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Message from The Trustee



Our organization has remained steadfast in its commitment to empowering the marginalized communities through sustainable and participatory development processes.



As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and joy on the remarkable journey of Trivandrum Social Service Society. Our organization has remained steadfast in its commitment to empowering the marginalized communities through sustainable and participatory development processes. I commend the tireless efforts of our staff, volunteers, and partners who have worked together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. This annual report highlights our achievements and challenges, and I am confident that it will inspire us to continue our mission with renewed vigour and dedication. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported us on this journey and look forward to our continued collaboration in the years to come. As the trustee of one of the oldest NGOs in India, I take this opportunity to applaud the directors, the dedicated staff and collaborators who have put in their efforts to build a just society based on Love, Peace, Truth and Justice. May the almighty bless you and strengthen you to continue your efforts for the empowerment of the marginalised among us.

Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto,
Archbishop of Trivandrum
and Trustee,
Trivandrum Social Service Society

**Message
from The
President**



we are proud of
our achievements
and grateful for
the support of our
donors, partners, and
stakeholders.

It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report of Trivandrum Social Service Society for the year 2024-25. This year has been significant for our organization, marked by our continued commitment to empowering women and the marginalized in our community. We have made notable strides in our mission, and I am proud to share some of the notable achievements with you.

In connection with the Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of Trivandrum, we launched a new housing scheme for the homeless. This initiative aims to provide safe and secure living conditions for families in need. We have started the construction of 19 houses for deserving families, in order to improve their quality of life. Our women's empowerment programmes have continued to make a positive impact on the lives of women in our community. We have provided vocational training, financial literacy and support services for women, enabling them to become self-reliant and self-sufficient. Our community outreach programmes have reached out to over 2,000 marginalized individuals, providing them with access to healthcare, education and other essential services which has improved their overall well-being. We have provided capacity-building training to our staff and volunteers, enabling them to deliver high-quality services to our beneficiaries.

Our new venture of Waves International Language Learning Centre for German studies has caught the attention of people from all over the state.

We have faced several challenges this year, including financial constraints and logistical issues. However, we have learned valuable lessons from these challenges and have implemented strategies to overcome them by tapping local resources. As we look back on the year 2024-25, we are proud of our achievements and grateful for the support of our donors, partners, and stakeholders. We are committed to continuing our mission of empowering women and the marginalized in our community. I implore God's blessings on all staff and well-wishers of TSSS.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas R.
Auxiliary Bishop & President,
Trivandrum Social Service Society



**Message
from The
Director**



**We believe true
development
happens when people
themselves become
the drivers of change.**



It is with immense gratitude and joy that I present to you the Annual Report of Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS). This year was truly a milestone for us because it was a year of meaningful service, inspiring achievements and renewed commitment to the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

Empowering communities through strong local leadership has been a key strategy this year. We believe true development happens when people themselves become the drivers of change. Our community leadership programmes have nurtured new voices especially among women and youth ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth.

We placed strong emphasis on Income Generation Programmes, enabling families to move from dependency to dignity. Special attention was given to programmes for women's socio-economic empowerment, encouraging entrepreneurship, financial literacy and cooperative efforts that have already begun to bear fruit.

Apart from our regular activities like human resource development, training in participatory rural appraisal, micro enterprise development, environment conservation, disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation, cancer care awareness, community health activities, activities against substance abuse, livelihood support, family development programmes, fish workers' rights and welfare, WaSH, child parliament, vocational and skill training etc., this year. We have taken on a bold and compassionate commitment to build 100 houses for the most deserving families and to attend and empower all the disabled people.

I am proud to share that this year TSSS was honoured with two prestigious recognitions; the **Best Annual Report Award** and the **Nature Ecology Award** for our work in the previous year from KSSF. These awards are not merely acknowledgements but they are inspiration to strive harder, to dream bigger and to serve better. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering team spirit of our staff, volunteers, community workers and partners. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Your dedication is the true foundation of our success. As we look to the future, let us move forward with compassion, courage and the conviction that every person has the right to live with dignity. Together, let us continue to build a just, peaceful and sustainable society.

Fr. Ashlin Jose
Trivandrum Social Service Society

**Message
from The
Director,
Fisheries
Ministry**



**The Ministry effectively
intervenes whenever the
fishermen faced problems
connected with fishing
and allied business.**

A new ministry named Fisheries Ministry was instituted on 30 November 2018 to organize and streamline the fisher folk in the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum. As the Ministry is closely associated with TSSS for its financial assistance, both the ministries perform as one entity catering to the needs of the vast population of fishermen under their care. The Ministry's activities are spread over 44 parishes coming under 7 foranes of Anjengo, Puthukurichi, Valiyathura, Kovalam, Pulluvila, Thoothoor and fish vendors of Palayam forane.

The Ministry effectively intervenes whenever the fishermen faced problems connected with fishing and allied business. The animators co-ordinate the various programmes of the Ministry by intervening for the urgent needs of fish vendors and fishermen. They make sure that the rights of the fish vendors are protected and they are provided all the concessions available to them.

The initiatives and interventions undertaken throughout the year reflect the Fisheries Ministry's unwavering commitment to the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the coastal communities in the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Through collaborative action with local forums, governmental agencies, and the Church's leadership, these programmes not only addressed immediate challenges but also laid the groundwork for sustainable development and the preservation of marine and coastal resources.

Fr. Lucians Thomas
Fisheries Ministry

Introduction

As we reflect on the past year, April 2024 to March 2025, Trivandrum Social Service Society remains committed to its mission of serving the most vulnerable communities in our region. Our focus on the fisher folk living in the coastal belt of Thiruvananthapuram has allowed us to address their unique social needs and empower them to build a better future. Through our dedicated efforts, we have strived to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve, and we are proud to share our achievements with you in this annual report. All the activities undertaken by TSSS are aligned under six commissions, which are further categorized under different departments and sections. The activities and interventions of the Fisheries Ministry are highlighted as a separate section. As the projects and programmes have been hampered by scarcity of funds, TSSS moved forward with local funding and contributions from well-wishers during the reporting period.



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1 JUSTICE, PEACE &
DEVELOPMENT 

2 LABOUR 

3 HEALTH 

4 WOMEN & CHILD 

5 MIGRANT 

6 ANTI-ALCOHOLIC &
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JUSTICE, PEACE & DEVELOPMENT

CAPACITY BUILDING

As part of strengthening the organizational structures, Trivandrum Social Service Society is working at village, regional and Diocesan committee are working very strongly.

The objective of the Capacity Development Division is to enhance the capacity of organizational leaders, sub-committee leaders, commission members, and staff members and to strengthen activities for the marginalized and the deprived.

916
unit level
meetings in Parish
level were held in all
foranes from April
2024 to March
2025

Twelve regional meetings were held in each of the nine provinces.

12

Twelve regional meetings were held in each of the nine provinces.

The General body of Social Service Society in each parish elected new leadership for the 2025-26 periods. This was followed by leadership elections in the ten Regions and at the diocesan level.

10

leadership elections in the ten Regions

The General Body of the Archdiocese was convened three times during the reporting period. The annual report and financial statements were presented during these meetings. The third General Body meeting was held on 26 January 2025, during which Fr. Ashlin Jose conducted a session on community leadership. On the same day, the first Steering Committee for TSSS was elected.

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The General Body of the Archdiocese met three times during the reporting period.

Governing Body meetings were held on 13 April 2024, 27 July 2024 and 26 January 2025. On 26 January 2025, the by-laws of TSSS were amended and eight new members were elected to the Governing Body.

08

eight new members were elected to the Governing Body

Regional level priestly coordinators' meetings were held on 30 July 2024 and 17 December 2024.

02

Regional level priestly coordinators' meetings

Social Action Board meeting was held on 17 April 2024.

The one-year plan of Social Action Ministry was planned in all parishes and regions

01

The one-year plan of Social Action Ministry

Social Action Ministries and guidelines and Study assistance books have been revised.

Activities were speeded up by providing Rs. 20,000 each as working fund to nine regions

09

working fund to nine regions

The organization's current environmental policy has been revised and a new Safeguarding Policy has been formulated.



Training for parish secretaries and community organizers

A half-day training programme for parish secretaries and community organizers of the Social Action Ministry was held on 1 May 2024, with the participation of 83 members. Fr. Lawrence Kulaz delivered a session on the Church's ecological perspective, with reference to the ecclesiastical encyclicals *Laudato Si'* and *Laudato Deum*. Fr. Ashlin Jose also conducted a session on the guidelines for selecting an eco-friendly parish.

Additionally, on 15 January 2025, the Director, Fr. Ashlin Jose, led a session on community leadership. The training focused on anti-drug initiatives and environmental activities, and included fruitful interactions among participants.



Tour programme for General body Members

A recreational trip to Munnar was organised in October for the Diocese General Body, with 65 members participating in sightseeing and group activities. The programme offered a refreshing break and fostered fellowship and team spirit among the members.



Evaluation of the activities

The Capacity Building Section works to ensure that the activities of the organization are implemented in a time bound manner. As a result, the activities of the organization are evaluated on a monthly and quarterly basis based on the annual plan & budget.



The report were evaluated in the following

- Section heads evaluation
- Animators reporting
- Region Executive meeting
- Forane team meeting





Study sessions, essay competitions, and honouring of staff members are some of the activities as part of shaping capable, efficient, and socially committed staff for the social action ministry.

A total of 12 study sessions on 14 topics were dwelt with eminent resource persons like Mr. Eugin Gomez, Adv. Dhanya, Rev. Fr. Lawrence Kulaz, Ms. Ishwaya Menon, Mr. Sujith Edwin, Adv. Wilfred Pereira, Mr. Shashank Tripathi, Mr. Ajith Kolesseri, Mr. Firoz, Mr. Sharon Dr. Gauri, Dr. Ajith P. R., Sr. Sunitha Sebastian, Mr. Sojin J Chandran, Rev. Fr. Stalin Fernandez and Suja L. Das engaged the classes efficiently.

An essay writing competition was also held on the topics of what is a Minority Commission, what are the benefits of the Commission, its scope of authority, activities, and working group.

Mrs. Leeja Stephen and Mrs. Remya Jose were awarded the first prize and Sister Swapna and Mrs. Rajamani were awarded the second prize for the competition.



Honouring staff member



Sr. Swapna who completed her MSW in first class was honored by IMA for her outstanding performance. TSSS also honoured her with a memento.

Tour Programme

The bi yearly organizational tour was organized to Goa from 13 May 2024 to 18 May 2024. St. Saviour's Church, Bom Jesus Church Basilica, Cathedral Church, Museum of Christian Art, St. Augustine Tower, Donapol DJ Boat Cruise, Aguda Fort, Bagh Beach, Saligao Church, Colva Beach were the tourist spots visited by the TSSS family.



Onam & Christmas Celebrations

Due to the disaster in Wayanad, Onam celebrations were limited to Athapookalam and the traditional Onam Sadhya. The Christmas celebration was held on 23 December 2024, led by Convener Sr. Madonna and Co-convener Mr. Simon. The event featured carol singing, various games, and the presentation of Christmas gifts. As part of the New Year and Christmas celebrations, uniform dresses were gifted to all employees by the management. Auxiliary Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas and the honourable directors delivered meaningful Christmas messages during the celebration.



Volunteer Forum

Volunteers Forum has been formed in the parishes of Murukkumpuzha, Thumbra, Pallithura, Puthukurichi, Valiyathura, Nelliyo, Poovar, Kollamcode, Poozhikunnu and at the Petta region level. Volunteer services are provided for

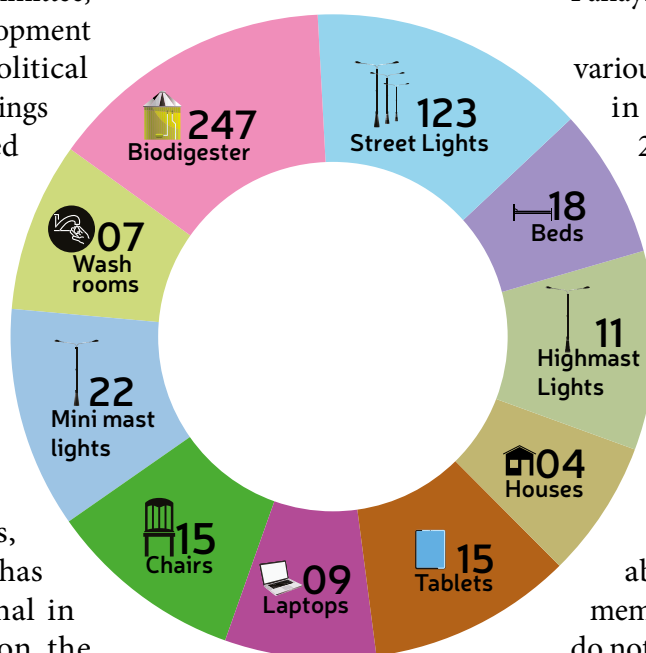
health activities, anti-drug activities and child parliament activities. By obtaining the services of volunteers, the ministry activities could be carried out more effectively.

Panjaytheeraj Trainings

To ensure 100 percent participation in Gram Sabhas, Gram Sabha participation training was conducted in all nine regions. Training was conducted on the topics of leadership, village council, ward council, ward committee, working committee, project planning, development seminar, and socio-political gender analysis. 28 trainings sessions were conducted during this year where a total number of 2321 people participated.

As a result of the preparation and submission of plans in Thoothur Panchayat, the Panchayat has implemented 7 bathing houses, 2 side roads, 123 street lights, and has reconstructed the canal in Neerodi. The work on the Marthandantura bridge is underway. In Karumkulam Panchayat, 18 beds were received for bedridden patients, 8 high-mast lights, 9 laptops, 15 tables and chairs, 22 high-mast lights, life mission houses were (Kamalam Swaminathan, George Victory, Mary Paniculas, Rani Pius) received by 4 people,

247 bio-digesters were received in Kadinamkulam Panjayath and Puthukurichi Ward (21, 22). Although there is a pipeline connection, due to the lack of regular water supply, water was being provided twice a week as per the request of the local



leaders. Puthukurichi Lake was cleaned once. The ground behind Puthukurichi Church was repaired, two posts were installed and street lights were arranged. Waste bins were installed in Puthanthopu, St. Andrews and Vettuthura coastal areas. In Cherunniyoor

Panchayat, three kerbs were repaired at Vennikode, road repair works were carried out at Thondapuram, Mount Carmel School and Akathumuri. Additionally, three high-mast lights were installed at Akathumuri, Panayilkadavu, and Vennikode.

As part of the training, various projects were prepared in the panchayats for 2025-2026, as requested by the people. In Kadinamkulam Panchayat, they demanded drinking water in Puthukurichi ward, clearing the backwaters of garbage, installing waste bins and installing boards on the roads against drug abuse. They submitted memorandums for those who do not have a house number or title deeds. Demanding yoga centres and fitness centres in Anchuthengu, Kadinamkulam, Karumkulam, Kulathur, Poovar panchayats and Vizhinjam. A significant concern raised in Thoothur Panchayat is the demand for the construction of houses for families without adequate shelter.



Religious Harmony Society

A religious harmony society is being run in Murukkumpuzha parish under the chairmanship of Fr. George Gomez. Christmas celebrations were held on 20 December 2024 in the presence of various religious leaders. The day was celebrated with various cultural programmes. Mar Joseph, Fr. Stalin Fernandez and Fr. George Gomez shared the message of religious harmony.



Helping people achieve government projects

As part of the people's efforts to access government schemes, "Kaithangu" a handbook prepared by the Trivandrum Social Service Society was distributed to all parishes. Circulars on the Imbichibawa Bhavana Restoration Project and SAF projects were sent to all parishes. The TSSS executive meetings explained about the Niramaya Card for the differently-abled, Parinayam Scheme, Identity Card for the Disabled, Matru Jyoti, Imbichi Bava housing scheme and Life Mission Scheme.



Make people eligible for surplus savings and benefits

As part of making people aware of surplus savings and benefits, the list of 864 people who have been added to the Jeevan Jyoti Welfare Scheme from each ferona is given below.

Sl. No	Forane	No.of members
1	Thoothoor	94
2	Pulluvila	206
3	Kovalam	65
4	Valiathura	143
5	Puthukkurichy	250
6	Anjuthengu	22
7	Kazhakkootam	35
8	Pettah	36
9	Palayam	13
	TOTAL	864

Activities related to Minority Commission

A consultation meeting led by Fr. Ashlin Jose on 22 June 2024 explored possible interventions of the Minority Commission. Ten members attended. On 26 June 2024, a seminar was organised with 18 Ferone representatives, animators, coordinators, which enhanced awareness of rights, opportunities and schemes offered by the Minority Commission.

