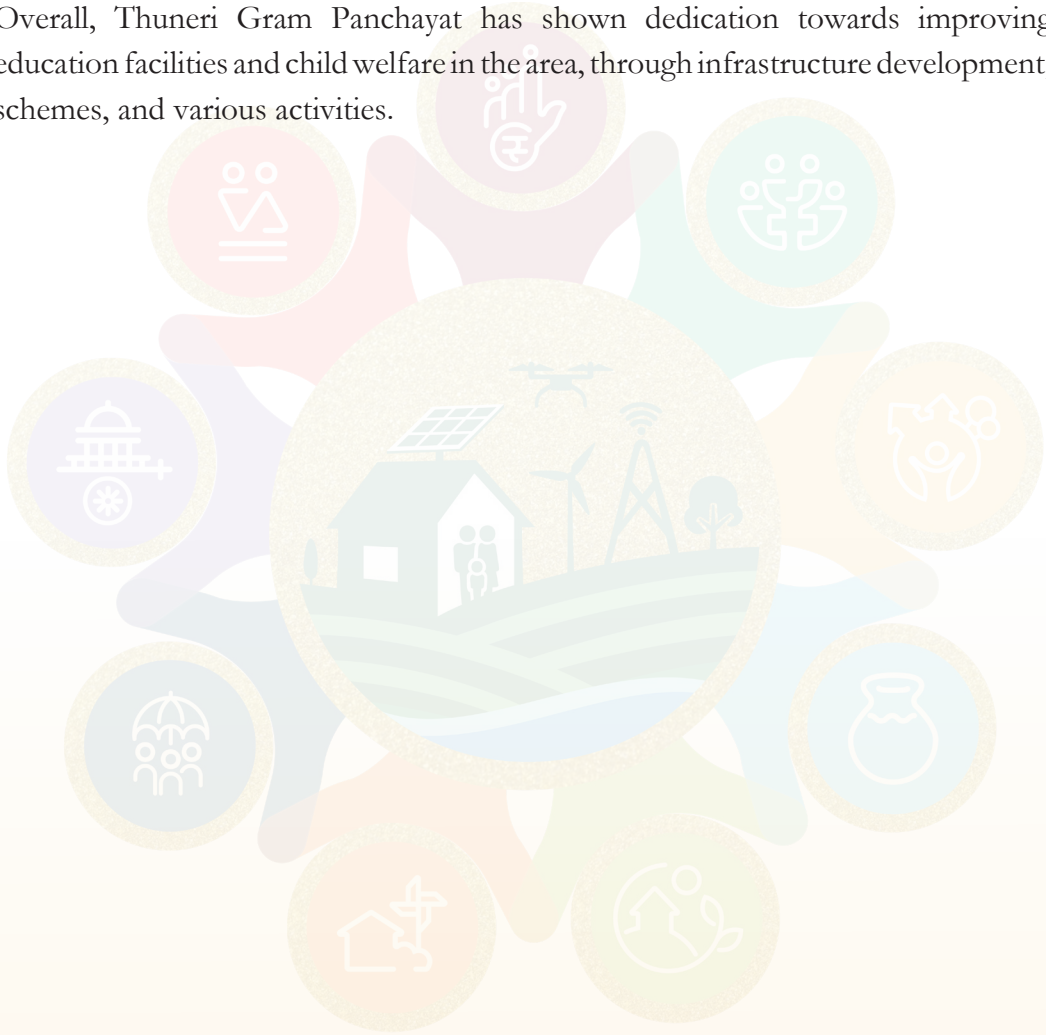
In terms of infrastructure development, Thuneri Gram Panchayat has taken initiatives such as constructing the first - floor work for GMLPS School, supplying furniture and baby chairs for GMLPS School, and setting up a smart classroom at GLPS Kannankai. They have also distributed furniture for GLPS Kannankai.

The panchayat has implemented various schemes and activities for the welfare of school children. This includes the free chick distribution scheme for school children, distribution of children's chairs and computers, and organizing activities in Anganwadi centers. A model Anganwadi has been established in Ward 1, equipped with color - coded parks, gardens, flooring work, chairs, and other systems. The Bud's Rehabilitation Centre has



been renovated, and items such as paper, pens, and file boards have been distributed to Bud's school students. Special events like Independence Day celebrations and parent meetings have been conducted at the Bud's Rehabilitation Centre. Additionally, World Environment Day celebrations have also been organized at the centre.

Overall, Thuner Gram Panchayat has shown dedication towards improving education facilities and child welfare in the area, through infrastructure development, schemes, and various activities.





COMBINED EFFORTS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND GRAM PANCHAYAT BY VANIMEL GRAM PANCHAYAT

Vanimel Gram Panchayat



Vanimal or Vanimel is a village located in Thuner block of Kozhikode district of Kerala, India. Bhoomivathukkal is the current business centre of Vanimel village and Vayalpeedika is the Heritage city which was the main commercial hub during 1970 - 90. Vanimel population in 2023 is estimated to be 31,330. According to last census in 2011, 25680 People are living in this Village, out of these 12368 are males and 13312 are females. People living in Vanimel depend on multiple skills, total workers are 6781 out of which men are 5762 and women are 1019. Total 240 Cultivators are depended on agriculture farming out of 226 are cultivated by men and 14 are women. 520 people works in agricultural land as a labour in Vanimel, men are 444 and 76 are women.

Vanimal village in the Calicut district has a higher literacy rate compared to other villages. This achievement can be attributed not only to Crescent High School Vanimel but also to the Government Higher Secondary School in Velliyode and St. George's H. S. Vilangad.

Crescent Higher Secondary School Vanimel, located in Bhoomivathukkal, is the largest and one of the oldest educational institutions in the village. With more than 1,800 students and 75 staff members, it plays a significant



role in promoting education in the area. The fact that over 80% of the teachers in this school come from Vanimal itself reflects the importance of educational awareness among the local people. The village has produced many famous personalities in various fields, indicating its overall social and educational development.

The Gram Panchayat has been actively involved in poverty alleviation activities. Since the year 2018 - 19, they have implemented the Life Bhawan Yojana, a scheme devised by the state government, to provide benefits for purchasing land and building houses for the landless and homeless individuals. During the year 2021 - 22, the Gram Panchayat allocated Rs. 3, 380, 000 for constructing houses for the most backward and disadvantaged Scheduled Tribe families in the Panchayat. A total of Rs. 3, 880, 000, including the state and district shares, was utilized for various stages of house construction for 22 Scheduled Tribe families. The scheme aims to continue providing benefits for house construction in the coming years.

Furthermore, the Gram Panchayat has been investing in the areas of health and education, which will contribute to poverty alleviation efforts. By prioritizing these sectors, they can improve the overall well - being of the community and create a conducive environment for social and economic development.

Overall, the combined efforts of educational institutions like Crescent High School Vanimal, along with the support of the Gram Panchayat in implementing poverty alleviation schemes and investing in health and education, have contributed to the development of Vanimal village both socially and educationally.



LAKSHYA - AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE BY CHELANNUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Chelannur Gram Panchayat



Chelannur Gram Panchayat, located in Kozhikode District, is part of the Block Panchayat covering an extensive area of 138.66 square kilometres. It comprises six gram panchayats, namely Chelannur, Kakkodi, Kakkur, Nanminda, Narikkuni, and Thalakulathur, and was established in 1982. The population of Chelannur Block, as per the 2001 census, was 183,331, with 90,296 males and 93,035 females. The literacy rate in the area is commendably high at 92.4%. Over the years, Chelannur Block Panchayat has been undertaking various remarkable projects to uplift and improve the lives of its residents.

One of the noteworthy projects introduced in the field of education is “Lakshya,” which became a part of the annual plan for 2021-2022 by Chelannur Block Panchayat. This innovative project is designed to explore and nurture the interests and talents of students and the general public alike. Launched on August 5th, 2022, by the esteemed Forest Minister of Kerala, Mr. A K Sasindran, the project serves as a public space where individuals can showcase their scientific abilities and share exciting discoveries. The Lakshyacentre also offers technical support and expert classes to foster scientific



skills among the beneficiaries of Chelannur Block Panchayat.

Through this initiative, a diverse range of ideas from students and the public is presented to the community, promoting a culture of curiosity and innovation. Regular scientific programs and activities are conducted at the centre, making it a hub for scientific exploration and knowledge-sharing. The project has been wholeheartedly embraced and supported by the students and has received commendable response and enthusiasm from the public.

Chelannur Gram Panchayat continues to demonstrate its commitment to education and community development through transformative projects like “Lakshya.” By encouraging scientific pursuits and nurturing talent, the Panchayat is fostering a culture of learning and progress, ensuring a brighter future for its residents.





GRASS ROOT LEVEL EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT BY THALAKULATHUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Thalakulathur Gram Panchyat



Thalakulathur Gram Panchayat, situated in Chelannur block of Kozhikode district, is actively involved in promoting education and has undertaken several commendable initiatives in this regard. Education plays a vital role in providing knowledge and building confidence, shaping individuals into responsible citizens. Recognizing the significance of education, the Panchayat has implemented various educational activities.

The Panchayat oversees 12 schools, including one higher secondary school, four upper primary schools, and seven lower primary schools. Two of the lower primary schools are government-owned, and all classrooms in these schools have been transformed into smart classrooms. The present government lower primary school, Annassery, which initially began as a kutipallikudam in 1923, is celebrating its centenary this year. The school accommodates 255 children, including pre-primary students. It received the State Award for Best Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in 2012 for its excellent physical facilities, academic achievements, and active participation in co-curricular activities.

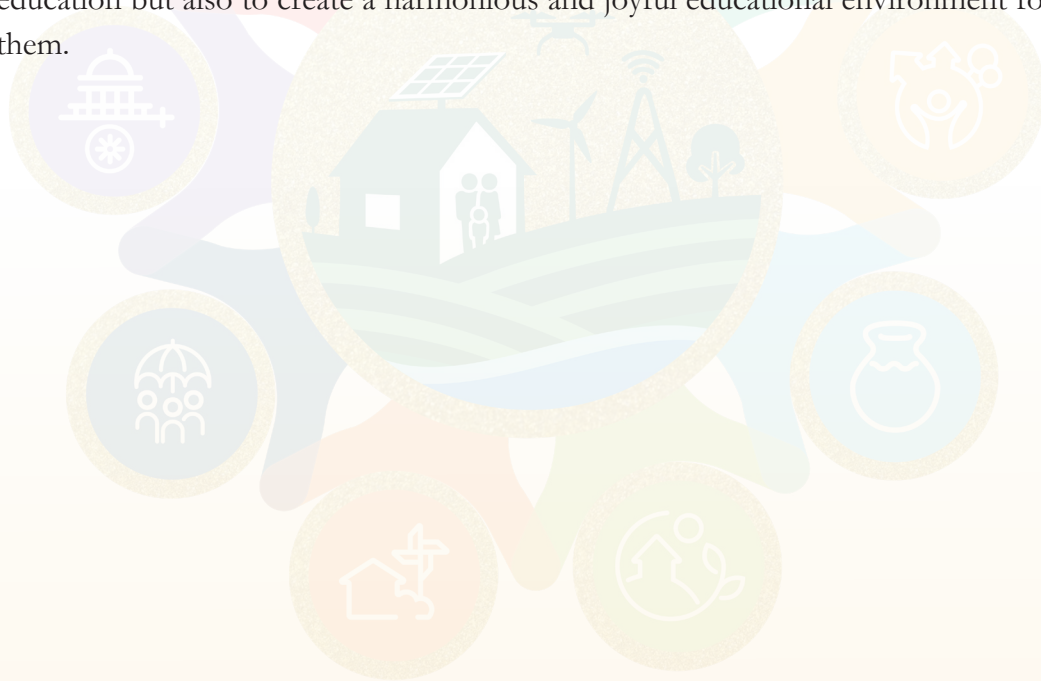
The Gram Panchayat has provided projectors, wall paintings, and furniture for all classrooms, and four



classrooms have been upgraded to smart classrooms through the public planning scheme in the last two years (2020-21 and 2021-22). Additionally, an allocation of Rs. 2 lakhs has been made to procure child-friendly furniture for the pre-primary classes. As part of the employment guarantee scheme, a badminton court was specially constructed.

One of the noteworthy features of the school is the Tagore Park, which includes a staircase, an open-air classroom, and an altar built with public participation. In 2010, a Bhojana Shala (community kitchen) was constructed using the regional development fund of A K Saseendran, MLA.

Thalakulathur Gram Panchayat plays a significant role in grassroots-level educational management. It fulfils its responsibilities in various fields, including hygiene-related issues and water requirements. The Panchayat aims not only to enhance children's education but also to create a harmonious and joyful educational environment for them.





INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG WITH QUALITY OF EDUCATION BY CHEKKIAD GRAM PANCHAYAT

Chekkiad Gram Panchayat



Chekkiad Gram Panchayat is located on the northern border of Kozhikode district in Thuneri block. Originally, it was known as Parakadav Panchayat and comprised the areas of Parakkadav, Ummatur, Thanakottoor, and Valakottoor. In 1962, Parakkadavu and Chekkiad villages were merged, and Puliayavu and Jathieri lands were added from Valayam Village, resulting in the formation of Chekkiad Village. The present-day Chekkiad Gram Panchayat includes all the places within the limits of Chekkiad village.

Chekkiad village is connected to other parts of India through Vatakara city in the west and Kuttiady town in the east. National Highway No.66 passes through Vatakara, connecting to Mangalore, Goa, and Mumbai in the north and to Cochin and Trivandrum in the south. The eastern highway through Kuttiady connects to Mananthavady, Mysore, and Bangalore. The nearest airports are located in Kannur and Kozhikode, while the nearest railway station is in Vatakara.

Education plays a crucial role in the development of any society. Kerala achieved the status of a Fully Literate State in 1991 and is the only state in India where over 90% of the population can read and write. This achievement is



attributed to the free and compulsory education provided to all children up to the age of 14 years. The Kerala government is also taking steps to improve the quality and standards of education.

Education encompasses the process through which individuals acquire skills, knowledge, and understanding about the world and themselves. Literacy refers to the ability to read and write, and being literate is defined as a person's ability to read and write independently.

Chekkiad Government L.P. School, which has many students, lacked a protective wall around its premises, causing concerns for the safety of the children. The Gram Panchayat initiated the construction of a wall around the schoolyard to address these concerns and ensure the safety of the children during playtime.

As part of the Kerala government's public education protection campaign, the ChekkiadGovt LPS perimeter wall construction project was implemented under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Project. The project was successfully completed, and handrails were installed to protect the children from falling. An allocation of Rs. 362,000 was made for this purpose, with Rs. 22,045 spent on wages and Rs. 310,869 spent on goods. The total project expenditure for the year 2021-22 was 7.18 Crore, and 160,764 workdays were created. Out of the 972 families in the Panchayat, 100 days of work were completed.

MLA E.K. Vijayan provided 50 lakhs for the replacement of the 50-year-old school building of Chekkiad Government L.P. School, which lacked basic infrastructure, with a new building equipped with all necessary facilities.

Kerala's high literacy rate reflects the importance placed on education by its residents. Significant contributions have been made to the progress of education in the state. The Kerala government now focuses on improving school infrastructure along with the quality of education, replacing old buildings with new ones equipped with smart classrooms. Local self-governance bodies also play a role in these efforts.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION BY MARUTHONKARA GRAM PANCHAYAT

Maruthonkara Gram Panchayat



Maruthonkara is a village and Gram panchayat in Kunnumal block of Kozhikode district. The famous Janakikkad tourist centre of Kozhikode district is located in this panchayat. Major tourist attractions such as Peruvannamuzhi Dam and Kuttiyadi Dam are situated near this panchayat. Surrounded by greenery and water, this village is also known as Mullankunnu.

Basic education plays a crucial role in developing sympathy, empathy, and respect for fellow human beings. It enables individuals to make balanced decisions that benefit society as a whole and promote collective growth.

The government schools in the panchayat are of good quality, but there is a need for timely infrastructure enhancements. In 2021-22, the Gram panchayat has implemented various measures to address this. Maruthonkara Gram panchayat has 10 schools, including 4 government schools and 1 high school. With the help of MLA funds, a new building was constructed for Kothod School. Mannur Government LP School purchased furniture from Rubco, amounting to Rs. 12,26,628/-, to transform classrooms into smart classrooms. To address the drinking water shortage and interlock the yard, Rs.