Disaster help

Due to rough seas eroding the coastline and damaging beachside residences, 15 families were evacuated from Paruthiyur village and 22 bedridden patients from Pulluvila. Karumkulam Panchayat provided food supplies in Pulluvila, while essential items were distributed to 18 people from seven families in Adimalathura.

Social Action Ministry Annual Day Celebrations

Annual celebrations were conducted across the regions under the leadership of the Social Service Regional Committee. Events were held at Pettah (21 April), Puthukurichi (2 June), Palayam (16 June), Valiyathura (May), Anchuthengu (13 July) and Pulluvila (29 September). To promote parish-level social service, the best performing parishes—Kannanthura, Pallithura, Murukkumpuzha, Poothura, Muttada, Kudappanakkunnu, and Neerodi—were each awarded ₹5,000 during the celebrations.

Request for Muthalappozhi Port Study & Feasibility Reports

The Energy Studies and Research Centre in Pune had prepared a study report for the Muthalappozhi fishing port in Thiruvananthapuram district and submitted it to the government. In order to

obtain a copy of the same and a copy of the detailed feasibility report prepared by the Port Engineering Department for the development of the Muthalappozhi Fisheries Port, an application was submitted

to the Collector, Minister of the Port Department, the Minister of Fisheries, the Minister of Revenue and the Minister of Irrigation.

Employment exchange registration

As part of getting government jobs for our youth letters were sent to the parishes twice to register their names in the Employment Exchange. Based on that, 50 people registered their names. Anjuthengu, Puthukkurichy, Kazhakkootam, Pettah, Palayam, Valiathura, Kovalam and Pulluvila participated in this programme

Application given for death certificate

Applications have been made to the Fisheries Minister, Revenue Minister and District Collector to obtain death certificates for the 81 persons who had perished in Ockhi but whose bodies were never recovered.



Fisheries day celebration

Symposium organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries to celebrate World Fishermen's Day. Dr. Benno Pereira engaged a class on destruction of fish habitats. Dr. Tito D'Cruz took a class on "New Entrepreneurial Efforts" of the fishing community like Artificial Reefs. Smt. Maglin Philomina took a class on "Conservation of fish habitats-Problems and Challenges faced by fishermen in the Fisheries Sector", Entrepreneurship by Mrs. Abrahmi, Dr. Johnson Jament on "Traditional rights of Fishermen and Kerala Fisheries sector" and "sustainable Development" by Rev. Dr. Sabbas Ignatius.



ATHIJEEVANAM

(Ockhi 1st Phase Rehabilitation concluding Ceremony & Status Study Report Releasing)

One of the most terrifying disaster to strike the people living along the coastal belt of Trivandrum and Kanyakumari districts was the Ockhi cyclone which lashed the Arabian sea coast on the midnight of November 29, 2017. The families of those affected by the cyclone were adopted by the diocese with active supporting of Social Action Ministry and TSSS. The closing ceremony of the Ockhi Rehabilitation Project titled 'Athijeewanam' and the release of the Ockhi Status Study Report was held at the St. Teresa of Lisieux Church Hall, Vellayambalam on October 11, 2024.



The Archbishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto, presided over the function and urged the authorities to fulfil the promises made by the government to the victims of the Ockhi disaster. The Ockhi Status Study Report was presented by the Honourable Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, to Mrs. Mini, who lost her husband in the tragedy. Thiruvananthapuram MLAs Sri V. K. Prashanth

and Sri M. Vincent delivered felicitation addresses. The event was graced by Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. M. Soosa Pakiam, Auxiliary Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas R., Director of TSSS Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose, Vicar General Msgr. Eugene H. Pereira and other dignitaries. On this occasion, the final instalment of financial assistance by TSSS and bank passbooks were handed over to the dependents of 206 people who lost their lives in the Ockhi disaster.

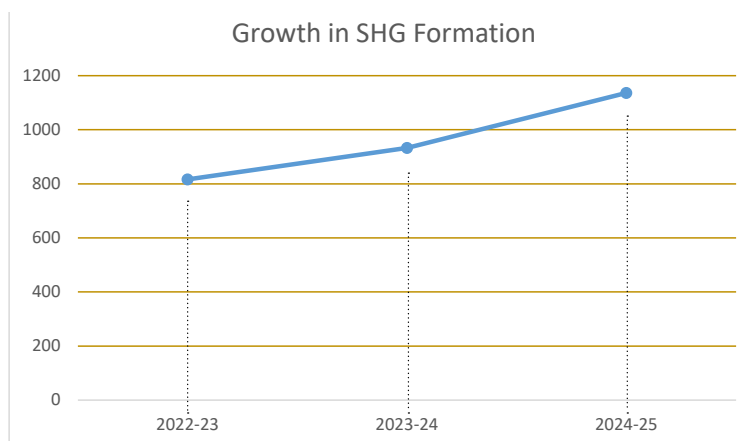


SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

‘It is encouraging to report that Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have grown significantly in both number and strength during the reporting period, reflecting the increasing community participation and trust in this grassroots movement. At TSSS, SHGs aim to foster gender-based social and economic empowerment of both women and men.



In 2024–25, a total of 93 new Self Help Groups were formed across various federations, including 15 elderly groups, 64 women’s groups, and 14 men’s groups. As of now, a total of 1,136 SHGs comprising 20,940 members have been formed and registered under TSSS, operating effectively across nine regions.

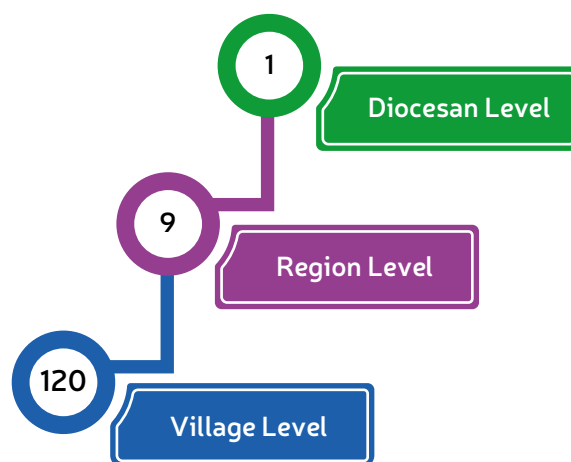


Governance Structure

The SHG structure operates through a three-tier system:

- Village Level
- Region Level
- Diocesan Level

In villages with more than one Self Help Group (SHG), a parish-level SHG federation has been established to ensure coordination and collective action. Each SHG has an elected President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who serve as the authorised signatories of the group. These office bearers are responsible for reporting to the established three-tier system.



To support and coordinate the activities at all three levels, ten animators—one in each forane—are appointed. They provide guidance, training and direction to SHG leaders, ensuring that group activities align with the mission and goals of TSSS.

The continued expansion and strengthening of SHGs under TSSS is a testament to the Archdiocese’s commitment to inclusive development and people-led transformation.



Strengthening the Organisational Structure of Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

To further reinforce the three-tier governance structure of SHGs under TSSS, several capacity-building and regulatory initiatives were undertaken during the reporting period.

A second phase of training was conducted on 23rd April 2024 for 34 grading team members, selected from various SHG federations. This training focused on equipping them with the skills necessary for effective evaluation and financial oversight.

A total of 328 SHGs underwent grading and auditing by the trained team members. Detailed reports were prepared and shared with each respective group, ensuring transparency and accountability.

The Diocesan SHG Federation General Body meeting was held on 28 December 2024, during which a new Governing Committee was elected to lead activities for the 2025–26 term.



My Waste, My Responsibility.



To enhance the knowledge and capacity of Parish-level SHG Federations, awareness sessions were conducted for 497 parish general body members on key topics such as climate change, digital literacy and *My Waste, My Responsibility*.



As part of efforts to strengthen SHG activities, new SHG federations were established in the parishes of Palayam, Chinnathura, Adimalathura and Koithurkonam.

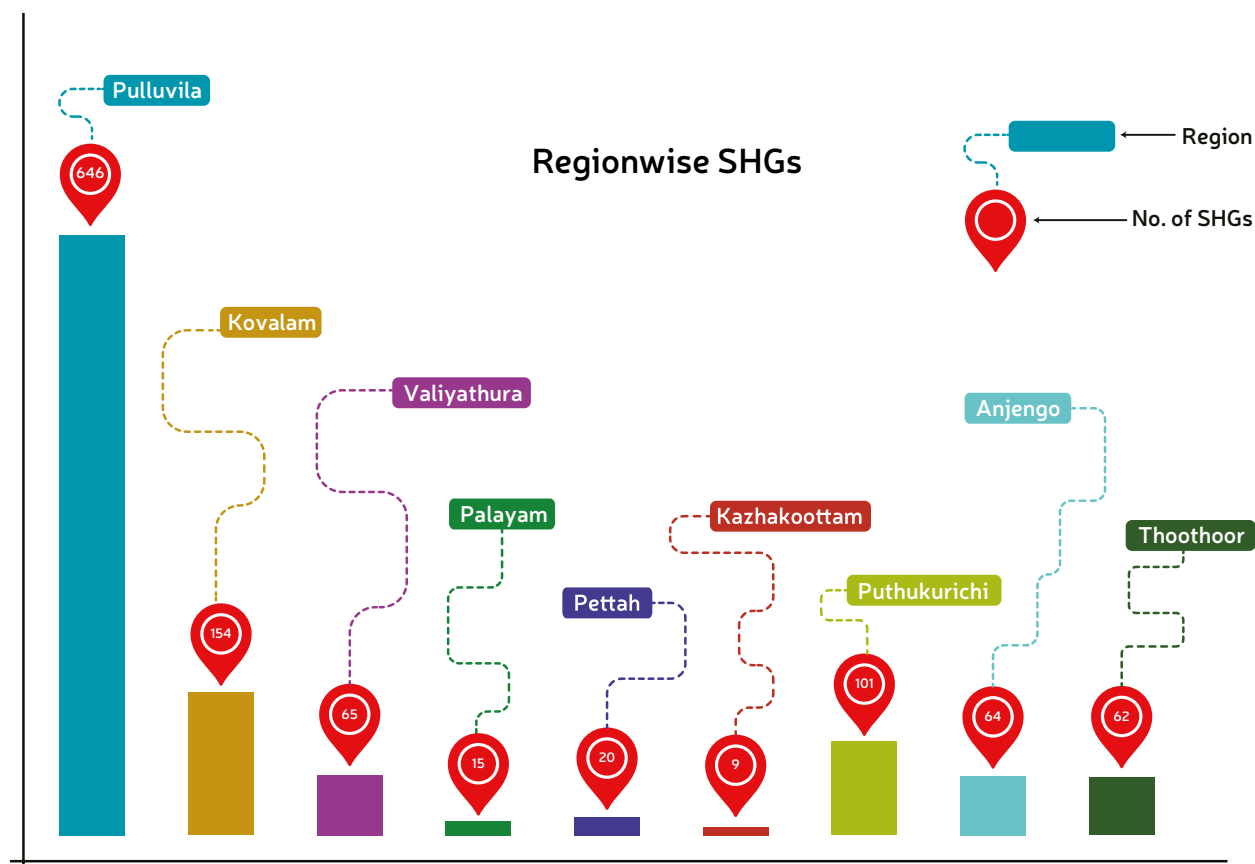
Aiming to build a vigilant society against rights violations, ward-level vigilance committees and women's collectives are actively functioning in the federations of Anjengo, Puthukurichy and Pulluvila.

To promote gender-sensitive governance, a three-

day training on the Panchayati Raj system was organized across nine federations, benefiting 800 women leaders from Self Help Groups.



The SHG Forane Annual Day and International Women's Day celebrations were organized at the forane level across nine federations, as well as at the local level in various parishes. Women who excelled in different fields were honoured, a debate was held on the topic Women and Violence, and height markets were set up to promote entrepreneurship.



To foster improved educational standards among SHG members, 302 women who had previously discontinued their studies were enrolled in the government's equivalency education programme at the SSLC, Plus Two, and Degree levels.

With the goal of developing financially literate

SHG members, the credit system functioning in 16 federations was strengthened, and a new predictive system was introduced in 8 additional federations. Training sessions were conducted for credit collection agents and SHG cashiers on transparent financial management.

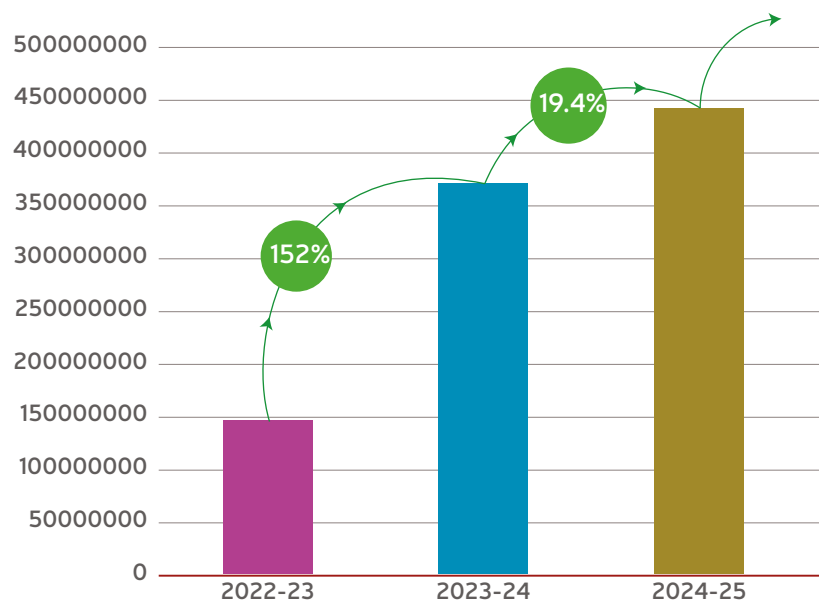
As part of promoting

small-scale income-generating enterprises, an awareness workshop was organized for 592 women from the foranes of Anjengo, Puthukurichy, Valiyathura, Kovalam, and Pulluvila. The workshop focused on initiatives, schemes, and benefits offered by SAAF, the Department of Industries, and TSSS.

In collaboration with various financial institutions, substantial financial assistance was extended to support entrepreneurs and Self Help Groups (SHGs). Specifically, 350 entrepreneurs with commendable performance received Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) loans totaling ₹57,50,000 from the Bank of India and Karur Vysya Bank.

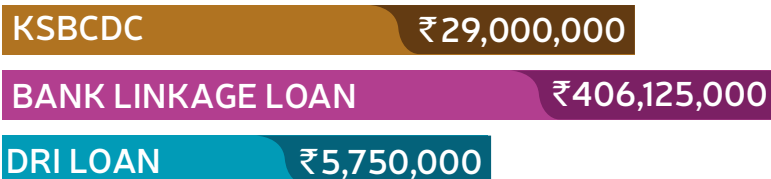


BRIDGING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING LAST THREE FINANCIAL YEARS



Additionally, 274 well-functioning SHGs secured bank linkage loans amounting to ₹40,61,25,000 from the Bank of India and Federal Bank. Furthermore, 28 SHGs obtained NGO loans totaling ₹2,90,00,000 from the Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation (KSBCDC). Regular monthly repayments are being ensured for all these loans.

FIN. ASSISTANCE THROUGH BANKS (2024-2025)





As part of efforts to strengthen livelihoods and enhance economic empowerment, training sessions were conducted at both regional and parish levels for 424 women. These sessions covered a wide range of skills, including tailoring, sewing machine repair, embroidery, fashion designing, umbrella making, production of curry powders and pickles, manufacturing of toiletries, cake baking, catering, candle making and decorative crafts. These vocational training programmes have been recognized as effective tools for empowering women and improving their overall quality of life.