1,08,123/- has been spent on Moyilothra school. Additionally, Rs. 5,02,287/- has been allocated to build the sanitary complex for Kothod school, and Rs. 7,99,753/- has been utilized to change the roof of Maruthonkara school. These initiatives have significantly improved the infrastructure of the schools.

Furthermore, Rs. 7,25,000/- has been allocated for the construction of study rooms for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The panchayat has spent Rs. 70,000/- to purchase books for the panchayat libraries. The construction of a new building for MGLC School, which caters to children from Scheduled Tribe colonies, is a noteworthy accomplishment in the field of education. Under the leadership of Kudumbasree, a bridge course has been implemented in the Scheduled colonies, benefiting 34 Scheduled students. The panchayat also honoured 26 children who received LSS/USS scholarships. During the Covid period, the panchayat took the initiative to provide televisions and mobile phones through voluntary organizations to facilitate online learning. Literacy work has also been given priority, with Rs. 53,000/- allocated for conducting the 10th standard and plus two equivalency courses.

The achievements and activities of the panchayat in the field of education contribute to fostering a peaceful and prosperous community.



WAYANAD DISTRICT

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EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE: KANIYAMBETTA GRAM PANCHAYAT'S COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Kaniyambetta Gram Panchayat



Kaniyambetta Gram Panchayat has also demonstrated excellence in the field of education. The panchayat comprises two UP schools and two LP schools in the government sector. Notably, Kaniyambetta Government UP School holds a rich history of 120 years. Similarly, Kambalakkadu Government UP School boasts excellent facilities, including a comfortable building, well-furnished classrooms, clean drinking water, thumburmuzhi and compost for waste management, rainwater harvesting, a stage, walkways, and a vegetable garden.

In the realm of education, Kaniyambetta Gram Panchayat actively focuses on infrastructure development for schools, devising measures to attract children to schools, and working towards eradicating illiteracy. An impressive amount of over 60 lakh rupees has been invested in these initiatives over the last two years, ensuring that all schools have essential amenities in place. To attract more children to schools, various measures have been undertaken, such as establishing child-friendly parks, implementing the GothraSaradhi scheme, providing assistance for uniform stitching, organizing breakfast programs, and supplying uniforms, umbrellas, and bags to students over the years. These endeavours have been



particularly effective in encouraging scheduled tribe students to attend school regularly.

Educational institutions in Kaniyambetta, Cheeyambam, and Nellyambam have been equipped with basic facilities, promoting a conducive learning environment. Child-friendly parks are being constructed in two schools this year, with plans for two more schools in 2023-24. Numerous benefits have been extended to ST (Scheduled Tribe) sections to enhance the standard of education, leading to a commendably high educational standard in Kaniyambetta Gram Panchayat schools.

Through their proactive efforts and sustained investments in education, Kaniyambetta Gram Panchayat has cultivated an environment where students can thrive academically and realize their full potential. The panchayat's commitment to providing quality education and essential facilities reflects their dedication to nurturing the young minds of the community, ensuring a brighter and more promising future for all.



NURTURING HOLISTIC GROWTH: MEENANGADI GRAM PANCHAYAT'S FOCUS ON QUALITY EDUCATION

Meenangadi Gram Panchayat



Education forms the foundation of a student's mental and physical growth, shaping their personality. Proper education not only contributes to the development of an individual but also impacts society and the nation as a whole. In the pursuit of enhancing the overall educational landscape in Meenangadi Gram Panchayat and providing essential facilities, effective interventions such as the smart classroom project, study corner, and sports academy have been implemented.

As part of the infrastructural development of all public schools, an amount of Rs. 46, 19,992 was allocated to make the schools asbestos-free by replacing roofs with tiles and constructing toilet pavements. The smart classroom project was initiated to create an optimal learning environment, acknowledging the significance of classroom layout, design, and furniture in a student's learning experience. The schools were adorned with vibrant wall paintings and provided each student with color-coded desks and chairs, fostering a student-friendly atmosphere. The gram panchayat was inspired to introduce the breakfast scheme due to the realization that children from tribal backgrounds often came to school without breakfast and lacked proper nutrition.



When the implementation of the Gotra Sarathi scheme by the Scheduled Tribe Department was discontinued halfway, the gram panchayat took the initiative to continue and implement the scheme. The goal was to address the significant decline in the number of children from Scheduled Tribes accessing education in the Gram Panchayat area.

In a bid to improve students' sports abilities, football and volleyball academies were established under the panchayat's leadership. The "Catch Them While They Are In" academy aims to identify, support, and nurture hidden talents in young children. The academy comprises 130 children aged six to 18, categorized into six groups. The children receive training, nutrition, and football and sports kits. Remarkable achievements by athletes trained in the academy, including Alex Sajji, Allen Sajji, and Amal Raju, have brought pride to the country through outstanding performances in national and international competitions.

The Football Academy in Meenangadi has garnered excellent results in district and state competitions. An impressive sum of 1 Crore 16 Lakh rupees has been invested by the Gram Panchayat in the upliftment of education, with a focus on gender equality, making it an unparalleled endeavour in the field. The proactive initiatives undertaken by Meenangadi Gram Panchayat exemplify their commitment to nurturing holistic growth and development among students, thereby contributing to the progress of the community and nation at large.



NURTURING CHILDHOOD: THAVINJAL GRAM PANCHAYAT - A CHILD - FRIENDLY HAVEN

Thavinjal Gram Panchayat



“Nurturing Tomorrow: Thavinjal Gram Panchayat - A Child - Friendly Haven”

Thavinjal Gram Panchayat holds a significant place in history, being the battleground of the legendary hero Kerala Pazassi Tampuran and his valiant warriors, a tale etched in golden letters on the pages of time. Enveloped in mist, adorned with wild trees, vast fields, and beautiful tea plantations, Thavinjal Gram Panchayat boasts a picturesque landscape. Covering an area of 142.3 square kilometres and home to a population of 39,813, it encompasses the villages of Thavinjal, Valad, and Periya in Mananthavady taluk of Wayanad district. The panchayat shares its borders with Mananthavady Municipality to the east, Thondarnad Gram Panchayat to the west, Thirunelly Gram Panchayat to the north, and Kannur district and Edavaka to the south.

The majority of the population in this village panchayat consists of migrant farmers, farm workers, and plantation labourers. Additionally, around 8,800 Scheduled Tribes and 1,800 Scheduled Castes rely on agriculture and natural forest resources for their livelihood. Established as a Gram Panchayat in 1937, Thavinjal has witnessed remarkable growth and progress over the years, thanks



to the efforts of past leaders, Panchayat Raj, and active people's participation.

In 2010, the panchayat managed to acquire a well-equipped office, setting up an ISO 9001-2015 international standard office system. This certification has been maintained successfully until 2025, showcasing the dedication of the management and employees to provide excellent basic facilities and services to the public.

A special focus has been given to enhance the facilities in Gram Panchayat schools and elevate the standard of education in the Five-Year Plan. Remarkable interventions by the head teachers, acting as implementing officers, have ensured educational facilities for tribal children. Schemes like 'The Gothrayanam' guarantee safe transportation, breakfast, and study aids to students. The panchayat takes pride in providing lunch, special bowls, study benches, desks, and dedicated bathroom facilities for boys, girls, and differently-abled children. Additionally, child-friendly smart classes and smart TVs have been introduced for primary school children, as well as smart classes for LP students, contributing to a drop-out free environment.

Inclusive welfare schemes are another top priority of Thavinjal Gram Panchayat, with a focus on children, lactating mothers, differently-abled individuals, and the elderly. These goals are set to be achieved through the Five-Year Plan, with the ICDS supervisor taking charge as the implementing officer. Constructing new model Anganwadis and enhancing child-friendly facilities in all Anganwadis are key components of the plan. The Anganwadis play a vital role in providing nutritious food to children and combating anaemia and malnutrition among girls and lactating mothers, further complemented by improved physical infrastructure. Thavinjal Gram Panchayat stands proud as a child-friendly haven, committed to nurturing its community and fostering a bright future for its young generation.



NURTURING TOMORROW: THE KURUNNU VEEDU PROJECT IN PANAMARAM BLOCK PANCHAYAT

Panamaram Block Panchayat



Panamaram Block Panchayat is proactively executing integrated programmes to uplift the community, and one such remarkable initiative is the implementation of the “Kurunnu Veedu” project across five Gram Panchayats. This visionary project aims to foster a child-friendly environment in anganwadis, recognizing the significance of children as the very foundation of the future.

With a profound commitment to the well-being and development of children, the panchayat has embarked on this ambitious journey to create nurturing spaces that prioritize the holistic growth of young minds. By transforming anganwadis into child-friendly centres, the project seeks to inspire and encourage children to embrace learning, creativity, and social development.

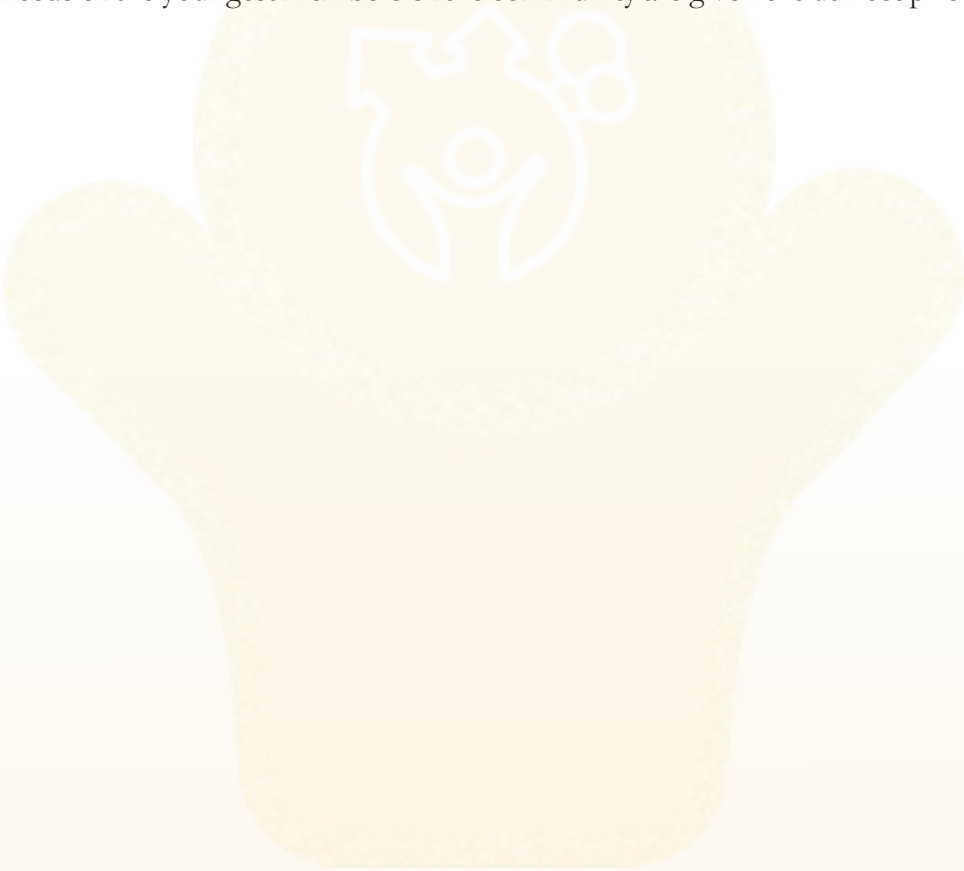
In these specially designed anganwadis, children are provided with a safe and engaging environment that stimulates their curiosity and imagination. Trained caregivers and teachers play a pivotal role in facilitating meaningful interactions and educational activities, ensuring that each child’s unique needs and talents are recognized and nurtured.

The “Kurunnu Veedu” project is a testament to



Panamaram Block Panchayat's forward-thinking approach to early childhood education and development. By investing in these child-friendly anganwadis, the panchayat is sowing the seeds for a brighter future, where young children are empowered to reach their full potential and contribute positively to society.

With a strong focus on integrated programmes that prioritize education, health, and community welfare, Panamaram Block Panchayat continues to make significant strides in ensuring the holistic well-being of its residents. Through the project, the panchayat sets a shining example of progressive and inclusive governance, where the needs of the youngest members of the community are given the utmost priority.





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COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVES IN CHAPPARAPPADAV PANCHAYAT: ENHANCING FACILITIES AND LEARNING

Chapparapadav Gram Panchayat



Chapparapadavu is a Gram panchayat in Thaliparamba Block of Kannur district. Chapparapadavu Panchayat has administration over the villages of Kooveri Thimiri and Vellad. In the 2021-22 annual plan, Chapparappadav Panchayat has taken significant steps to improve the educational infrastructure and learning experience in schools. The plan focused on providing facilities, furniture, and library books to eleven schools in Panchayat.

The Gram Panchayat administration successfully provided facilities, including furniture and library books, to eleven schools in the region. Notably, the project excluded SSK and has been implemented in all the remaining eleven schools. The objective was to enhance children's artistic and sports sensibilities as part of a comprehensive education initiative. Government LP (Lower Primary) schools received a special focus, with the implementation of furniture and sound systems to create better learning environments.

Under the education sector, the annual plan featured the "Library Book Distribution" project. A budget of 2 lakhs was allocated to this initiative, which has proven to be highly beneficial for all schools in the Panchayat.



The project aimed to provide library books to all schools in a fair manner, enabling them to make the best use of these educational resources. With a budget of 2, 86,000 rupees, books were successfully procured for the Library Book Distribution project. This allocation allowed the Panchayat to provide a wide range of books, catering to various interests and subjects. The initiative has received positive feedback and attention at the Block Resource Centre (BRC) level, and a report is in progress, which is expected to further benefit schools and children in the region. As a result of these initiatives, the schools in Chapparappadav Panchayat now boast well-maintained classrooms and beautiful gardens, creating a conducive learning environment for students. The focus on artistic and sports sensibilities aims to provide holistic development opportunities for young learners.

Through these efforts, Chapparappadav Panchayat has demonstrated its commitment to improving educational facilities and enriching the learning experience for children, fostering a brighter future for the region's youth.





EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN CHEMBILODE GRAM PANCHAYAT, KERALA

Chembilod Gram Panchayat



Chembilod Gram Panchayat, situated in the Edakkad Block of Kannur District, is a picturesque agricultural village renowned for its “Thari and Thira” land and vibrant cultural heritage. The region spans across 20 tithes, covering approximately 99 square kilometres, and proudly showcases vast paddy fields, symbolizing its agricultural significance and dedication to preserving greenery. The Gram Panchayat is encompassed within an area of 2099 square kilometres, stretching over the villages of Chembilode and Iriveri. Chembilode Gram Panchayat is home to 35, 000 people residing in 7, 000 houses spread across 19 wards. An outstanding aspect of Chembilode Gram Panchayat is its commendable commitment to development activities. Since the era of Janakiyasutra in 1996, the Panchayat has devoted 100% of the funds it received to various development projects. As a result of its relentless efforts, the Panchayat has garnered numerous awards in recognition of its exceptional contributions.

In terms of education, the Panchayat has taken significant strides to promote public education and enhance its quality. The comprehensive education campaign launched by the state government has been



effectively undertaken, emphasizing the importance of education and academic advancement. One notable project involved upgrading a school in the Panchayat to accommodate an adequate number of students, ensuring accessible and quality education for all. The implementation of hi - tech education policies showcases the Panchayat's commitment to elevating the standard of education to international levels, incorporating modern teaching methods and technology.

Pre - primary education has also been emphasized through the establishment of one Anganwadi centre per thousand population, contributing to the early childhood development of children in the region. With 25 Anganwadis having their own buildings, the Panchayat is dedicated to providing a nurturing and conducive environment for young learners. Substantial progress has been made in the primary education sector, with 18 schools receiving various improvements such as better infrastructure, hygiene facilities, and access to learning materials, libraries, and playgrounds. Additionally, the Panchayat has been recognized as a complete Scout, Guides, NSS, and JRC Panchayat, highlighting its commitment to extra - curricular activities and the overall development of students.