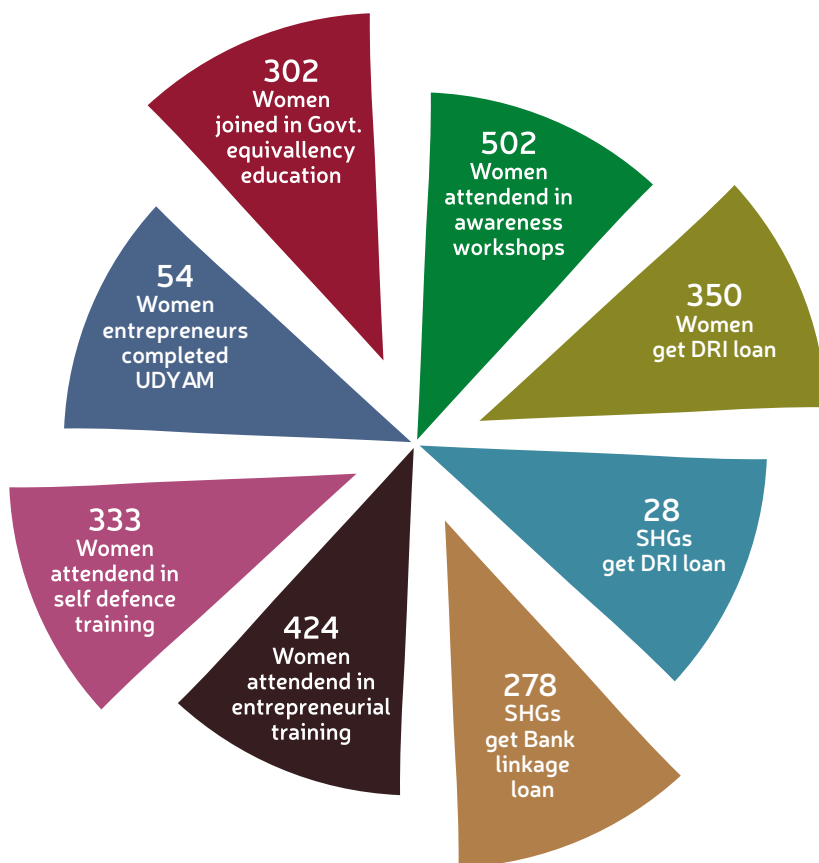
To enhance product quality and promote effective marketing, various initiatives were organized at both regional and parish levels under the leadership of Self Help Group (SHG) members. These

included Onam and Christmas fairs, Nallidam marketing chains, monthly markets, night markets, and food festivals. Such events have served as valuable platforms for SHG entrepreneurs to showcase and sell their products, significantly contributing to their economic empowerment.



Self Defence Training ●

To promote a safe and secure environment for women and girls, five-day self-defence training sessions were conducted in each of the nine regions, benefiting a total of 333 women. These sessions were organized with the assistance of the Janamaithri Police and focused on equipping participants with essential self-defence techniques to enhance their personal safety



With the objective of fostering well-informed SHG members, a bimonthly educational bulletin titled UNARVU was prepared and distributed to 1,047 groups. Each edition, with a circulation of 1,000 copies, focused on specific topics such as child care, substance abuse prevention, menstruation and hygiene, environmental protection, and the government's equivalency education programme. This initiative aimed to enhance awareness and understanding among SHG members on these critical subjects.

A total of 350 individuals have been enrolled in the Jeevan Jyothi Kshema Padhathi scheme to help sustain and improve their economic conditions.

In the Pulluvila region, the SEBILOON project was launched to provide financial assistance to cancer patients, supporting them through their treatment journey. Additionally, in the Pettah region, the Forane Entrepreneur Club was established to bring together entrepreneurs, fostering collaboration and

business development within the community.

Across various federations, 54 entrepreneurs successfully completed their registration under the Central Government's UDYAM registration initiative.



Walkathon Against Alcohol and Drugs

SHGs from different regions took a remarkable decision to spread the message of quitting alcohol and drugs by organizing a Walkathon from the Thiruvananthapuram Museum Gate to Vellayambalam on 29 March 2025. Hundreds of members participated, and the Inspector of Police from the Museum Police Station flagged off the Walkathon, which began with lighting the lamp and an oath-taking ceremony.



Karuthu - symbolises the unity, strength and resilience of SHG members, reflected through the remarkable and outstanding events of the reporting year. Under the umbrella of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, the annual gathering of SHGs was not merely a festive occasion but also a meaningful programme that uplifted the spirits of the marginalised.

The event, held on 29 March 2025, was presided over by the Palayam Cathedral Parish Priest of the Trivandrum Latin Archdiocese, Msgr. Wilfred. E and was inaugurated by Smt. K. C. Rosakutty, Chairperson, Kerala State Women Development Corporation.





Distribution of financial assistance

In the auspicious ceremony, the importance of economic and social development through entrepreneurial growth was highlighted, with financial assistance extended by KSBCDC and Karur Vysya Bank, amounting to ₹3 crore and ₹20 lakh respectively.



During the occasion, various awards were presented to honour outstanding performances in diverse areas, including:

- Outstanding Individuals and Groups
- Best-Performing SHG
- Mothers with More Than Five Children, in recognition of their dedication and resilience
- Women Engaged in Gender-Challenging Occupations
- Women Who Excelled in Arts and Sports



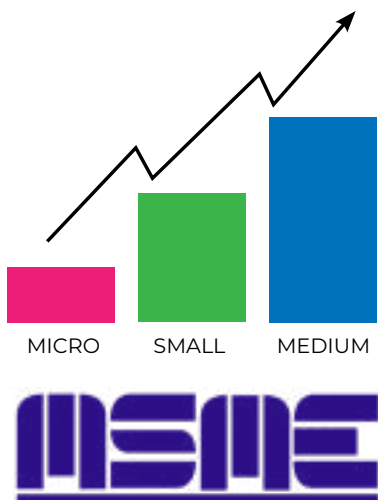
These recognitions serve as a source of encouragement and motivation, inspiring the awardees to strive for greater achievements in the future within a spirit of collaboration.

MICRO, Small AND Medium Enterprises

With its far-reaching outlook on uplifting marginalized communities, the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) initiated a new programme—MSME Development—in the latter part of the previous financial year. This initiative aims to spearhead programmes that support micro, small, and medium enterprises with in TSSS’s area of operation sprawling across 10 regions of the Capital city of Kerala.

The core objective of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) extends beyond profit generation, focusing on the broader socio-economic development of communities. A key goal of MSMEs is to create employment opportunities, promote self-employment, and encourage savings habits—particularly within Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in coastal and rural areas. Through this new initiative, TSSS aims to play a pivotal role in fostering inclusive growth by expanding economic opportunities to diverse and marginalized segments of society.

It is commendable that the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) is actively fostering over 477 micro-enterprises across 10 regions. However, the challenges these units face in a highly competitive market highlight the critical need for on-going support and development. TSSS’s entrepreneurial development programs—which include a range of training and skill-building initiatives—play a vital role in enabling these businesses to achieve self-sufficiency and supporting them to sell their products profitably.



Data collection and segregation of Micro Units

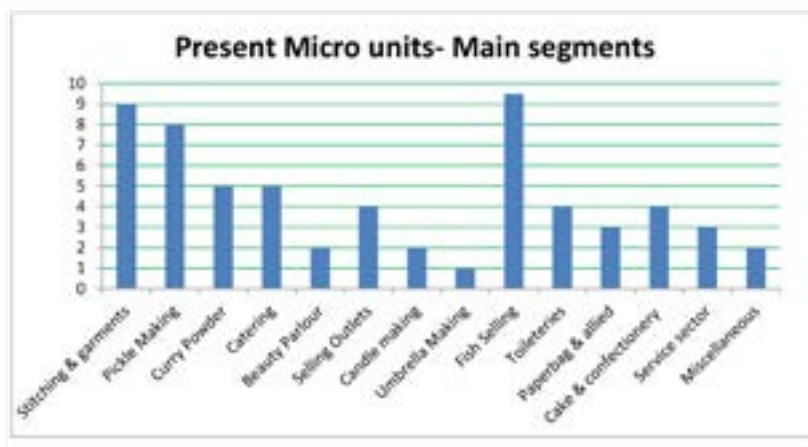
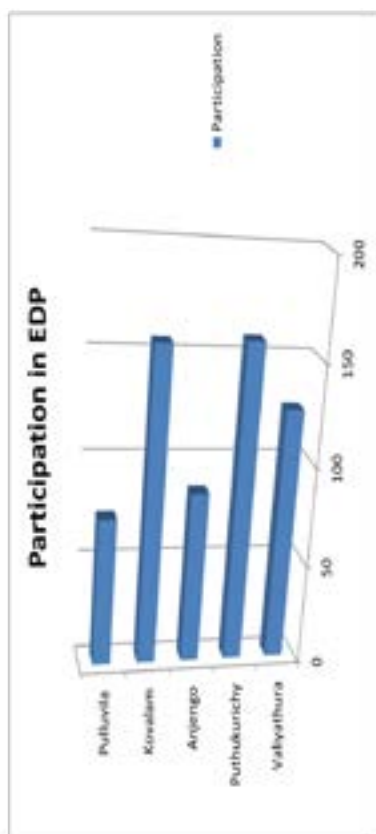
477+ MICRO UNITS

To effectively support and uplift the 477+ income generation unit across its 10 regions to a Micro enterprise level, the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) rightly prioritizes comprehensive and accurate data collection and segregation. This foundational step provides TSSS with the intelligence needed to tailor its entrepreneurial development programmes and ensure they meet the specific needs of each units.

5 EDP

600+

PARTICIPANTS



Region-wise Entrepreneurial Development

Region-wise entrepreneurial development classes empower individuals to channel their efforts and ideas based on their unique aptitudes, ensuring that their business ventures align with their natural talents and interests. Conducted across 5 regions, these programmes reached over 600 participants. The sessions provided comprehensive training in key areas such as business segmentation, market analysis, target customer identification, sales and promotional strategies, as well as accurate accounting and bookkeeping practices. This initiative plays a vital role in building confident, capable entrepreneurs ready to thrive in competitive markets.



Financial Assistance to micro enterprises.

The Trivandrum Social Service Society's (TSSS) commitment to providing financial assistance, particularly through grants and interest-free loans, is a vital lifeline for entrepreneurs, especially those

from marginalized communities, looking to develop existing businesses or start new ones. This resource addresses a critical need for quick access to capital, which is often a significant hurdle for micro-enterprises.

Impactful financial support

Fresh Fish Vending Unit.



4 KIOSK

Moving away from conventional practices, the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) introduced a more hygienic and efficient model for fish vending by designing and distributing 4 movable kiosks made from food-grade stainless steel.

Auto Rickshaw for income generation

7 AUTO RICKSHAWS

The Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) has a commendable initiative aimed at creating self-sufficient livelihoods by distributing 7 auto-rickshaws to deserving individuals. This program represents a direct and impactful approach to empowering marginalized communities and fostering financial independence.





In an auspicious ceremony, Asst. District Collector of Thiruvananthapuram handed over the key to beneficiaries in the presence of M. Vincent, (Member of Legislative Assembly, Kovalam constituency), Very Rev. Msgr. Eugene H. Pereira (Vicar General, Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum), Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose (Director, TSSS)

Assistance to Simplified Distribution Vehicles



TSSS's emphasis on simplifying product distribution by assisting entrepreneurs with upgrading their delivery vehicles is a strategic move to boost efficiency and income generation for micro-enterprises. As part of this initiative, one beneficiary was able to upgrade his vehicle and is now actively involved in distribution, making his business more economically viable.

Revolving Fund to SHGs

Self-Help Groups (SHGs), the backbone of the localized economy, have been significantly supported by TSSS's visionary approach. By providing funding to 2 SHGs as revolving capital, TSSS has empowered 300 members who need daily financial support to sustain and grow their small businesses.



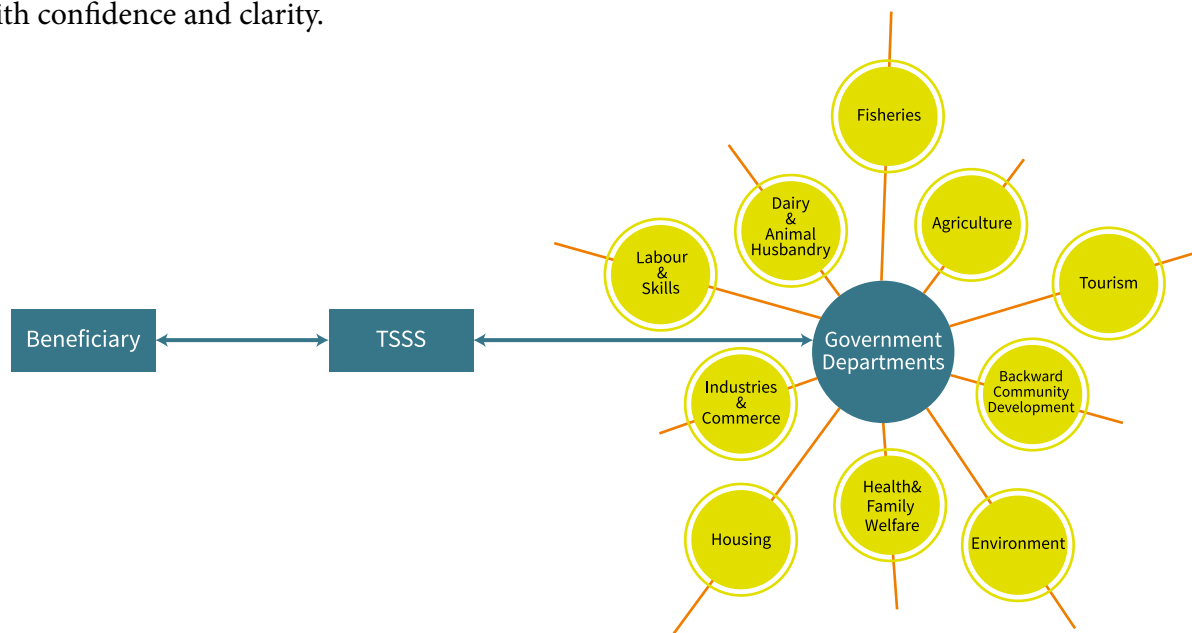
Collaborative & Sustainable Segmentation

TSSS adopts a collaborative and sustainable approach to entrepreneurial development by segmenting its outreach based on sustainable projects in different sectors. This strategic segmentation ensures that training and resources are tailored to specific groups maximizing impact and long-term viability. By fostering local partnerships and leveraging community participation, TSSS creates a model that not only empowers but sustains growth through shared responsibility and inclusive progress.



Bridging and Supporting Entrepreneurs

At TSSS, we understand that one of the biggest challenges for budding entrepreneurs is knowing *where and how to seek assistance*. We actively bridge this gap by connecting them with relevant government departments and support schemes, while also offering continuous guidance to strengthen and shape their business proposals. This dual approach of bridging and supporting empowers 28 entrepreneurs to move forward with confidence and clarity.



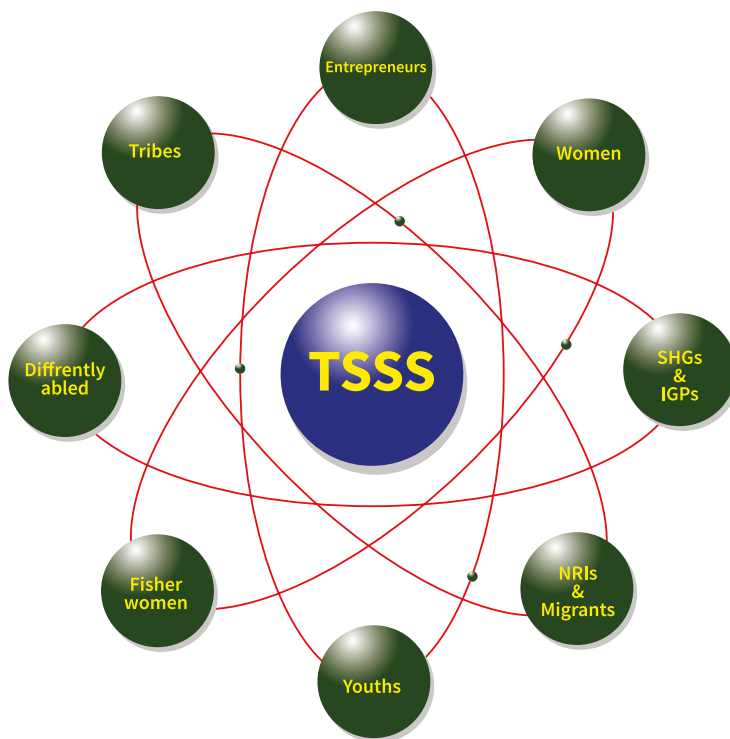
Training Sessions

6 REGIONS
375+
MEMBERS

To equip beneficiaries with the skills needed for sustainable livelihoods and business development, TSSS—through collaborative support from its various commissions—organized skill training programs across 6 regions. Entrepreneurs benefited from hands-on training in areas such as tailoring and garment making, curry powder production, cake baking, ornamental candle making, umbrella making, and toiletries. Through these initiatives, 375 members from 6 regions, gained valuable expertise to support their entrepreneurial journey



Targeted Outreach



At TSSS, MSME development initiatives are thoughtfully designed to support marginalized groups—including women, children, fishermen, migrants, and differently-abled individuals—by equipping them with essential leadership skills and entrepreneurial capabilities. These efforts aim to foster inclusive economic growth and long-term self-reliance.

In essence, TSSS's approach goes beyond charity, moving towards sustainable development and empowerment by fostering entrepreneurial skills and providing crucial support to marginalized individuals and communities.



This project supports families by enabling them to undertake various self-employment ventures, thereby improving their livelihoods and overall quality of life, with around 256 families benefiting from this scheme. A total of 97 families are beneficiaries under this project during 2024- 2025,

KARUNYAPOORVAM

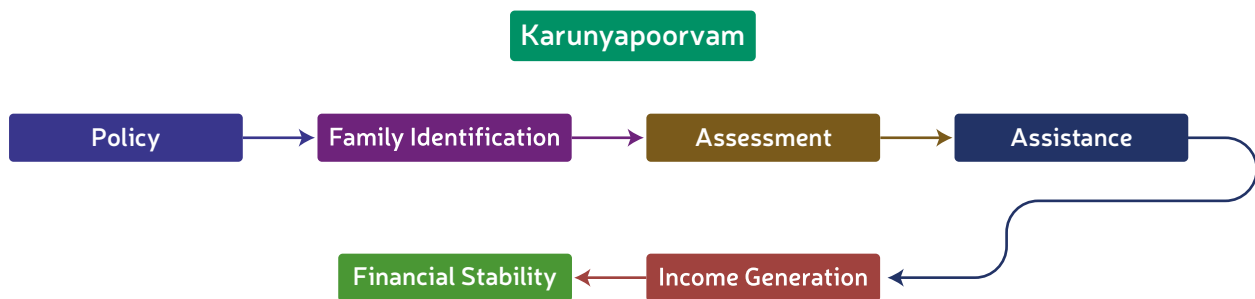
family development
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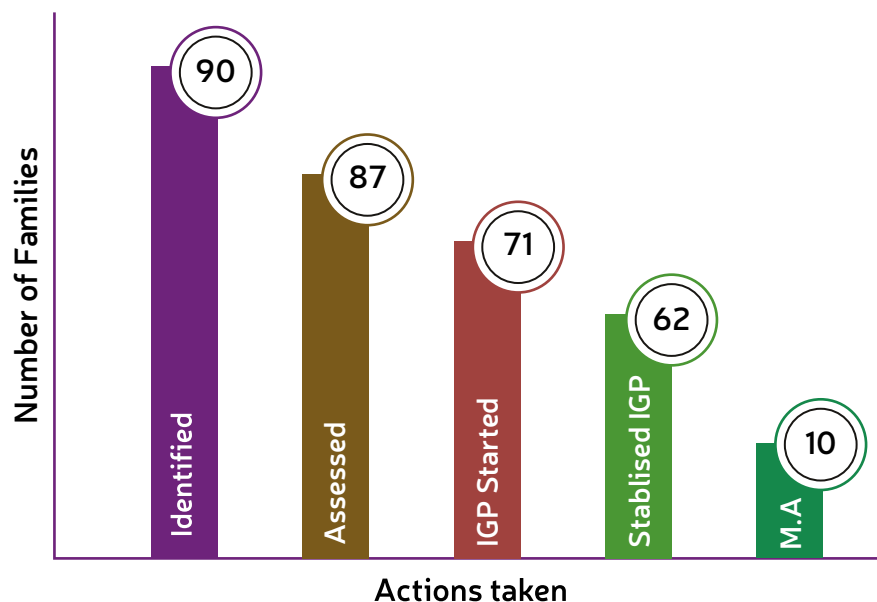
Initiated in 2016 by the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), the Karunyapoorvam Family Development Project aims to uplift poor and marginalized families across Kerala by integrating them into the mainstream of society through self-reliance and self-sufficiency. The project empowers families to engage in various self-employment ventures, enhancing their livelihoods and overall quality of life.

Since its inception, approximately 256 families have benefited from the initiative. During the 2024–2025 period alone, 97 families are receiving support under this scheme. Additionally, financial assistance for medical expenses has been extended to 6 families.

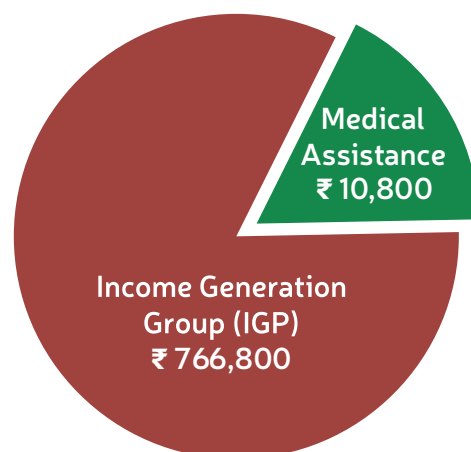
This project promotes self-sufficiency among poor, needy families and destitute individuals in Kerala by integrating them into the mainstream of society. Under the scheme a beneficiary family is adopted by TSSS for a period of 6 years after which they are able to go ahead by themselves. Its core strategy focuses on enabling families to establish and sustain various self-employment ventures. This support empowers them to increase their income, improve their overall quality of life, and achieve long-term independence. Since its inception, the project has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of participating families.



Karunyapoorvam operates with the broader objective of fostering integral development and holistic empowerment of vulnerable families within society. Beyond financial assistance, the project offers ongoing guidance and support for income-generating activities. It also facilitates various training programmes—such as art and craft making, cake baking, jewellery making, and curry powder production—through collaboration with other commissions functioning under TSSS.



The Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) mobilizes support for this compassionate initiative through contributions from individuals committed to social welfare. During the financial year 2024–2025, a total amount of ₹8,74,800 was disbursed to support these efforts.



Forane level gathering and awareness classes

Regional-level meetings and awareness classes were conducted across Palayam, Pettah, Kazhakuttam, Anjengo, and Pulluvila Foranes. Most sessions were led by the Director of TSSS, Fr. Ashlin Jose, along with Karunyapoorvam coordinators and animators. The sessions covered key topics such as government welfare schemes, financial management for stability, achieving workplace independence, and strategies for expanding Income Generation Program (IGP) projects.

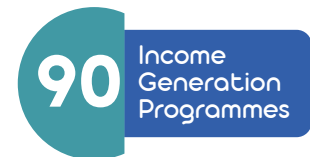


Family assessment

The family assessment process involves a comprehensive evaluation to understand the current circumstances of families seeking assistance. It helps determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria for the Karunyapoorvam Project, which primarily supports poor families of widows, abandoned wives, households with at least one child under 13 years of age, individuals with chronic illnesses, and members with physical or mental disabilities.

Through this assessment, the specific

vulnerabilities, socio-economic conditions, and challenges of each family are identified. Based on the findings, the project is able to design and implement appropriate self-employment ventures and support mechanisms tailored to the unique needs of each family. As a result of this process, TSSS has planned and executed 90 different Income Generation Programmes (IGPs) for beneficiaries, which have proven to be highly successful.



Infrastructure Development

The Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram, through its Social Services Society, has been actively engaged in implementing various construction and infrastructure development projects aimed at improving the quality of life for the people within the archdiocese. During the period 2024–2025, several initiatives were undertaken under multiple schemes to provide essential amenities and housing support.



House A Gift Project – Fifth Phase



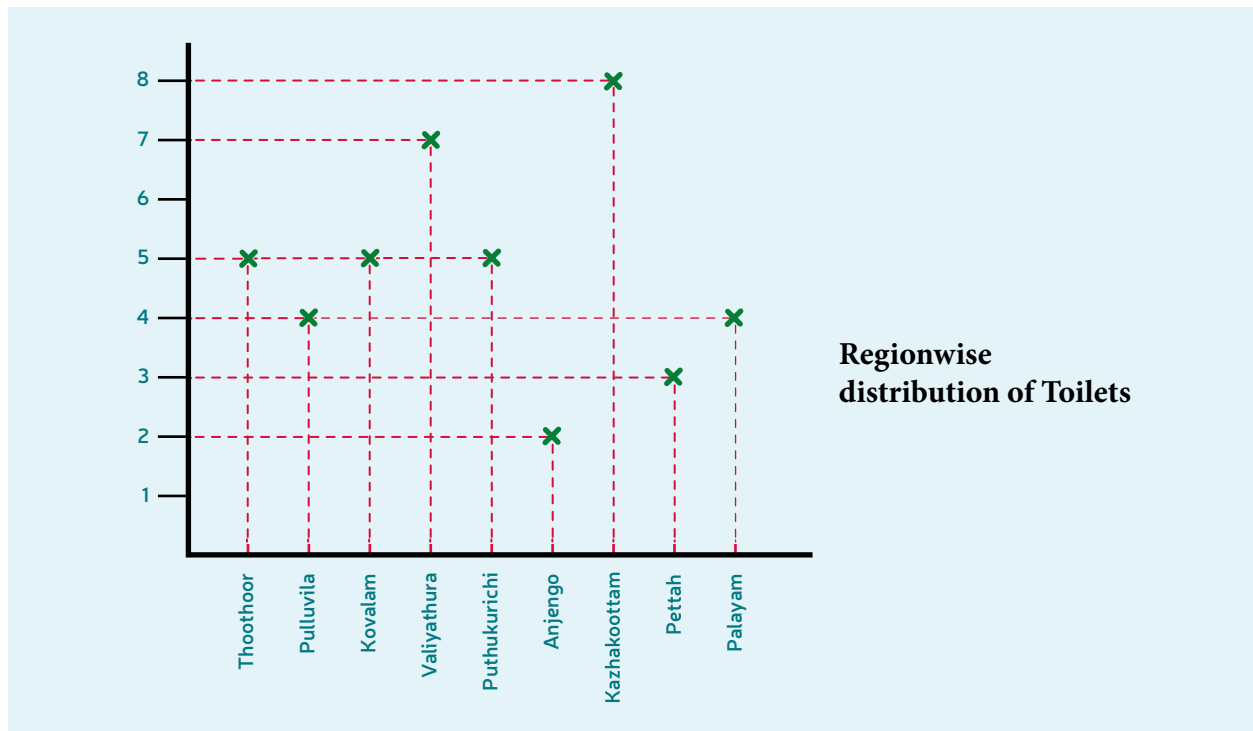
Under the fifth phase of the House A Gift Project, construction began for 35 houses. Of these, 10 houses were completed during 2023–2024, followed by the completion of 15 additional houses in the subsequent year. A total of 25 houses were ceremonially handed over to the beneficiaries on 20 December 2024 by Rt. Rev. Dr. Christudas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram. This initiative continues to reflect the Archdiocese's commitment to providing secure and dignified housing for deserving families.



Construction and Infrastructure Initiatives

In addition to the House A Gift Project, the Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram implemented several key housing and sanitation initiatives to address both long-term shelter needs and immediate infrastructure challenges within the community. These included:

House Maintenance Support	7 Houses
Habitat Housing Project	4 Houses
One House for Church Feast initiative	2 Houses
Construction of Toilets	43 Nos



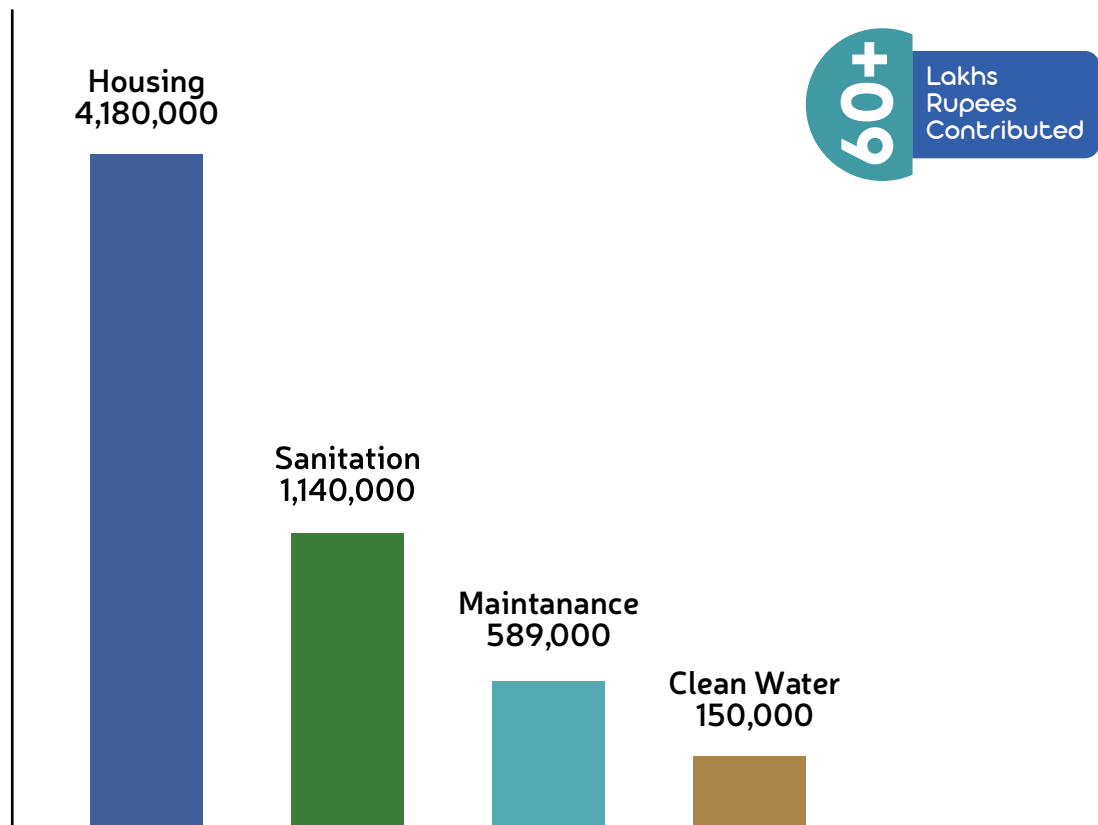
These initiatives reflect the Archdiocese's continued commitment to dignified living conditions, public health, and community well-being.

Jubilee Housing Project – *Thanal*

As part of the celebrations marking the Holy See's Jubilee Year and the centenary of the canonization of Saint Kochu Thresia, the Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram launched a special housing initiative titled "*Thanal*." This meaningful project is a tribute to Saint Kochu Thresia, the Archdiocese's heavenly intercessor, and aims to reflect her legacy of compassion and service.

Through this initiative, the Archdiocese plans to construct 100 houses for individuals and families who lack access to basic housing. The foundation stone-laying ceremony for the first 16 houses has already been completed, and construction work is currently underway.

Thanal stands as a symbol of the Church's commitment to sheltering the homeless and upholding the dignity of every human being.



Financial assistance to basic infrastructure development during 2024-2025

Community Engagement and Essential Services

In addition to its construction initiatives, the Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram has placed strong emphasis on community empowerment and access to essential services. Through targeted awareness programmes and

support for participation in government housing schemes, the Archdiocese has actively encouraged community involvement in development processes.

As part of its commitment to holistic and sustainable development, the Archdiocese has also addressed critical basic needs, including:

- ▶ Provision of safe drinking water
- ▶ Assistance in securing land deeds for eligible families
- ▶ Installation and maintenance of street lights to ensure safety and improve public infrastructure



These interventions reflect the Archdiocese's enduring mission to uplift and transform communities through faith-inspired service, dignity-centered development, and inclusive growth, while also reaffirming its commitment to sustainable development and social welfare by addressing the pressing needs of vulnerable families and marginalized groups.

ENSURING SOCIAL PROTECTION (ESP)



ESP is a community driven, secular and inclusive people's platform (**Lok Manch**) that facilitates socio economic empowerment of marginalized communities. It brings together community leaders, civil society, and grass roots organizations, initiated by like-minded individuals

to work for common issues and effective policy dialogue and reform. Lokmanch(ESP) focuses on six essential rights. The Right to Food, Education, WASH, adequate housing and social security. Additionally, Lok Manch integrates climate change and right to labour measures with locally led adaptation,

mitigation, mechanisms in keeping with national policies and planning. Through continuous training, awareness programme and campaigns people are strengthened and helped to live a dignified life by being aware of their rights.

Meetings

Online meetings were held with the participation of 4 persons from TSSS. Main subjects were climate change, right to health, right to labour, waste management, beach erosion, plastic free ocean and seashore. Unit level meetings were conducted in different units like TSSS, FIDES, Sneharam and CheruReshmi. The meetings were conducted once in a month and evaluated the monthly activities and planned for the coming month's activities of the project.

Regular meeting of the organization was conducted for 12 months. Planning and evaluation of the project activities were done in the presence of director and the project coordinator. Monthly pocket level meetings were held in all 20 pockets and discussed various issues of the pocket and locality.



Capacity Building for Community Leaders and Staff

To strengthen the skills of community leaders and staff, monthly training sessions were conducted on selected topics. These sessions included group discussions, distribution of brochures, and talks by experienced resource persons to inspire and motivate participants. Creative, pocket-level classes were also organized on various local issues, enabling leaders to address challenges specific to their areas. Through these trainings, we were able to identify key social problems within the localities and work together to find effective solutions.