The 100% pass rate in SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) and Plus Two examinations is a testament to the effectiveness of the educational initiatives carried out in the Panchayat. To support students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, scholarships are awarded to those pursuing graduate, post - graduate, and professional courses, facilitating their integration into mainstream society. The distribution of computers to students from SC backgrounds further promotes digital literacy and access to modern learning resources.

Chembilode Gram Panchayat comprises a total of 25 schools, including Government Higher Secondary Schools, Aided Higher Secondary Schools, and UP LP Schools. The usage of digital methods for teaching and learning in UP schools reflects Panchayat's commitment to modern education practices. The Panchayat has also undertaken waste disposal projects, including ring posts for scientific organic waste disposal and the “collector at schools” initiative, aimed at collecting plastic waste from schools within the Panchayat. These environmentally conscious efforts showcase the Panchayat's dedication to sustainable development and environmental conservation.



EMPOWERING EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE IN CHERUKUNN GRAM PANCHAYAT: BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Cherukunn Gram Panchayat



Cherukunn Gram Panchayat is located in Kannur and covers an area of 15.37 square kilometres. It belongs to the Kalyasheri block in Kannur taluk, Kannur district. The Panchayat is bordered by the Pashyangadi River to the north, Kannapuram Panchayat and Kuttikol River to the east, Kannapuram Panchayat to the south, and Mattul River to the west. According to the 2021-22 Socio-Economic Survey Report, the Panchayat has a population of 16,273 across 13 wards, with a population density of 1,059.

Several schemes have been planned and implemented to ensure the welfare of children in Cherukunn Gram Panchayat. Fifteen percent of the total plan allocation is earmarked for child welfare activities. According to the Socio-Economic Survey 2021-22 report, there are 1,469 children up to 6 years of age and 2,054 children between 7 to 14 years of age, comprising 1,781 boys and 1,742 girls. The Panchayat has 18 Anganwadis, 1 Nursery, 6 Schools, 2 UP Schools, and 1 Higher Secondary School to promote pre-primary education.

Remarkably, there have been no reports of feticide or infant deaths in the Panchayat, thanks to various activities and awareness programs aimed at ensuring



child safety. Through educational awareness initiatives, the Panchayat has achieved 100% enrolment of children in schools and completely eliminated dropouts. Providing Uchakanji milk and eggs to children up to the secondary level, along with healthcare awareness programs, has helped increase self-reliance and deter the new generation from engaging in anarchic activities and drug use, steering them towards the right path. The Panchayat and KudumbashreeBalasabha activities have organized various programs, including career guidance classes and activities to enhance children's mental well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. The inclusion of a karate class has boosted the morale of girls, while cycling classes have improved children's physical fitness.

To ensure sanitation and healthcare for children, new buildings and toilets have been constructed and included in the Girlfriend Toilet project. Initiatives such as distributing furniture, laptops, and merit-based scholarships are being implemented to improve the learning environment for children. These efforts have elevated the standard of education and led to remarkable achievements in the public education conservation campaign. The Right to Education Act ensures quality education from the pre-primary level to the higher secondary level. Cherukunn Gram Panchayat aims to create a child-friendly village, moulding the new generation to be drug-free and thrive in a child-friendly environment.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVES AT KOLAYAD GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kolayad Gram Panchayat



Kolayad Gram Panchayat is situated in the southeastern part of Kannur district, sharing borders with Kozhikode and Wayanad. On February 17, 2010, the Kolayad Gram Panchayat established the Shishumithra Buds School with a focus on educating, training, improving health, developing, and rehabilitating children facing mental challenges. Initially, the school had 25 students, but it has now grown to accommodate 42 students from nearby areas such as Peravoor and Chittariparamba. In 2021, the Education Department approved the school, and in 2012, the buds school received its own building through the Kudumbasree mission. Presently, the school has 2 teachers, 3 assistants, and 5 caregivers.

The school initially operated in a building that also housed the Panchayat office for 10 years. However, in March 2022, the Shishumithra Buds School was relocated to the Menachody government primary school building with prior approval from the Education department. Classes are organized based on the children's age, mental growth, and performance levels. The SCRT (Special Curriculum for Rehabilitation and Training) is being implemented in the school. Training is provided to prepare the students for the equivalent tests conducted by the Saksharatha



mission through schools. The school also provides nutritious food to the children under the midday meal scheme of the Public Education Department, including milk every day and eggs once a day. Various activities and programs, such as daily routines, study trips, sports meets, and vegetable farming, are carried out in the buds school, mirroring those in public schools. The aim is to address any deficiencies the students may have and help them grow, bringing joy to the children.

The Panchayat, along with the teachers and other staff, provides all the necessary assistance to the students. A job skills initiative has been implemented to empower underprivileged children and build their self-confidence. The Kudumbasree Mission has provided 1.85 lakhs for the job unit, which includes the production of paper pens and notepads. The Kolayad Gram Panchayat has allocated 2 lakhs rupees for building a smart classroom and has undertaken renovation work worth 2.5 lakhs. In the current year, a budget of 7 lakhs rupees has been allocated for the project. In the 2021-22 academic years, the Panchayat spent 1,055,997 rupees on the school. The Panchayat believes that disability is not a curse but rather an opportunity to foster self-confidence and growth.



ADVANCING EDUCATION: KUNHIMANGALAM GRAM PANCHAYAT'S INITIATIVES IN 2021 - 22

Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat



Kunhimangalam is a census town situated in the northern coastal part of Kannur District in Kerala state on the outskirts of Payyannur. The population in 2011 was around 19,000 including Hindus, Christians, and Muslim residents. The village lies in an agricultural region. In the financial year 2021-22, Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat undertook several initiatives to enhance education within the region. These efforts focused on improving infrastructure, facilities, and the overall well-being of students.

The Government Central UP School underwent renovation, with a total expenditure of Rs. 489,720. This renovation aimed to improve the school's infrastructure, creating a better learning environment for the students. Additionally, toilet blocks were installed in Edanad West LP School and Gopal UP School, costing Rs. 716,157. This initiative enhanced the sanitation facilities for the students. Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, a canteen was constructed at Kunhimangalam Govt. Central UP School. With an area of 133 square meters, the construction of the canteen cost Rs. 1,189,021. This facility likely aimed to cater to the nutritional needs of the students.



To enhance early childhood development centres, a total of 10 Anganwadis were renovated and 19 Anganwadis were painted within the Panchayat. This initiative, with an expenditure of Rs. 1,285,121, aimed to improve the condition and aesthetics of these centers. Furniture worth Rs. 490,205 was purchased and provided to schools, enhancing the facilities and infrastructure. Additionally, in response to COVID-19 prevention measures, sanitizer machines were purchased and distributed in schools.

The Panchayat allocated Rs. 150,000 for setting up libraries in schools, further promoting access to learning resources. Rs. 134,990 was also dedicated to the distribution of study materials, ensuring students access to educational materials. Furthermore, furniture worth Rs. 142,586 was purchased and provided to enhance the infrastructure of various libraries within the Panchayat.

Kunhimangalam Central UP School established a computer lab in the financial year 2021-22 with the assistance of voluntary organizations and the public. This initiative aimed to enhance digital literacy among students, equipping them with important technological skills. To make the process of joining the school more engaging and attractive, entrance festivals were organized in three government schools under the Panchayat, welcoming new students to the educational community.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, an awareness camp named 'PADANAM KARUTHALODE' was conducted at the Central UP School by the Panchayat and Kudumbashree CDS. This camp likely aimed to address and alleviate the mental stress faced by children, providing them with necessary support and guidance. These interventions showcase the commitment of Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat to improving educational infrastructure, facilities, and the overall well-being of students in the region.



EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT IN KADIRUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kadirur Gram Panchayat



Kadirur Gram Panchayat, located in Panoor Block Panchayat, Kannur, is a picturesque village renowned for its handloom and agriculture. The Panchayat is actively involved in promoting education and providing support to students from Anganwadi to the Higher Secondary level. The Panchayat oversees the functioning of 30 Anganwadis, 2 Higher Secondary schools, and 21 LP & UP schools within its jurisdiction. To enhance digital literacy among primary teachers, the Panchayat initiated digital literacy programs as early as 1997-98. These programs ensured that teachers were equipped with the necessary digital skills to educate their students effectively. The Panchayat also recognized the need to provide English learning opportunities to individuals over the age of 40 who did not have the chance to learn English during their childhood. The “I Can English” program was implemented to enable these individuals to acquire English language skills.