Visiting Government Offices and Institutions

Community leaders and staff visited ration shops, Anganwadis, Krishibhavan, PHC, CHC, Panchayath, and the Fisheries Office to better understand their functioning. These visits and subsequent interventions helped many community members access government benefits. As a result, 69 differently abled individuals received their UDID cards, disability certificates, bus passes,

and train passes. Pensions were secured for 55 individuals, 320 people received ration cards, and 65 senior citizens began receiving old-age pensions. Additionally, 10 families were placed on the housing allotment list, and 30 widows started receiving pensions. Educational support was provided to 132 students through the distribution of study equipment and furniture.

Land title deeds were given to 54 people, while 56 individuals joined the Fishermen Welfare Scheme. Fishing vessels and nets were distributed to 102 people. Through the Fishermen's Daughters Marriage Financing Scheme, financial assistance of ₹10,000 each was provided to three beneficiaries. In Poovar Panchayath, 256 bio-digesters were distributed. Employment exchange registration was

facilitated for 48 people, and 30 individuals enrolled in the Kissan Scheme—21 of whom have already received benefits. Furthermore, support was extended to three beneficiaries under the Fisheries House Reconstruction Project.



Health Activities

Awareness classes were conducted on communicable diseases, lifestyle diseases, and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. An awareness campaign on menstrual hygiene was also organized. Through medical camps held at Karumkulam, Poovar, Kochuthura, Adimalathura, Puthiyathura, Chavadi, and Pallom, 17 individuals were identified with symptoms suggestive of cancer and were advised to undergo further medical consultations.

17

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symptoms of
Cancer

Environment and Agricultural Activities



With the intervention of LokManch(ESP), 286 persons were given vegetable seed, saplings and manure. Fruit plants were given to 220 families and Vegetable plants to 150 persons through Poovar Krishibhavan, Paraniyam. In the public area of the coastal belt, pine trees have been planted and pocket people are taking care of it.

With the assistance of Fisheries Survey of India, Cochin unit, and in collaboration with TSSS, conducted seashore cleaning at Pallom Beach in Pulluvila area. A public meeting and exhibition were conducted and the main topic was, “PLASTIC FREE OCEAN AND SEASHORE”, for with 206 people participated.

LABOUR COMMISSION

Kerala Labour Movement (KLM)

The Kerala Labour Movement (KLM) is an initiative of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) which aims to advance the rights and welfare of workers in Kerala, particularly those employed in the unorganized sector. KLM was founded in 1972 and engages with local communities through worker forums and diocesan centres. Enhancing the dignity of labour, guaranteeing labour justice, and empowering unorganized workers are some of its objectives. In the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, there are 70 KLM units and 45 labour forums that include workers in the fields of agriculture, tailoring, motor vehicles, construction, and domestic work in 9 Foranes

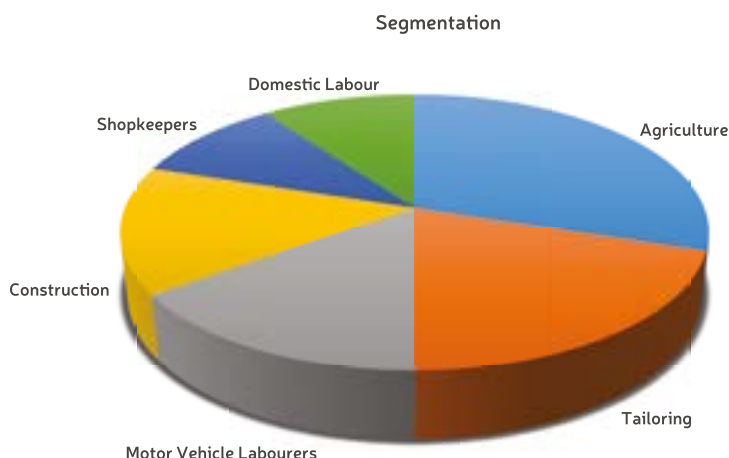


Three Tier Evaluation Meetings & Segments

To ensure effectiveness and accountability, KLM conducted Parish, Forane and Diocesan level evaluation meetings. These meetings served as platforms for reviewing activity progress, identifying challenges, and planning improvements. Diocesan Executive meetings were held in the presence of Rev. Fr. Stalin Fernandez, KLM Diocesan Executive Secretary and Mr. Aby Mathew, KLM Diocesan Coordinator.

Diocesan General Body Meeting was held in the months of May and November in which executive members from 9 Foranes participated. Meetings of different forums were arranged at the parish and Forane level with the intention of strengthening the forums.

Every month, Pulluvila and Valiyathura hosted the Motor Vehicle Forum, Anjengo,



Puthukurichi and Palayam hosted the Agriculture Forum, and Pulluvila, Valiyathura and Puthukurichi hosted the Forane Tailors Forum.



KLM Jeevan Jyothi Welfare Scheme

In order to ensure workers' financial security, KLM, with the support of Jeevan Jyothi, developed a welfare initiative named the KLM Jeevan Jyothi Welfare Scheme. The scheme was inaugurated on November 17, 2025, by Trivandrum Latin Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto. It is exclusively designed for KLM members between the ages of 18 and 60. Each unit costs just ₹100, with benefits of up to ₹30,000 available.



On the inaugural day, Jeevan Jyothi Development Officer Mr. Lawrance Na yakdas conducted awareness sessions for KLM members to familiarize them with the scheme's benefits and features.



To foster a literate and economically sound community, 55 tailors from the parishes of Pallithura and Thumba were enrolled in the Tailors Welfare Fund, and they were given welfare fund cards and certificates of tailoring training. Membership Renewal of Swalambaham Pension Scheme of 60 subscribers had been initiated with Workers India Federation

New Executives Elected

The election of new KLM Executives for the year 2025–2026 was conducted during October and November. Elections were held in 70 KLM units and 9 Foranes. The diocesan election took place on November 17, during which Mr. Mohankumar, representative of Palayam Forane and member of

the Killipalam Unit, was elected as the KLM Diocesan President and Mr. Sunil, representative of Pulluvila Forane and member of the Paruthiyoor Unit, was elected as the KLM Diocesan Secretary.

In addition, 11 representatives from other Foranes were elected to serve as Vice Presidents,

joint secretaries, treasurers, male representatives, female representatives and Forum Conveners. On December 15, the outgoing executives formally handed over their duties and responsibilities to the newly elected team.



Empowering Farmers

In an effort to empower farmers, a loan of ₹50,000 was granted to the Eden Farmers' Group of the Maryanad Unit in Puthikurichi Forane. As part of this initiative, the group has successfully undertaken the cultivation of various vegetables, maize, and flowers. A loan of ₹50,000 was also provided to Mr. Nishad, a member of the Farmers' Forum of the Malamukul Unit, to expand his agricultural activities.

Additionally, 100 grow bags were distributed to Malamakul Parish to establish

a vegetable garden, and banana seedlings were distributed to

KLM members of the Vennikodu Unit.

Labour forums in Regions

	TOTAL					
	19	13	6	5	2	
Pulluvila	9	6	3	1	2	
Kovalam	1	2		1		
Valiyathura	3		2	1		
Palayam		1				
Pettah						
Kazhakootam						
Puthukurichi	3	2				
Anjengo	3	2	1	2		
	Tailoring	Agriculture	Motor Vehicles	Construction	Shop Keeper	Domestic

Labour Day Celebrations

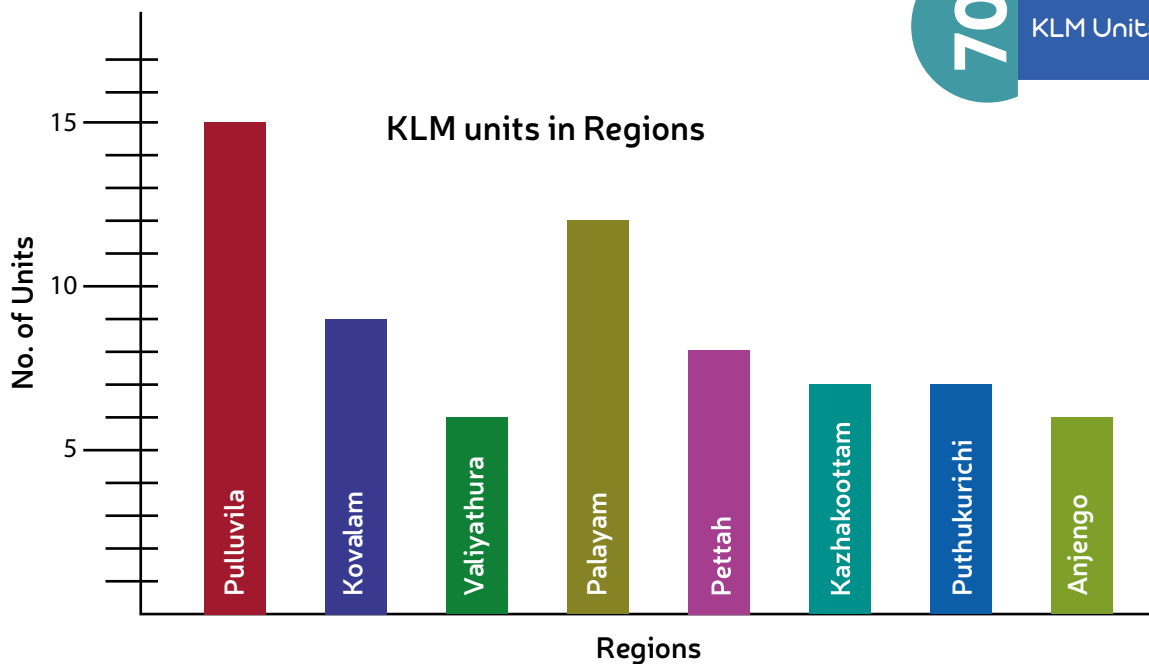
Every forum and unit celebrated World Labour Day on May 1. At the diocesan level, Labour Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. During the event, two groups and six outstanding workers were honoured. Pulluvila Forane received special recognition for successfully establishing KLM units in every parish and for organizing awareness seminars for workers.

The programme brought together 200 KLM members from various regions, fostering solidarity and appreciation for workers' contributions.





These celebrations showcased the unity, dedication, and achievements of KLM members across the diocese, while underscoring the vital role of workers in the progress and development of the community.



KLM Market

Members from Kumarapuram, Cheruvekkal, and Muttada Units introduced their small businesses through the Nallidam marketing fair organized by KLM members of Petta Forane. Additionally, a Sunday market was established in Muttada parish to promote agricultural products. In addition, KLM members set up an Onam marketing fair in the Thumba, Kollancode, Murukkumpuzha and Vattiyoorkavu units.

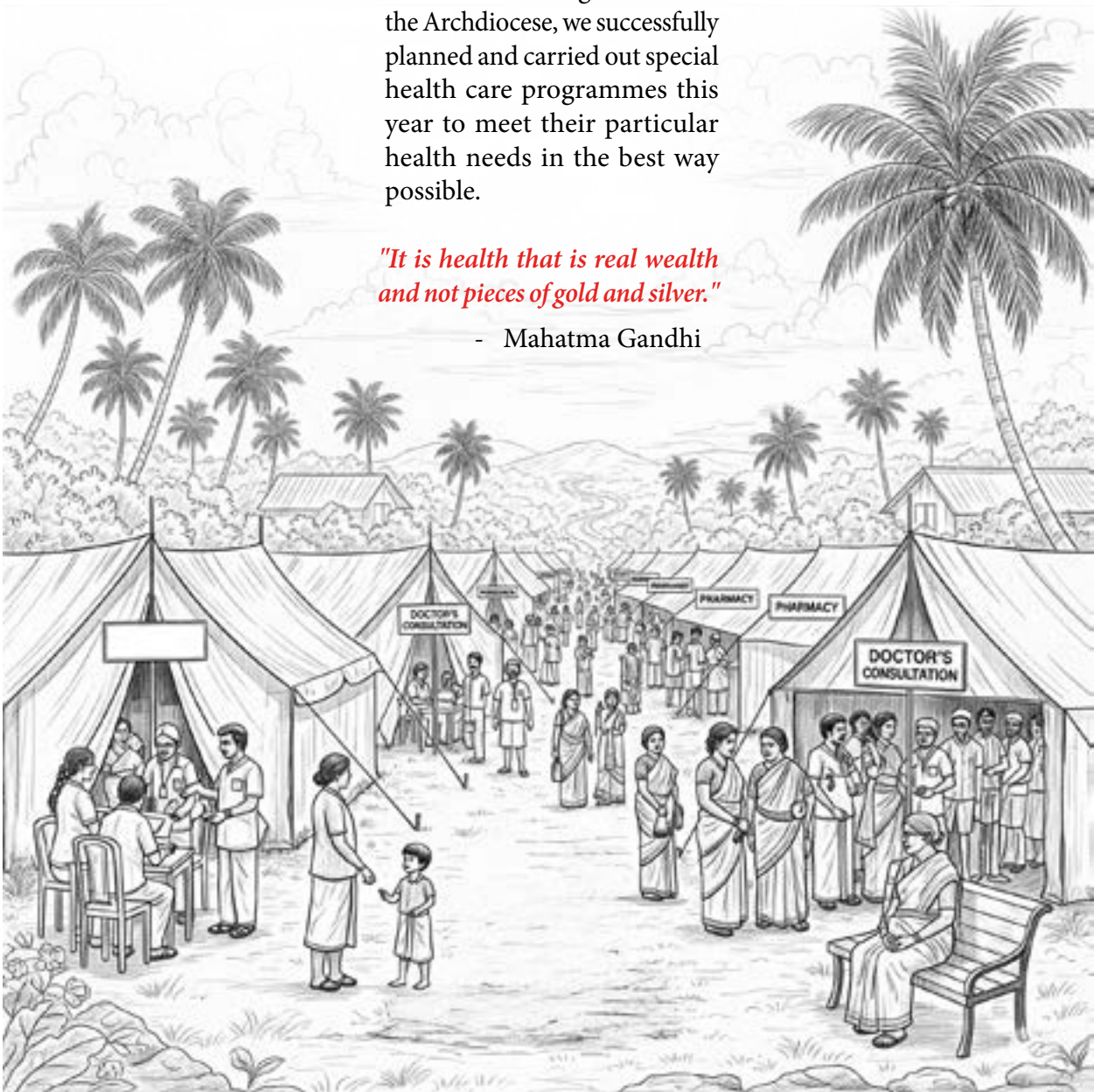


Health

Understanding the specific health challenges and requirements of both coastal area and other regions within the Archdiocese, we successfully planned and carried out special health care programmes this year to meet their particular health needs in the best way possible.

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

- Mahatma Gandhi



Organizing General and Specialized Health Camps

During the reporting period, 121 successful medical camps were held. As a result, numerous people were diagnosed with different health issues, leading to immediate treatment for some and referrals for further medical attention for others.



Developing a Dedicated Team of Health Volunteers

TSSS established health volunteer teams in all nine regions, with each group consisting of ten to thirty members, totaling 312 volunteers. All activities within this section were carried out in

collaboration with this dedicated team. These volunteers received training in essential areas such as first aid, palliative care, health schemes, leadership skills, and the critical importance of personal and environmental

hygiene. This training equipped them to effectively raise awareness among people in the target areas. Their responsibilities also included compiling lists of bedridden individuals, cancer patients, and

differently-abled children. Furthermore, they actively engaged in distributing informative leaflets door-to-door to educate the public about various diseases. Efficient health clinics are functioning at the parish level in Muttada, Shanthipuram, Pallithura, Murukkumpuzha and Poozhikunnu. Notably, with the support of Health club members from Valiyathura forane, they facilitated blood donations for 68 patients at the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) and the Medical College Hospital.



121

Medical
Camps

312

Health
Volunteers

Comprehensive Eye Check-up Camp for Students



To detect visual impairments in children and start treatment early, eye camps were organized at the nursery and school levels with the help of expert ophthalmologists. Through 13 camps, 1356 children were examined, and 296 children were found to have visual limitations and were referred for further treatment.

1356

children
were
examined

KARUTHAL: Compassionate Home-Based Palliative Care

The 'Karuthal' home based palliative care programme, initiated by the diocese for the social security and protection of bedridden patients was inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto on 9 February 2025 in the Pettah Forane. A team of six members including three nurses led by Dr. Satheesh has so far provided care to 56 bedridden patients in various parishes.



Focusing on Mental Well-being

Considering the daily increase in mental illnesses, yoga classes were organized in 10 regions of the Archdiocese with the help of excellent yoga instructors to alleviate mental stress and prevent diseases through yoga practice.



Permanent yoga practices are ongoing in Pettah, Thoothoor and Kovalam forances. Between 10-20 members, including housewives and other members, participate regularly. In connection with World Mental Health Day, 20 training classes were conducted in various parishes and forums, with 964 members participating.



Empowering Students with Nutritional Knowledge

Socio-economic, health and nutritional factors significantly impact a child's nutritional well-being. At the school level, 12 sessions were conducted to educate 474 children about nutritious food and healthy diet. These sessions raised awareness about the importance of consuming healthy food and the potential health issues and bodily changes that can arise from unhealthy eating habits.



474 children Participated



Supportive Services

We have been providing dedicated care to 965 bedridden patients across nine areas. Our efforts include visiting their families, distributing food kits, and delivering palliative care services, with the support of Community Health Centres (CHCs), Village Health Committees (VHCs) and Pallium India.



Vayojana Forums- Care and Support for the Elderly

Across nine foranes, Vayojana forums remain active, with Vayomitram camps regularly held in Kovalam, Valiyathura, Pettah, Puthukurichy, Anjengo and Palayam. On October 1st, all nine foranes celebrated World Senior Citizen's Day in unique ways, extending special benefits to 4,833 elderly individuals.

The celebrations featured Holy Mass, cultural programmes and games, with prizes awarded to winners. Elders were honoured with gifts such as bedsheets, food and clothing. Six foranes, in collaboration with local government bodies, organized Vayomitram camps that provided regular health

checkups and medicines. Day homes for the elderly are currently operational in the parishes of Murukkumpuzha, Valiyathura and Erayamanthura. Additionally, eye camps were conducted in partnership with various hospitals, leading to free cataract surgeries for more than 70 individuals in need.



Multi-faceted Cancer Initiative: Camps, Awareness and Treatment Support

23

Cancer
Awareness
Classes

October was dedicated to breast cancer awareness, with educational sessions conducted in all regions by the Regional Cancer Centre and other hospitals. A total of 23 cancer awareness classes were held for school volunteers.

Medical assistance amounting to ₹1,90,550 was provided to 73 patients and with the support of sponsors, an additional ₹2,30,600 was extended to 329 patients suffering from chronic illnesses across the nine foranes. We also organized 32 cancer

detection camps in various regions. These camps helped identify several individuals with cancer symptoms—some received immediate treatment, while others were referred for further examination and care.



Enhancing the Quality of Life for Differently-Abled Youth

Awareness classes and counselling sessions were organized for parents of differently abled children, equipping them with the tact, patience and understanding needed to nurture their children and to help reduce societal stigma. Public awareness campaigns, drives and programmes highlighted the rights of differently abled individuals and these efforts ensured children, parents, volunteers and animators stayed informed about various rights and government schemes. Differently Abled Day and other special occasions were celebrated at various levels, featuring cultural performances and painting competitions for the children.

Various therapy and learning sessions,

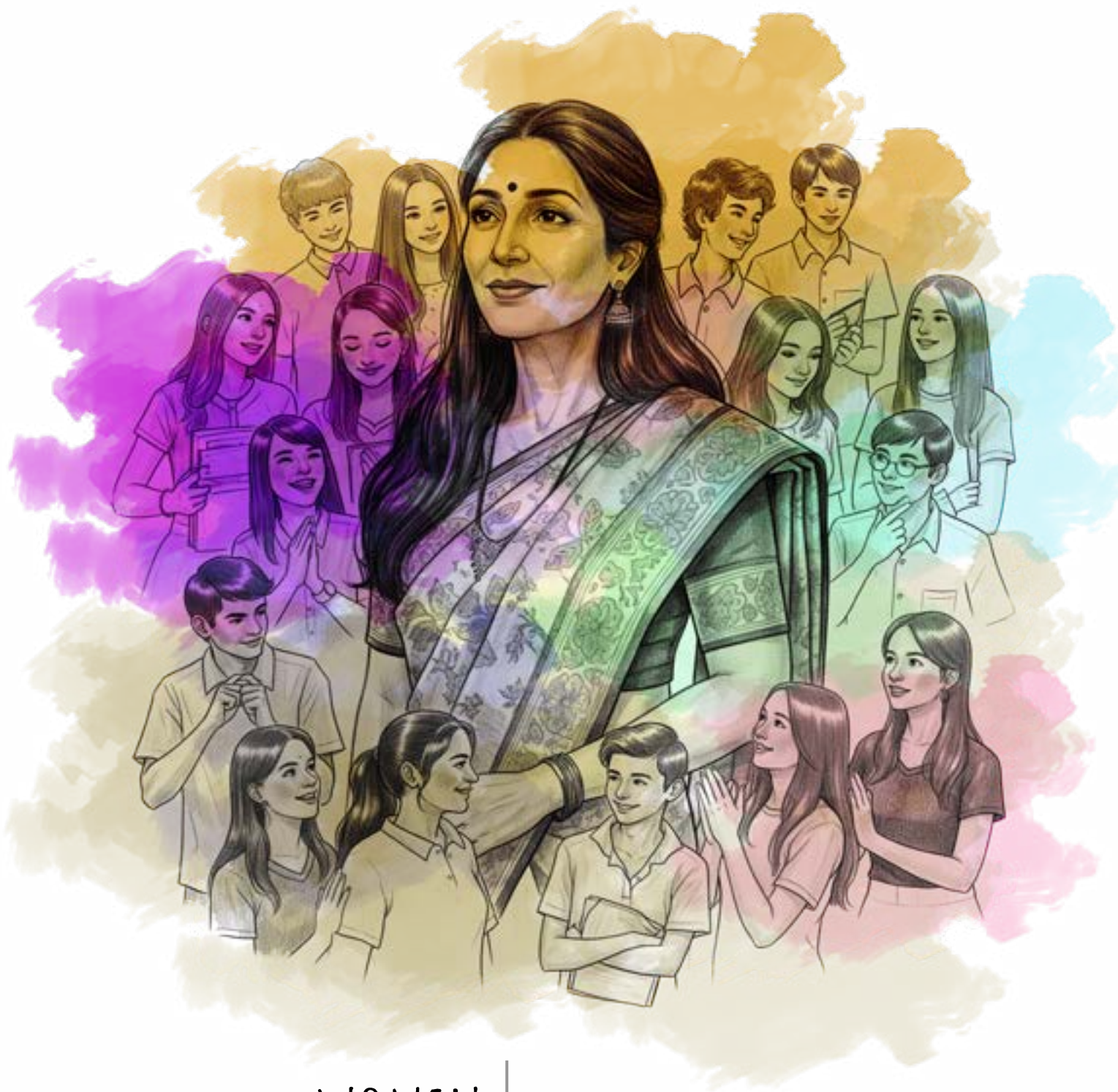
led by Dr. Sam in Cheruvettukadu Parish, equipped mothers with techniques to make their differently abled children more active. A total of 56 members participated. Self-employment training in toiletries production was also provided. Transportation passes for public transport and Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards under the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme were provided for 42 children. Sewing machines were supplied to 12 individuals who had completed tailoring training. In Valiathura Forane, skill-building workshops in jewellery making and flower crafting were organized for 18 differently abled children and their mothers.



Organizing Events for Health Day Observances

During the first week of August, National Breastfeeding Week was observed. As part of this initiative, training sessions on the importance of breastfeeding were conducted for Community Health Centre (CHC), Village Health Centre (VHC) staff nurses and animators, who then held awareness classes for mothers across all regions. Additionally, World AIDS Day was commemorated with most regions organizing AIDS awareness classes, in which a total of 216 individuals from various regions participated.





WOMEN AND CHILD

According to **Haim Ginott**, Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression. Therefore, TSSS gives a good impression to the children for their growth.

Child parliament

A Child Parliament is a dynamic platform designed for children, typically between the ages of 10 and 18, to actively learn about democracy, citizenship, and governance. It provides a safe and inclusive space where children can express their views, discuss issues that affect them, and propose practical solutions to both local and global challenges.

Children's participation in Child Parliaments is important for several key reasons. It helps them develop leadership skills, understand democratic values, and learn about their rights

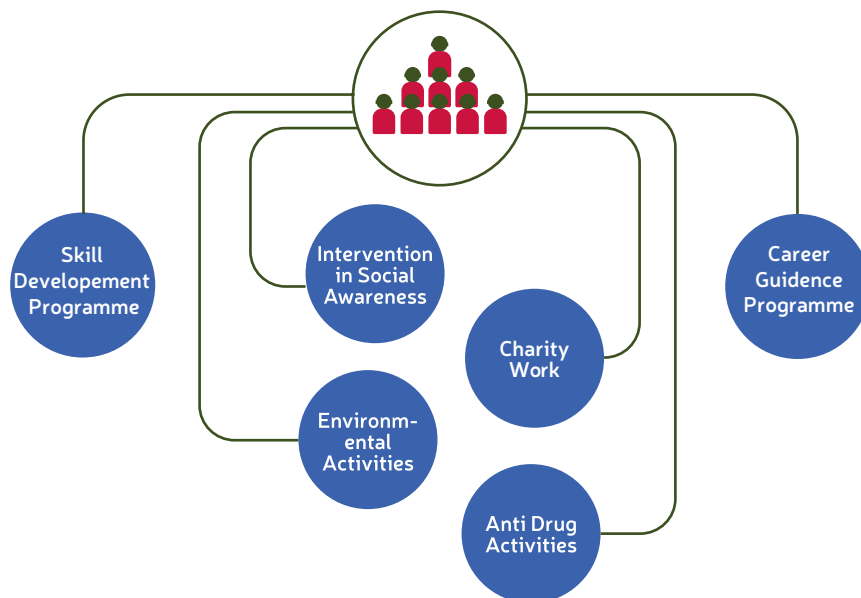
and responsibilities. These platforms also give children a voice, promote civic engagement, build confidence and social skills, and enable them to contribute meaningfully to more inclusive and child-friendly policies.

At present, TSSS has 72 active Child Parliament groups operating in various regions of the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Regional animators and volunteers from TSSS serve as facilitators, guiding and supporting the children in these groups.

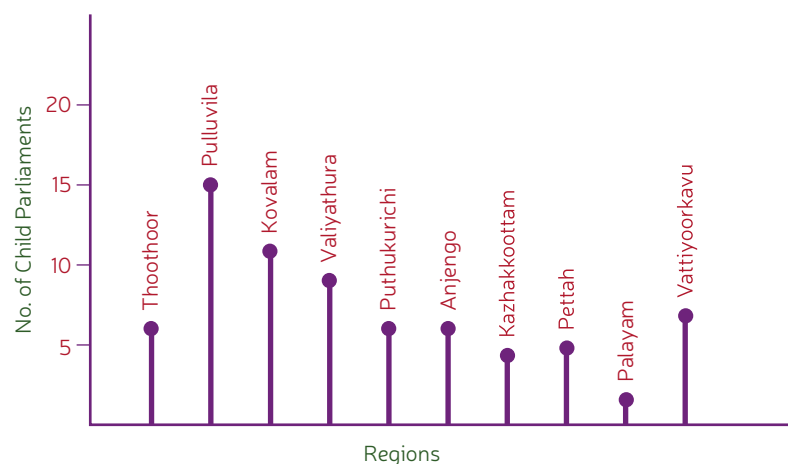
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Active
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Mission of Child Parliament



In addition to promoting democratic participation, the programme also focuses on enhancing children's overall personality development. This is achieved through a range of extracurricular activities, including games, quiz competitions, awareness sessions, summer camps, and Children's Day celebrations





Major work done ●

TSSS encourages and empowers Child Parliament members to actively engage with pressing social issues and charitable initiatives within their communities. Through awareness campaigns, petitions, and organized actions, children address local concerns such as waste management, environmental degradation, drainage problems, and the protection of public spaces. They also participate in humanitarian

efforts—collecting and distributing clothes, school supplies, and food kits to underprivileged families, visiting orphanages and elderly homes, and organizing fundraising events for medical assistance and emergency relief. These interventions not only bring attention to critical challenges but also foster empathy, social responsibility, and leadership among the youth.

1. Intervention on Social Issues

In Vizhinjam Parish, Child Parliament members discussed the issue of a garbage pile in the Thulavila area. They submitted a petition to the local councillor, which led to the successful removal of the waste.

A petition was submitted to the Lok Sabha election commission seeking a solution to the reconstruction of the Valiyathura sea bridge,



and a petition was also submitted to the ward councillor to resolve the deplorable condition of the Valiyathura market road.

Children from Palayam Parish submitted a petition to the local councillor regarding a drainage problem in Kunnukuzhi. As a result of their initiative, the issue was successfully resolved.

Children from Kochuthope Parish addressed the issue of waste dumping along the beach area. They formed three teams and visited 82 houses in the locality to identify those utilizing the services of the Haritha Karma Sena. Following their survey, they submitted a petition to the ward councillor, requesting appropriate action to address the problem.

A petition was submitted to the MLA by the Child Parliament members of Murukumpuzha Parish, highlighting key local demands. These included resuming the boat service in the nearby lake, constructing a bridge across the lake, and making the adjacent road motorable.

Neerodi parish child parliament submitted a petition to find a solution to the dangers of the Neerodi bridge, and as a result, the potholes that could be dangerous were temporarily covered with gravel.

Children and Child Parliament volunteers organized a protest against the government's black sand mining activities in coastal areas, raising concerns about its environmental and community impact.

2. Charitable activities carried out by the children

Children from Adimalathura Parish carried out charitable activities by distributing food and essential daily necessities to 49 needy families. They also provided financial assistance to 6 bedridden patients and distributed study materials to underprivileged Child Parliament members.



Children from Pallithura Parish conducted a collection drive, gathering old newspapers, notebooks, and other reusable items from households. The proceeds were used to provide study materials for 20 students in need. Additionally, Child Parliament members visited the homes of patients and distributed financial assistance of ₹1,500 and ₹2,000, offering both support and solidarity to those facing health challenges.

Children from the Fatima Mata Kazhakootam Forane distributed study materials to students of the Live Sports School. Additionally, three groups of 10 children each from the parishes of Attingal, Pulluvila, and Thumba received study materials.

Pallam Parish is supporting the elderly by providing food. Malamugal Parish conducts monthly visits to the Vattappara Aghati Mandir, offering meals during each visit. Karichal Parish collected old plastic sheets from households and used the proceeds to distribute food kits to 10 needy individuals. Chowara Parish donated 50 food packets to Vizhinjam Hospital. Members of Neerodi Parish visited the Vallavila Old Age Home and supplied essential daily necessities.

The Muttada Child Parliament contributed ₹4,000 towards church construction, while the Kazhakootam Fatima Mata Child Parliament donated ₹10,000 for the same cause. The Kakamoola Child Parliament raised ₹1,650 through a tea stall and donated it to the Wayanad Relief Fund. Members of the Karakkamandapam Parliament visited a palliative care centre and provided food to 60 individuals. The Lourdpuram Child Parliament purchased and distributed Onam kits to 10 families.



Special events in the child parliament

The Diocese organized art festivals across various Foranes, where members of the Child Parliament actively participated in competitions such as speech, essay writing, poetry recitation, painting, carol singing, mimicry and storytelling—winning several prizes.

Poster competitions were held at Anjengo on the theme ‘Collective Action and Freedom from Bondage’ in observance of Anti-Drug Day. In Muttada, football training sessions are being conducted to encourage greater participation in sports, while a chess tournament was organized at the Forane level. Football matches were held in

Pallithura and on January 25, the Pulluvila Forane organized another football match in which 109 children participated.

Indoor and outdoor friendship competitions were also conducted in collaboration with the Anti-Drug Commission. On Children’s Day, children took the lead in celebrating the Holy Mass, conducting wall painting activities and organizing yoga sessions.

To foster leadership and social responsibility among the youth, a Forane-wise summer camp was conducted, offering children an opportunity to grow in confidence and teamwork.



Nursery centres

The Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) operates 26 nursery centres across six regions, providing quality early childhood care and education for children under the age of five.

Each nursery is staffed with qualified teachers and helpers, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment. TSSS emphasizes professional and holistic child care, incorporating a wide range of activities and learning experiences tailored to young children.



Key Highlights:

Activity-Based Learning:

Children actively participated in storytelling, drawing, singing, speech, and various special day celebrations that foster creativity and expression.

Teacher Training:

Every six months, TSSS organizes training programmes for nursery teachers to improve their teaching skills and efficiency.

Parental Involvement:

Awareness sessions were conducted for parents on child development and parenting practices.

Regular Monitoring:

The Diocesan Coordinator and Forane Animators visited the centres regularly to evaluate teaching quality and overall nursery performance.

Infrastructure & Support:

TSSS provided funds for:

- Nutritious food for children
- Salary support for teachers and helpers
- Maintenance of nursery buildings
- Educational materials, including toys and learning aids

Supplementary and quality education centre

A Supplementary Education Centre offers academic support outside the formal school system, helping students strengthen their foundational skills and bridge learning gaps. These centres are designed to complement regular schooling and support children from underprivileged backgrounds.