In 2021-22, the Panchayat launched the “PusthakaKathir” program, which included a moving library on the occasion of World Children’s Book Day. Through this program, Kudumbashree CDS Balasabha distributed 250 books worth Rs. 37,000, promoting a reading culture among children. Under the leadership of sportsman Shri



G Ravindran, the Panchayat successfully implemented the “Talent Hunt” program to foster a sports culture among the younger generation. More than 2000 children were taught swimming, and special coaching and mock tests were provided to students preparing for LSS and USS exams.

The Panchayat prioritizes the safety and well-being of children. Self-safety training programs, including karate, were organized for 424 girls. Vigilance committees against violence targeting children operate effectively in all 18 wards, and complaint boxes were installed as part of the Penkathir project. Efforts are also made to showcase the historical significance of schools within the Panchayat by publishing their history. Additionally, the Panchayat releases a magazine called “Kalimuttam” to showcase the creative talents of primary school students. Financial support is provided for the renovation of government schools, including the installation of toilet facilities, and the provision of electricity, books, utensils, and other educational equipment. The Panchayat has allocated Rs. 10 lakhs for infrastructure development in schools through the SSK (School Sanitation and Hygiene Committee) and has spent Rs. 3, 24,149 on school toilets and waste bins.

The Panchayat encourages artistic abilities through the establishment of an “Art Gallery” and plans to implement a “Moving Art Gallery” in schools. Artwork by talented children, including Neerav, a renowned artist studying in the 2nd standard, is exhibited in these galleries.

Health and nutrition of children are prioritized through regular vaccinations, including Polio Vaccination, and the distribution of nutritious food through Anganwadis. The Panchayat has allocated Rs. 32, 61,000 for these initiatives. For differently-abled children, the Panchayat has established a Buds Special School on Panchayat-owned land. An amount of Rs. 80 lakhs was utilized for building construction, and 12.5 lakhs for infrastructure, teaching and learning materials, therapy equipment, and furniture. Scholarships amounting to Rs. 14.35 lakhs have been provided to disabled students, and plans are underway to purchase a school bus for the transportation of differently-abled students to the Buds School.

These initiatives demonstrate the Panchayat’s commitment to providing quality education, support, and opportunities for the holistic development of students in Panchayat.



EMPOWERING EDUCATION AND FOSTERING A CHILD - FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Kottayam Malabar Gram Panchayat



Kottayam-Malabar is a census town located near Kuthuparamba in the Kannur district. Kottayam Panchayat has accomplished a significant milestone in the implementation of the 2021-22 Annual Plan. By utilizing 100% of the allocated funds, the Panchayat has secured the top position in the district for expenditure. With 19 Anganwadis, 12 LP schools, one UP school, and one higher secondary school in the government sector, Kottayam Panchayat boasts excellent infrastructure and educational facilities. The Panchayat's commitment to planning and development in the fields of education, arts, and culture has yielded remarkable results, particularly in the year 2021-22.

One noteworthy achievement is the comprehensive educational development initiative, which involved the creation of the Village Education Register. With the assistance of Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and other designated individuals, a door-to-door survey was conducted throughout the Panchayat. This survey collected data on the number of children in the Panchayat, their educational institutions, and the proportion belonging to APL/BPL families. Furthermore, guidelines were provided to address the major challenges faced in



the domains of education and culture. The outcomes of this survey were compiled into a comprehensive educational register known as VidyaRekha. Consequently, a detailed analysis of the educational issues faced by 6,275 children (3,273 girls and 312 boys) aged between 0 and 18 years was made possible.

To foster a child-friendly Panchayat, numerous activities were undertaken, resulting in the realization of this objective. A child-friendly park has been established at the Panchayat Family Health Centre, and the ShishuMandir, which is directly owned by the Panchayat, has been equipped with recreational facilities such as a child-friendly park, play equipment, and a television. Additionally, a dedicated reading corner for children has been established at the Panchayat Office, and child-friendly toilets have been constructed in Anganwadis and public institutions. In terms of healthcare activities for children, the Balasabha organized football and karate training programs, respectively named Stamina and Girls' Karate Training.

In accordance with the guidelines provided by SSK (SarvaShikshaAbhiyan Kerala), funds were allocated appropriately. The Panchayat has consistently held special Gram Sabha meetings and development seminars for children, taking into serious consideration the development proposals arising from these events. To further support children, a Gender Resource Centre called Snehita Calling Bell has been established. Additionally, scholarships and study materials have been provided to students belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC) sector.



EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE INITIATIVES IN NARATH GRAM PANCHAYAT

Narath Gram Panchayat



Narath Gram Panchayat is a part of Kalliasseri Block Panchayat in Kannur District. With an area of only 17.24 square kilometres, Narath Panchayat primarily relies on agriculture for its economy. The Panchayat comprises the villages of Kannadiparamb and Narath.

Within Narath Gram Panchayat, there are 23 Anganwadis serving a population of 26,876. Out of these, 19 Anganwadis have their own buildings. All Anganwadis have access to electricity and clean drinking water. Additionally, they are equipped with baby-friendly toilets, wall paintings, indoor and outdoor play equipment. Supplementary nutrition is distributed across all Anganwadis. Growth monitoring, immunization, health check-ups, referral services, non-traditional pre-school education, and health nutrition education are consistently provided. The Anganwadis also maintain kitchen gardens, nutri gardens, and playgrounds for children.

Facilities such as slides, kutti cycles, baby-friendly furniture, and beds are available, along with learning materials. Water filters are installed in all Anganwadis. Nutrimix is provided as nutritional food to children aged six months to three years. The Gram Panchayat serves



319 Anganwadi students, 162 lactating mothers, 171 pregnant women, and 440 Nutrimix beneficiaries. Additionally, 460 adolescent girls receive services through the Anganwadis. Under the banner of Varnakudu, 23 clubs formed by teenage girls actively contribute to the community. Trained community counsellors and school counsellors effectively provide necessary counselling, including nutritional counselling for adolescent children. The Anganwadi nutrition program has spent 40 lakh rupees, and 13.68 lakh rupees have been allocated for scholarships for differently-abled students in the year 2021-22. Vigilance committees have been established in all wards and hold regular meetings to discuss issues and take appropriate actions. Projects focusing on women, children, differently-abled individuals, and the elderly are successfully implemented under the supervision of the ICDS supervisor.

The GWLP School Cheruwakara, the only primary school owned by the Gram Panchayat, has allocated 5 lakh rupees for the development of smart classroom infrastructure in 2021-22. Various activities such as study tours and art marches have been organized for the children. Achieved goals include providing breakfast to schools, organizing sports game festivals for registered clubs, and providing tables and chairs for SC students. All schools within the Panchayat have facilities such as kitchen gardens, drinking water, and toilets. The vegetable cultivation carried out by the children of Cheruwakara LP School has garnered widespread attention.



EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Aralam Gram Panchayat



Aralam Gram Panchayath is a part of Iritty Block Panchayat in Kannur District. Aralam Gram Panchayat is dedicated to promoting education and development within its jurisdiction. With 16 schools in the aided sector, including 2 higher secondary schools, 1 high school, 1 LP school, and 1 pre-primary school owned by the government, the Panchayat provides education to around 16,000 students. Additionally, approximately 1,300 students are studying in the Plus Two level.

One of the significant initiatives in the area is the implementation of the Gotrasarathy Scheme, which allocated 99,31,267/- to overcome commuting hardships for students in the Aralam Farm Rehabilitation Area attending the Aralam Farm GHSS and nearby schools. Furthermore, the Panchayat has taken steps to implement the Student Police Cadet Scheme to provide valuable experiences to students.

To address grievances in the field of education, the Panchayat has planned and implemented various projects. For example, the LP school headmaster of the Panchayat prepared the Edaveli project under the Panchayat Govt. Vismayachumar, which included the purchase of a photostat machine and classroom furniture



to improve the optical situation.