A Quality Education Centre, on the other hand, is specifically focused on delivering high-standard, holistic education. The goal is not only to teach but to ensure that learning is effective, relevant, and meaningful, fostering both academic and personal development.

Current Outreach:

6 Supplementary Centres functioning under two Foranes

1 Quality Education Centre providing model support in holistic learning

Additional Support Provided by TSSS:

- Training programmes to improve students' learning strategies and confidence
- Awareness classes on health, rights, and social responsibility
- Curricular guidance sessions to support academic performance
- Financial assistance for teachers and staff to sustain and improve centre operations



Through these centres, TSSS is helping build a generation of students who are not only academically equipped but also socially and emotionally empowered.



The Migrant Commission is a dedicated body committed to promoting social justice and upholding the dignity of all migrants. The Commission strives to offer guidance, practical support, and advocacy. It also seeks to create a safe and welcoming space where migrant communities can flourish in their new environments"



Key Initiatives

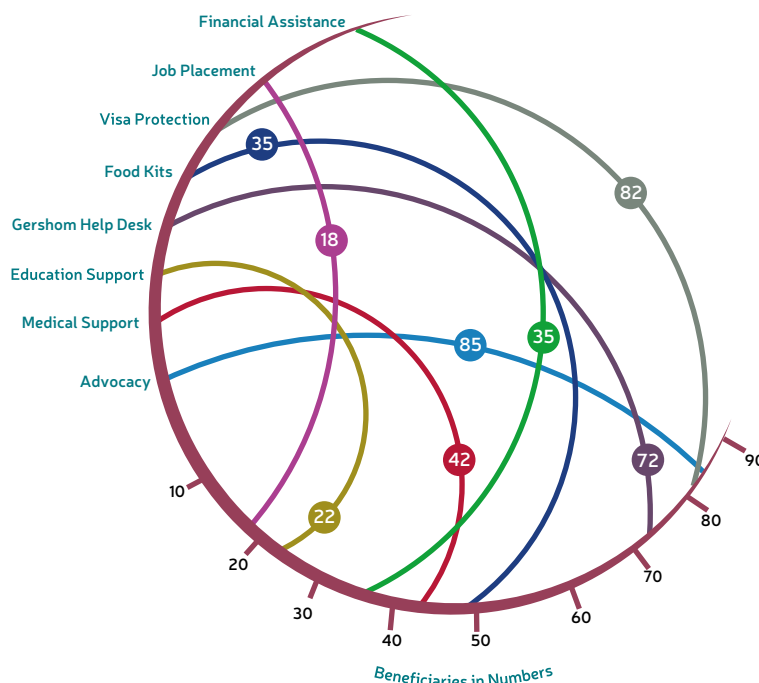


The commission intervened to help out a large number of NRIs and migrants through Pravasi Help Desk especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the support of NORKA Roots and other government agencies. Provided legal assistance to 85 cases, helping expatriates and migrant workers with their problems. Medical support was provided by way of wheelchairs to 7 poor patients, dialysis treatment for 35 patients, financial assistance for heart operations, brain tumor treatment and kidney transplant. Educational support provided to 22 students to continue their nursing, B.Ed and ITI studies.

Other Initiatives

Gershom Helpdesk Intervened to settle marriage problems of 72 expatriates' families and provided accommodation in old age homes for 15 elderly people. Provided food kits to 48 guest migrant workers. International Migrants' Day was celebrated in 42 parishes, with Holy Eucharist, food fest, and financial aid to sick expatriates.

Collaborated with Norka Roots to bring back the bodies of migrant workers who had lost their lives in different countries.



Provided financial assistance to expatriates and migrant workers, including ex-gratia payments and special aid. Provided job opportunities to 18 students who completed nursing and passed OET, IELTS, BSc, and MSc. Through Visa Protection activities Saved Rs. 2,31,00,000/- for 82 people from fake visa scams.

The report highlights the commission's efforts to support expatriates and migrant workers, providing them with various services and assistance.

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Diocesan Meeting and Strategic Planning for Anti-Alcohol & Drug Initiatives

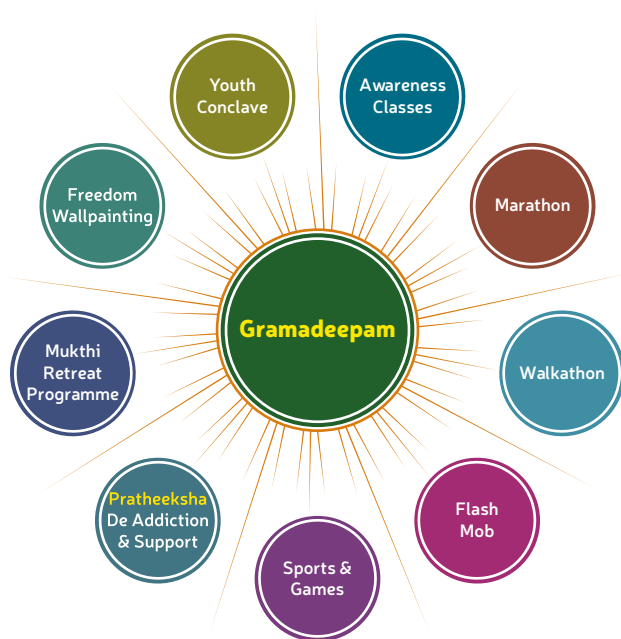
As part of the ongoing anti-alcohol & drug campaign, regular diocesan-level meetings and general body sessions were conducted over several months to ensure systematic planning and effective implementation of initiatives. These gatherings served as crucial platforms for evaluating current programmes, incorporating feedback from

parishes and institutions, and addressing challenges encountered during grass-root level campaigns.

Each meeting included a focused review of the impact of awareness sessions, public outreach events, and school-based activities, while also identifying areas needing improvement.

Furthermore, the sessions encouraged collaborative strategic planning for future efforts—such as strengthening youth engagement through creative arts and developing a comprehensive, year-round action plan aligned with national anti-drug observances.

GRAMADEEPAM: Grassroots Engagement For a Alcohol & Drug - Free Society



As part of the broader anti-alcohol & drug movement, Gramadeepam initiatives were launched at the grassroots level to actively involve all segments of the community—including youth, children, parish members and local organizations. These activities were designed to raise awareness and build collective resistance against substance abuse through meaningful and participatory engagement.

A variety of programmes were conducted in each ward or locality, including cultural performances, house visits, street plays, awareness classes, family counseling sessions and night gatherings. Special emphasis was placed on empowering youth as ambassadors of the anti-drug mission and encouraging families to play a proactive role in prevention.

The symbolic lighting of the Gramadeepam in each community served as a powerful reminder of the campaign's core message: that collective action, community vigilance, and shared responsibility are essential in creating a drug-free future.



MARATHON AND WALKATHON: Run For a Alcohol & Drug - Free Tomorrow

As part of the anti-drug campaign, spirited marathons were organized at Valiyathura Forane on 10 November 2025, Puthukurichy Forane on 8 March 2025 and Pulluvila Forane on 8 March 2025. Walkathons were held at Pettah Forane on 14 July 2025, Valiyathura Forane on 17 August 2025 and Kovalam Forane on 15 March 2025.

A total of 1,096 participants—including youth, parish members, students, and local runners—came together under the banner “Run

for a Drug-Free Tomorrow.” These events not only promoted physical fitness but also served as powerful public declarations against substance abuse, inspiring communities along the route to actively join the movement for a healthier, addiction-free society.

1096
Participants



FREEDOM WALL PAINTING: Art as a Voice Against Addiction



The Freedom Wall Painting initiative served as a creative and impactful element of the anti-drug campaign, transforming prominent public spaces into vibrant platforms for awareness and inspiration. Painting events were held at Shankumukhom Beach, Anjengo, Pulluvila, St. Andrews Beach, Azahakulam, Neerody and Palayam where volunteers, artists, youth groups and local residents collaborated to create powerful

visual messages promoting sobriety, hope and community solidarity. More than 246 students and young artists contributed to these efforts, turning ordinary walls into compelling symbols of resilience and commitment to a substance-free society. The initiative also received active support from Excise and Police Department officials, further reinforcing the community’s unified stand against drug abuse.



246+ Participants

DRUG - FREE LIFE Through Sports and Games

As part of the youth engagement initiatives under the anti-drug campaign, a series of sports and recreational events were organized to promote healthy lifestyles and positive alternatives to substance abuse.



Parish youth teams enthusiastically participated in tournaments held under the slogan “Kick Out Drugs, Play for Life,” promoting positive alternatives to addiction. Regular in Pettah and Puthukurichy Foranes, children. To broaden engagement, a chess badminton competition in the Anjengo These activities effectively underscored and constructive engagement build a healthy,

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teamwork, discipline, and resilience as football practice sessions were organised nurturing focus and fitness among competition at Muttada Parish and a region attracted wide youth participation. the campaign’s core message that sports addiction-free future.

FLASH MOB: Choreographed for Awareness

TSSS organised several public flash mob as part of its anti-alcohol and anti-drug campaign. The brief, high-energy performance drew

public attention and conveyed strong awareness messages, particularly through youth participation and impactful placards.

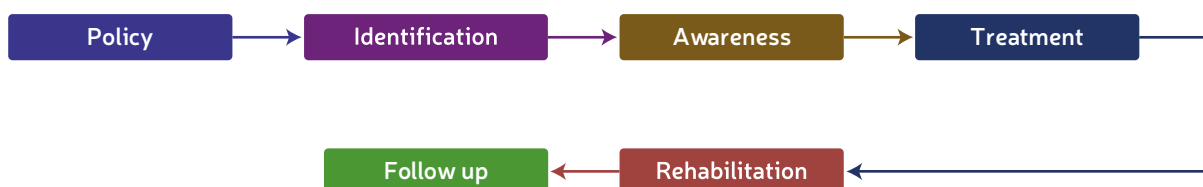


HEALING LIVES: De-Addiction Support and Treatment

A vital pillar of the anti-alcohol & drug campaign was the identification, support, and rehabilitation of individuals struggling with substance abuse. Through compassionate

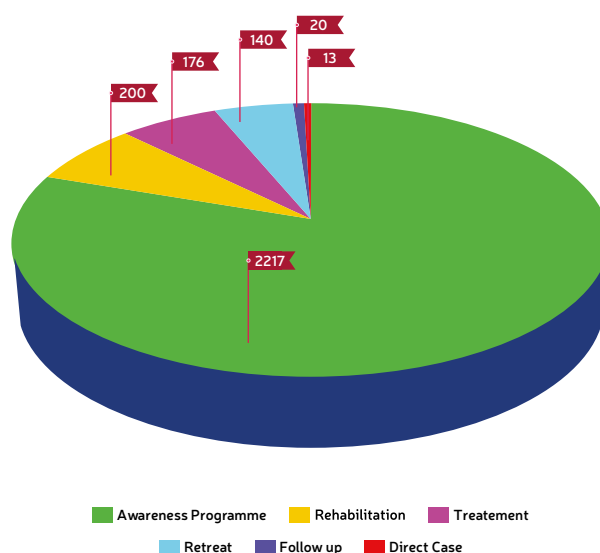
and systematic home visits conducted by parish teams and dedicated volunteers, 13 cases of addiction were identified within families and communities. Each individual

was gently guided toward professional help and enrolled in appropriate de-addiction treatment programmes.



In total, 176 individuals from various regions received care through the Prathheksha De-addiction Centre, along with other partnered centres and hospitals across the diocese. The intervention extended beyond medical treatment, placing equal emphasis on emotional, psychological, and spiritual healing, thus ensuring a truly holistic recovery process.

To support sustained recovery, post-treatment follow-up and community reintegration were actively encouraged. This approach reinforced the core message of the campaign: every life matters, and recovery is possible—with compassion, commitment, and community support



MUKTHI RETREAT: a Spiritual Path to Liberation From Addiction

The Mukthi Retreat Programme, a key component of the anti-drug campaign, served as a transformative spiritual and rehabilitative initiative, providing structured support for individuals struggling with addiction and their families. Conducted bi-monthly from March 2024 to April 2025 at Anugraha Bhavan, Menamkulam, each session combined prayer, spiritual counselling, healing services and motivational talks delivered by reformed individuals and addiction recovery

professionals. Across five sessions, 140 participants benefited from this comprehensive intervention, which addressed the emotional and spiritual roots of addiction and facilitated long-term recovery through post-retreat guidance and parish-level follow-up. A family reunion hosted at Valiyathura Parish, graced by Brother Gabriel of the Mukthi Charismatic Ministry, provided a meaningful conclusion to the programme, reinforcing faith, renewal and sustained support.



YOUTH CONCLAVE: Awakening a Generation Against Addiction



The Anti-Drug Youth Conclave was envisioned as a dynamic platform to engage, empower, and inspire young people in the collective fight against substance abuse. Three impactful conclaves were held across different regions. Each conclave featured a powerful blend of motivational sessions, expert talks, personal testimonies, and creative workshops—all

designed to foster awareness, build resilience, and nurture leadership among young people. Through vibrant discussions and cultural expressions, the conclaves became more than just events; they were calls to action, reminding youth that they are not only the future but the present force capable of standing boldly against addiction.



January 25
@ Karumkulam
Community College

February 23
@ St. Aloysius Higher
Secondary School,
Thoothoor

March 22
@ Forane centre,
Puthukurichy



Together, these events brought together 180 youth participants, representing various parishes, educational institutions, and youth movements.

180

Youth
Participants

ANTI-ALCOHOL & DRUG SUNDAY: a United Cry for Change

On March 23, the diocese solemnly observed Anti-Alcohol Sunday with deep spiritual fervour and strong social commitment. The day was marked by a wide range of impactful initiatives including awareness classes, oath-taking, walkathons, lamp-lit procession rallies, signature campaigns, poster making, wall paintings and prayer processions—all of which created a unified and powerful call for change. Guided by faith, action and hope.

Strengthening Minds, Preventing Addiction

As part of the year-long anti-drug and anti-alcohol campaign, the diocese conducted a comprehensive series of awareness classes focused on prevention, rehabilitation and resilience. In collaboration with Excise officials, health workers, counsellors and police officers these sessions educated communities on the physical and psychological effects of substance abuse, mental health, positive parenting and emotional well-being. These programmes engaged more than 2,217 participant. These interventions strengthened public awareness and inspired a collective commitment to building safer and healthier communities through education, empathy and proactive action.





“Our Land, Our Future”

The Environment Commission is committed to promoting ecological responsibility and sustainable living within communities. Inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*, the commission works to protect environment, combat climate change and cultivate a culture of conservation. Through awareness campaigns, eco-friendly projects and grassroots initiatives it actively engages villages, schools and local institutions in building a greener, more sustainable future.



JUNE 5 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: Honouring Environment Week

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In line with the 2024 World Environment Day theme, “Our Land, Our Future”, the observance on June 5 was expanded into an Environment Week celebration. A week-long programme of activities was organized, including a cycle rally, public space cleaning, door-to-door awareness campaigns, family-level “Dry Day” and “No Waste Day,” craft-making from collected waste, a diocesan-level awareness class and a combined event featuring a documentary exhibition, handicraft exhibition and green market.



Restoration of the Environment

More than 500 fruit tree saplings, shade trees, and indoor plants were planted across various parishes, foranes, and institutions, fostering environmental regeneration in an era of deforestation. The donated species included guava, pomegranate, mahogany, champa, rambutan, mango, and teak. On Environment Day, several ministry representatives

also planted saplings on the TSSS campus, reinforcing the commitment to protecting and nurturing creation.



Ocean Protection Campaign

Focused on coastal and marine conservation through beach cleaning drives along Irayamantura, Kochuthura, Pallam Poovar, Adimalathura, Anjengo, Poothura and other coastal areas. Also, 150 wind turbine trees were planted in the Irayimmanthura region and the wind turbine trees that were planted in Thumba in the year 2023 have been growing well. In addition, around 800kg of plastic waste was collected in Anjengo region in collaboration with Suchithwa Mission and Loyola college social work students.



800+
Kilogram
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Cemetery Greening

Emphasizing the importance of eco-spiritual spaces, we undertook cemetery greening initiatives across several parishes including Muttada, Murukumpuzha, Thaikkad, Palayam, Christhurajapuram, Kuravankonam, Puthiyathura, kollenkode, st. Xaviers, Kannamthura, Chinnathura, Vallavila, Marathandanthura, Poonthura and Anjengo parishes. These activities involved systematic cleaning, planting of shade and flowering trees, and encouraging the use of sustainable materials and providing waste bins. Through these efforts, the cemeteries were transformed into serene green spaces that promote both environmental care and reverence for the departed.