The Panchayat is actively supporting students from marginalized communities. Under the Laptops for Scheduled Caste students pursuing higher studies and Laptops for Scheduled Tribe students pursuing higher studies schemes, 25 laptops were distributed. Additionally, furniture was provided to Scheduled Caste students using the Scheduled Caste sub half. In the pursuit of academic excellence, the Panchayat conducted a one-day study camp for Balasabha children at Idaveli School and Aralam School, aiming to enhance learning experiences. It is noteworthy that Aralam Gram Panchayat achieved 77.7 percent of the projects implemented as incentives for excellence, showcasing the Panchayat's commitment to holistic development and education within the community.





EMPOWERING YOUNG HEARTS A CHILD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Kanichar gram panchayat



Kanichar Gram Panchayat belongs to Peravoor Block Panchayat in Kannur District, Kerala. It is located in the Western Ghats mountain range of Kerala state. Kanichar Gram Panchayat is a child-friendly panchayat. There are 20 Anganwadis in Kanichar Gram Panchayat. Among these Anganwadis, 15 of them have been transformed into child-friendly Anganwadis. The announcement of child-friendly Anganwadis was made on January 11, 2023, by the respected President of Kannur District Panchayat, Mrs. P.P. Divya. Panchayat already started working on initiatives such as painting the walls with child-friendly drawings, creating outdoor gaming areas, and installing child-friendly toilets. Altogether, we have 180 children in all these 20 Anganwadis.

Kanichar Gram Panchayat have prepared a nutrition garden to provide nutritious and fresh vegetables to our little ones. There is an adolescent club named 'Varnakkoodu' that is actively working in this Panchayat. Panchayat have taken measures to identify victims of anemia among SC, ST, and adolescent students in this Panchayat. All deserving beneficiaries included and provided financial assistance under the



Prime Minister MathruVandana Scheme. Providing nutritious food such as breakfast, honey, lunch, milk, eggs, and general feeding to the pre-school and Anganwadichildren.Kanichar Gram Panchayat constructed student-friendly toilets and ramps for disabled students in many schools in this Panchayat and have taken every measure to make the Panchayat office child-friendly.





CHILD DEVELOPMENT STORY OF KARIVELLURPERALAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

Karivellur peralam Gram Panchayat



Karivellur Peralam Gram Panchayat is the northernmost Gram Panchayat in Kannur District, Kerala, with a rich agricultural heritage. The innovative and creative activities of the Panchayat have earned it national and local awards, including the prestigious National Child Friendly Award. The Panchayat has set a record by fully vaccinating 1492 out of a total of 1493 children, and the remaining child has also received partial vaccination. No malnourished child can be found in the Panchayat. All nursery schools are equipped with nutrition gardens and other facilities for kids. There are 21 nursery schools and daycarecenters here. The Executive Committee has paid special attention to providing high-tech facilities to the Anganwadis, and separate toilets for girls and boys have been set up in all schools under the Panchayat's jurisdiction. Baby-friendly toilets and seating arrangements are available in all nursery schools. The Child Gramsabha provides a platform for mingling with the children and understanding their problems. Under the auspices of Kudumbashree Balasabha at the unit level and Balasamithi at the Panchayat level, efforts are made to improve children's knowledge and creativity. Primary Health Centres (PHC), schools, BUDS (Behavioural



Understanding and Developmental Services), and AWC (Anganwadi Centre) have been established. Playgrounds, parks, libraries, and other facilities have also been improved for the benefit of children. An effective child protection committee is also in place to respond to and raise awareness about atrocities against children. All girls have received special training in Karate to enhance their self-defence capacity and resist any form of assault. Every year, all children receive special training in swimming as part of the Panchayat's Disaster Management Scheme. All Anganwadis and schools are equipped with first aid kits, and teachers have received first aid training. There are 31 registered libraries operating in all 14 wards of the Panchayat, and they are functioning effectively in all public schools as well. A well-equipped BUD's school operates in accordance with the norms set by the central government. Facilities such as psychotherapy, speech therapy, and special training in candle making, mat making, and soap power making are provided to 41 differently-abled students. The inmates have ample opportunities to showcase their innate abilities and talents in shuttle, football, music, dance, and various clubs such as Math's Club, Agriculture Club, English Club, SPC, Scouts and Guides, and JRC, which operate in all schools. A dedicated PTA exists in all 11 public schools of the Panchayat. The Panchayat ensures health, food safety, and education for all children.



SHAPING TOMORROWS LEADER CHILD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TAKEN BY KUTIATTUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kutiattur Gram Panchayath



Kuttiattoor is located in the Taliparamba taluk of Kannur district in the Indian state of Kerala. It is situated 26 km (16 mi) north east of District headquarters Kannur and 6.5 km (4.0 mi) south east of Mayyil. As of 2011 Census, Kuttiattoor had a population of 13,244 of which 6,272 are males and 6,972 are females. Kuttiattoor census town spreads over an area of 20.9 km² (8.1 sq mi) with 3,017 families residing in it. The sex ratio of Kuttiattoor was 1,112 higher than state average of 1,084. In Kuttiattor, population of children under 6 years was 10.4%. Kuttiattoor census town had overall literacy of 94.4%, higher than national average of 59% and higher than state average of 94%. As of 2011 census, Kuttiattoor Gram Panchayat had total population of 25,925 among which 12,174 are males and 13,751 are females.

Among the 24 Anganwadis functioning in the Gram Panchayat, 23 Anganwadis have their own buildings, and 1 Anganwadi operates in a rented building. The Anganwadis are doing a commendable job of providing nutrition to the children. Utensils for cooking food items have been distributed to the Anganwadis. BUDS school is providing education to differently-abled children in the Panchayat, with 25 students currently enrolled.



Additionally, there is one higher secondary school, twelve primary schools, six unaided schools, and two unaided colleges operating in the Panchayat. All schools have their own buildings and playgrounds. Karate and yoga have been introduced in schools to promote the physical and mental fitness of children. Smart classrooms have been implemented in all schools in the Gram Panchayat as part of the revised curriculum. School children below the age of 14 receive nutritious mid-day meals, along with eggs and milk twice a week. Almost all schools in the Panchayat have established agri-nutri gardens to promote the use of non-toxic vegetables. There are currently 24 libraries functioning within the Panchayat limits. Immunization vaccines are administered to children on time, and study materials are included in the annual plan for children belonging to scheduled castes. An artistic competition called 'SARGOLSAVAM' has been organized for differently-abled children.





SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; CHILD DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES OF

Thillankeri Panchayath



Thillankeri Panchayat, an agricultural villages in Iritty Taluk of Kannur district is going ahead with public welfare activities many activities in all field like agriculture, education, health, social security, food security were carried out under the leadership of the panchayat administrative committee, like in other area's child friendly activities are also active here, Activities aimed at the health, education and safety of every child are going on here.

There is different political party members in the governing body but collective active a development matters is the exemplary action taking place in Thillankeri. There are 17 Anganavadies in 13 wards that are working on the health, education and safety of every child. Along with providing Education and Nutrition to children .The Anganwadis also carry out systematic activities for the nutrition and health of newbornbaby's pregnant women. 6 LP School 2 up school 1 high school and 1 higher educational institution are functioning in Thillankeri. All schools are mixed schools and are in Malayalam medium 1790 students are studying here. B. E. D College is functioning at kavumpadi. Excellent infrastructure and student friendly environment are hallmarks of school



in Thillankeri. Playgrounds are also prepared in all schools, Extra - curriculum activities are very well. School authority provide lunch for 1264 students. The parents committee and the school protection committee are working to provide all the encouragement and support that each child needs. Thillankeri Gram panchayat is actively involved in the physical and mental enjoyment and learning of children.





UNARVU UNRAVELING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Koodali Gram Panchayat



Koodali is a village panchayat in the Kannur district, located along the Kannur-Mattannur road. The panchayat belonging to Iriti block. KudaliGram Panchayat office is located at Kololam on Kannur-Irrikur road. This gram panchayat consists of 18 wards in total. Total Population in this panchayat is 25518.

Koodali Gram Panchayat Kudumbashree CDS conducted various programs by organizing Balasabha children in all the wards. Under the joint guidance of Panchayat and CD Nra, 5 children from all wards were organized as a two-day program of reading camp (Unarv). Through this program it was possible to change a lot of insecurity in children due to Corona. Various art programs and presentations were brought out from the children. More than 100 children participated. Online competitions were conducted for children during Corona. As part of the formation of the cycling club, the children organized the cycling club rallies. Legion ration class conducted armed forces training for Balasabha children. Classes were conducted with emphasis on Navy, Aviation and Army. Bhanuprakash and Vinod T.V. are the office bearers of VWA Pattanur. Vinod Kumar managed the class. 15 children participated in this



program. On August 15th, as part of the Independence Day, Balasabha organized an Independence Day SmritiSangam program for the children on the 14th. About 50 children participated. Organized various art programs. SmritiSangam organized rallies. As a part of LahariVirus Camp, various art programs like anti-drug signature camp and Pratijna were organized by combining BalaSabha children in all the wards.

By providing PriyaKshanam (3 days - Idli, Sambar, 3 days - Dosa, Kaadakari, lunch every Wednesday with vegetable pulao), 3 days of semolina kesari and 3 days of Muttayappam in the evening in all the 26 Anganwadis of the Gram Panchayat, it is possible to ensure better health and nutrition for the children. Anganwadis provide artistic activities and awareness classes to adolescent children through the “Varna Kood” program. Necessary sports kits are also distributed.





PROMOTING HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT; NURTURING PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, EMOTIONAL GROWTH

Payam gram panchayat



Payam gram panchayat is a village panchayat located in Iriti block in Thalasserytaluk of Kannur district. Spread over villages of Payam and Vilamana, Payam gram panchayat has an area of 31.21 square kilometers. Boundaries of this panchayat are Karnataka state in north, Ayyankunnpanchayat in east, Keezhur-Chavasserypanchayat in south, Patiyur-Kallyad and Ulikalpanchayats in west. Payam Panchayat came into existence on November 10, 1954

PayamGram Panchayat a child-friendly panchayat and a scientific approach have been adopted to ensure that all the children in the gram panchayat 14 get free and friendly education, Scheduled Tribe children have been provided with breakfast and free transport, and the necessary furniture and study materials have been distributed to the students. Study rooms and laptops were also distributed to SC students. 13 schools and 28 angawadis of the panchayat have improved drinking water and sanitation facilities Anganwadi-focused egg and milk schemes have also been implemented. A meeting of differently-abled children was held in the panchayat on the instructions of their parents.

Plans were prepared and actively participated in all



areas like paddy cultivation seeds, harvest, harvest festival, vegetable cultivation, water conservation activities, environmental protection etc. A project called “KunjuKailalVithumKaikottum” was devised and carried out. Environmental Class Vacation Camps have been conducted in various ways All schools have set up smart classrooms I have implemented the first project in Kerala Student Doctor Project Kutti Doctors Panchayat, National Health Mission has been selected under the leadership of Dashasta Doctor, 101 students were trained as student doctors. It also received a special award from the Kannur District Collectors. Yoga, Karate, Taikan, training has been conducted to improve the sports ability, discipline and academic standards of the children. Nutri Gardens are being prepared and maintained in all 28 Anganwadis to introduce children to agriculture. Nutri Gardens are being prepared and maintained in all 28 Anganwadis to introduce children to agriculture.





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RAINBOW VILLE: A COLORFUL VILLAGE FOR YOUNG HEARTS

Bedadukka Gram Panchayat



Bedadka is a village in Kasaragod district in the state of Kerala, India. As of 2011 Census, Bedadka village had a population of 13,476 with 6,460 males and 7,016 females. Bedadka village has an area of 36.24 km² (13.99 sq mi) with 2,985 families residing in it. The average female sex ratio was 1086 higher than the state average of 1084. 10.93% of the population in the village was under 6 years of age. Bedadka had an average literacy of 86.7% lower than the state average of 94%; male literacy was 90.56% and female literacy was 83.22%. Bedadka Gram Panchayat had total population of 27,868 which constitute 13,281 males and 14,587 females with 6,305 families residing in it. Bedadka Panchayat has administration over the villages of Kolathur, Munnad and Bedadka.

Nestled amidst hilly terrains and encompassing three revenue villages with a population of close to 30,000, Bedadka Gram Panchayat stands as a remarkable example of a child-friendly village. Surrounded by water and blessed with fertile agricultural lands, this village is closely linked to Kottakkal and bears the cultural remnants of the Vellore heritage, with ancient muniyara structures adorning its landscape. Bedadka has been at the forefront of implementing the concept of a child-



friendly Gram Panchayat, taking autonomous initiatives to foster children's development, well-being, and active participation in community affairs. Special gram sabhas have been organized to provide a platform for children's voices to be heard, and young representatives, known as "kuttikatha," are actively involved in the planning and execution of various Gram Panchayat projects. To cater to the needs of the young population, the Gram Panchayat has established a children's park within the school premises and conducted an engaging sound show, lasting two-and-a-half hours, focused on themes like freedom and various aspects relevant to the well-being of children. This initiative has garnered the participation of over 250 school children and highlighted the commitment of the Panchayat towards child development. In addition to these endeavours, the Gram Panchayat places significant emphasis on education and training. Seven anganwadis have been transformed into "smart anganwadis" in the fiscal year 2021-22, and ambitious plans are in place to upgrade all 38 anganwadis in the Gram Panchayat to a hi-tech standard. Kanjipura, a model project integrated and built by The Bedakam School in Kulath, stands as an excellent example of child-centric interventions aimed at child-friendly home environments, development care, and survival. By actively engaging children and fostering their participation, Bedadka Gram Panchayat is paving the way for a brighter future for its young residents. In conclusion, Bedadka Gram Panchayat's commitment to becoming a child-friendly village exemplifies the importance it places on the well-being and development of its young population. Through thoughtful initiatives, community involvement, and a focus on education and child-cantered interventions, the Panchayat is setting a positive example for other communities to follow, ensuring that children grow up in a nurturing and supportive environment.



VILLAGE OF SMILES: WHERE CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER FILLS THE AIR

Kayyur Cheemani Gram Panchayat



Kayyur–Cheemeni Gram Panchayat is a Gram Panchayat in Kasargod district of Kerala. The gram panchayat, which covers an area of 72.70 km² and located in the Neeleswaram block of Hosdurg taluk in Kasaragod district. This gram panchayat includes Kayyur, Cheemeni, Thimiri and Klayikode villages. There are 16 wards in this gram panchayat. Population of 24,615.

In Kayyur-Cheemeni Gram Panchayat, education is a top priority, evident by the presence of 15 schools within its jurisdiction. Among these, nine schools are government-run, providing education to a significant number of students in the region. Additionally, there are 5 aided schools and one unaided school, offering a diverse range of educational opportunities for the community. The commitment to education is reflected in the Panchayat's financial investment. In the year 2021-22, the Panchayat allocated a substantial budget of Rs 16 lakhs to support schools and educational initiatives. These funds are being utilized to enhance the overall learning environment and provide necessary resources to ensure quality education for all students. The allocation of Rs 16,603 out of the total budget demonstrates the Panchayat's strategic approach to managing educational expenses.



These funds are being directed towards various aspects of education, including infrastructure development, providing educational materials, and organizing co-curricular activities. Infrastructure development initiatives may include repairs and renovations to school buildings, construction of additional classrooms, and ensuring access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation facilities. Creating a conducive learning environment is crucial in promoting the overall well-being of students and maximizing their academic potential. The Panchayat's investment in educational materials aims to equip schools with the necessary resources, such as textbooks, stationery, and learning aids, to enhance the teaching-learning process. Access to relevant and up-to-date educational materials plays a crucial role in fostering a comprehensive and enriching learning experience for students. Furthermore, co-curricular activities are vital in nurturing the holistic development of students. These activities, such as sports, cultural events, and competitions, help in promoting creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills. The allocation of funds for organizing such activities fosters a well-rounded educational experience for the students of Kayyur-Cheemeni Gram Panchayat. By prioritizing education and committing substantial resources to schools, the Panchayat is actively contributing to the educational development and empowerment of its residents. A strong educational foundation not only prepares students for academic success but also equips them with the skills and knowledge needed to lead fulfilling and productive lives.



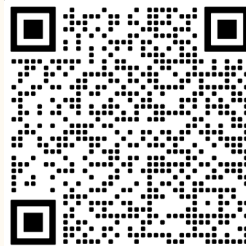
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