GREEN PROTOCOL- Parish Festivals

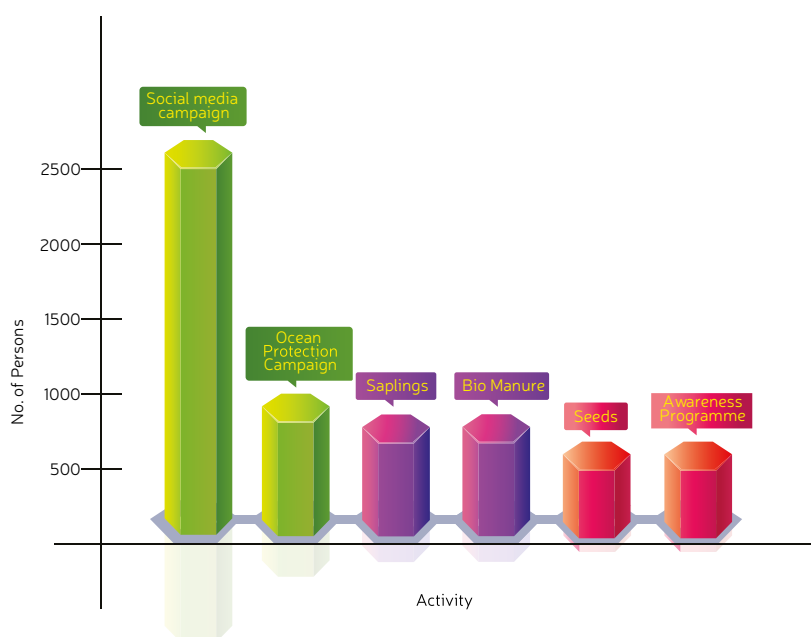
In adherence to Green Protocol, this year's parish festival was organized at Manakad, Kuravankonam, Thaikkad, Cristhurajapuram, Puthiyathura, Lourdhapuram, Fathimamatha, Pallithura, Muttada, Vettukad, Vizhinjam,



Anjengo, Marthandthura and Chinnathura parishes with a strong commitment to environmental responsibility. Single-use plastics were strictly avoided and reusable or biodegradable materials were promoted for all functions and food distribution. Waste bins were installed for proper waste disposal and waste was sorted and given to the Haritha Karma Sena. Volunteers actively monitored waste management, ensuring a clean and green celebration that upheld both our faith and our duty to care for creation.



Energy Conservation, Waste Management Greencode Awareness



As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, we carried out waste management initiatives in collaboration with the Suchitwa Mission, focusing on proper waste segregation, disposal and public awareness campaigns at Vizinjam and Karyavattom regions. In partnership with the Energy Management Centre (EMC), we promoted responsible energy usage through awareness sessions, energy audits and

the encouragement of energy-efficient practices in Poonthura, Thoothoor and Kazhakootam regions. Additionally, Green Code awareness programmes were conducted to educate parishioners on eco-friendly lifestyle choices, sustainable development principles and the importance of individual responsibility in protecting the environment at Azhakulam, Vavvamoola, Marthandanthurai, Chinnathura, Vallavila and Murukumpuzha regions. These collaborative efforts significantly contributed to building a 400 more conscious and eco-responsible community.



Eco-Friendly Agriculture Promotion

As part of our sustainable livelihood and environment-friendly initiatives, we actively promoted organic farming, terrace farming and kitchen farming

within the community. 400 kg of organic fertilizers and tomato, brinjal, beans and



okra seeds were distributed to members of KLM units, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and housing colonies to encourage the practice of chemical-free cultivation both on land and terraces. These efforts aimed to enhance local food production while promoting health and environmental care. In addition, to support poultry farming, we provided financial assistance to selected beneficiaries, helping them develop small-scale poultry units as a means of income generation and nutritional support. These combined efforts contributed to building a self-reliant and eco-conscious community.

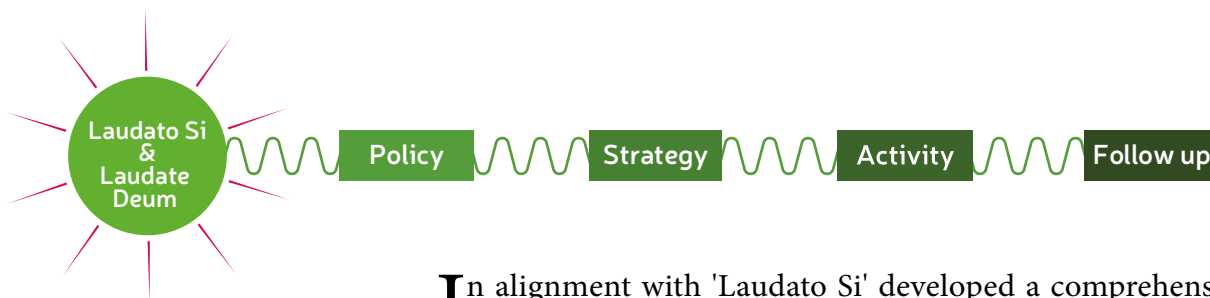


“THIRIKE”- Year Long Environmental Campaign

A unique 12-month Social media campaign with each month focusing on a specific theme such as plastic reduction, waste management, cleaning drives, agriculture, pet protection, energy

conservation, air quality and disaster preparedness was commenced by TSSS. Each theme included awareness programmes, community activities and green challenges.

Environment Policy



In alignment with 'Laudato Si' developed a comprehensive Environmental Policy aimed at promoting ecological responsibility

across our parishes and institutions. This policy addresses key areas including the creation of carbon-neutral campuses, the implementation of green protocol in festivals and gatherings, the greening of parish premises through tree

planting, waste segregation and water conservation efforts. It also includes guidelines for energy conservation, plastic-free practices, sustainable farming and promoting biodiversity. By integrating spiritual values with practical environmental

actions, this policy serves as a living document guiding our community toward a more sustainable, eco-conscious future rooted in faith and stewardship.



Environment Commission's initiatives have significantly contributed to promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices within our community. Through organized clean-up drives, tree plantation campaigns, educational seminars and waste management efforts, the commission has fostered a culture of responsibility and care for the environment.



Jeevan Jyothi is a savings scheme initiated by TSSS to promote the welfare of its members and encourage the habit of saving. Currently, there are more than 10,000 active members across all schemes of Jeevan Jyothi.

As on date, there are five different schemes catering to various needs of the members

Scheme	Duration	Benefits
I	10 Yrs	Aimed at its members a monthly savings of Rs.50 to Rs.200 with benefits of medical expenses for accidents, selected diseases, death benefits, scholarships to the children of the members etc.
II	5 Yrs	A financial Growth scheme bringing higher return for the members.
III	10 Yrs	The scheme encourages members' children to pursue higher studies and achieve top marks by offering scholarships and cash awards, along with other benefits for the members.
IV	10 Yrs	Meant for the members who are above 50 years of age. The main intention behind the scheme is to encourage the savings of the members and to have a good return on maturity.
V	10 Yrs	This scheme, introduced during the reporting year, is specially tailored to meet the needs of our KLM members. It ensures monetary compensation in the event of accidents or death during the course of employment, while also offering a higher return on maturity.

Activities of Jeevan Jyothi

- 1052 new members enrolled during the financial year in various Jeevan Jyothi Schemes.
- Under the 3rd scheme, 18 children of Jeevan Jyothi Members, who secured Full A+ in all subjects in 10th and 12th standard were given cash award of Rs. 5000/- each.
- 352 children of Jeevan Jyothi Members enrolled in 1st and 3rd Scheme studying in 10th, 12th, ITI and Community College were given Rs.1000/- each as Scholarship.

- Medical Assistance for cancer and other accidental treatments were granted to 14 members during the reporting period.
- Dependants of 12 Jeevan Jyothi Members were given death benefits under different schemes.
- Loan facilities are made available to all the members of Jeevan Jyothi.

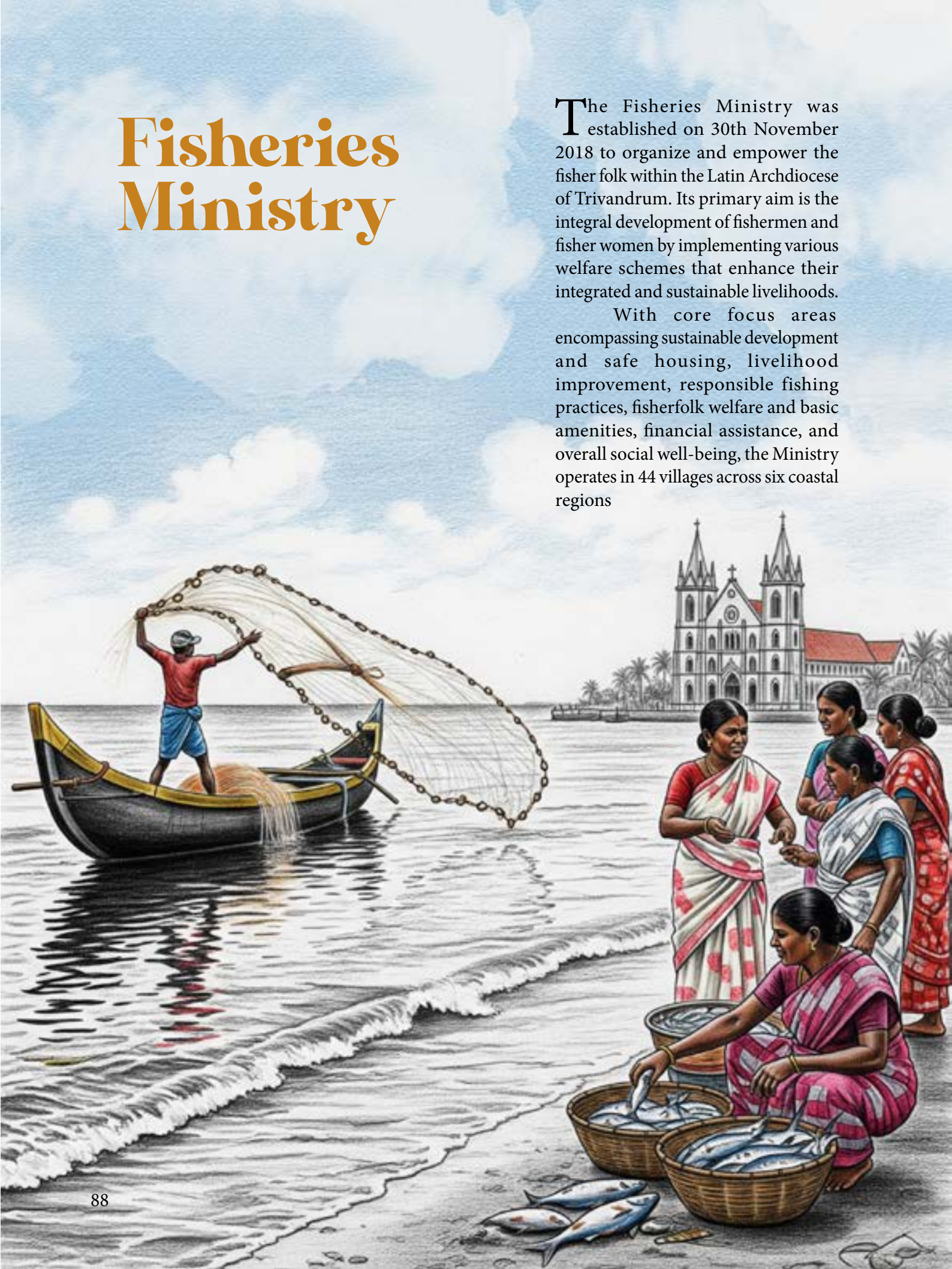


A humble beginning in 2015 has grown into huge financial scheme benefitting thousands of families thanks to the dedicated team work by the Collection Agents at the grass root level, office staff in executing things in top order, lead by the Development Officer in expansion, supported by the TSSS Secretary at all levels.

Fisheries Ministry

The Fisheries Ministry was established on 30th November 2018 to organize and empower the fisher folk within the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Its primary aim is the integral development of fishermen and fisher women by implementing various welfare schemes that enhance their integrated and sustainable livelihoods.

With core focus areas encompassing sustainable development and safe housing, livelihood improvement, responsible fishing practices, fisherfolk welfare and basic amenities, financial assistance, and overall social well-being, the Ministry operates in 44 villages across six coastal regions

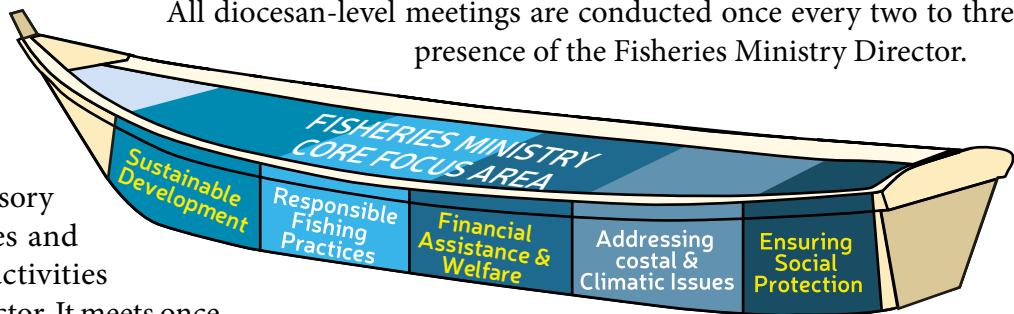


Diocesan-Level Meetings

Regular meetings are conducted at the village, regional, and diocesan levels to evaluate the activities in the core focus area and address and resolve the challenges faced by fishing communities. All diocesan-level meetings are conducted once every two to three months in the presence of the Fisheries Ministry Director.

Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board formulates and guides welfare activities in the fisheries sector. It meets once every three months. A subcommittee of five members from this Board provides continuous guidance to the fishermen's organization.



Regional Co-ordinator Priest's Meeting

Regional Co-ordinator Priest's Meeting is held every three months to review diocesan, region and village level developments, and to evaluate on-going fisheries-related activities.

Animators' Review Meeting

To ensure the effective implementation of Fisheries Ministry initiatives, Animators' Review Meetings are conducted on the first Friday of every month in the presence of the Director. In these sessions, activities from the previous month are evaluated, and plans are drawn up for the upcoming month.



TMF and FVW Meetings

Members of the Thiruvananthapuram Matsyathozhilali Forums and Fish Vending Women's Forums gathered once every two months to discuss action plans for improving activities in the coastal areas under this ministry. During the reporting year, five such meetings were conducted by the Director of the Fisheries Ministry.

Regional level meetings

During the reporting period, 36 regional-level meetings were conducted across the six regions in the presence of the Regional Co-ordinator Priests.

TMF (Thiruvananthapuram Matsyathozhilali Forum) Regional executive meeting

The Regional Executives are key personnel responsible for executing, evaluating, and following up on activities within their respective regions. They also coordinate initiatives at the village level. During the reporting year, 28 such meetings were



held to ensure the smooth implementation of planned activities.

Regional level Fish-vending women (FVW) meeting

Region-wise forums for women fish vendors play a crucial role in their empowerment, economic advancement and social well-being. These forums help them overcome the unique challenges they face and enable them to play a more prominent role in the fishing industry. During the reporting period, 35 such meetings were conducted.

Contributions of TMF & FVW

Across all regions, the Thiruvananthapuram Matsyathozhilali Forum (TMF) and the Fish-Vending Women's Forum (FVW) have undertaken remarkable initiatives aimed at achieving self-sufficiency and improving financial stability within



the fishing community. These forums serve as grassroots platforms where members collectively address local needs, promote sustainable livelihoods, and strengthen economic resilience.

Key Activities and Community Support Initiatives



The Fisheries Ministry implements a wide range of activities that have created a positive

impact within the community and contributed to the well-being of fisherfolk across the Archdiocese.

Food Kit Distribution at Region Level

Food kits were distributed to 25 bedridden patients in each of the six foranes—Anjengo, Valiyathura, Pulluvila, Puthukurichy, Kovalam and Thoothoor—providing essential support to vulnerable individuals.

Medical Assistance

The Fisheries Ministry extended medical assistance to patients across various foranes, helping them meet treatment expenses and access necessary care. Support was provided to individuals suffering from serious illnesses, including cancer, ensuring timely help during critical health challenges.



Fishing Market Visits and Issue Resolution

Animators from each region visited local fishing markets to identify operational challenges. During these visits, they engaged vendors and community members to understand pressing issues and offered practical solutions and actionable suggestions to enhance market operations and address the difficulties faced by fisher folk.

Financial Assistance for Deaths at Sea

During the reporting period, the Fisheries Ministry provided immediate financial assistance to the families of those who lost their lives at sea due to such calamities. This support aimed to help families meet urgent needs, offset income loss and ensure dignity during times of grief.

Financial support of ₹30,000 was provided to each families of 26 members who lost their lives at sea. A total amount of ₹7,80,000 was distributed to the deprived.

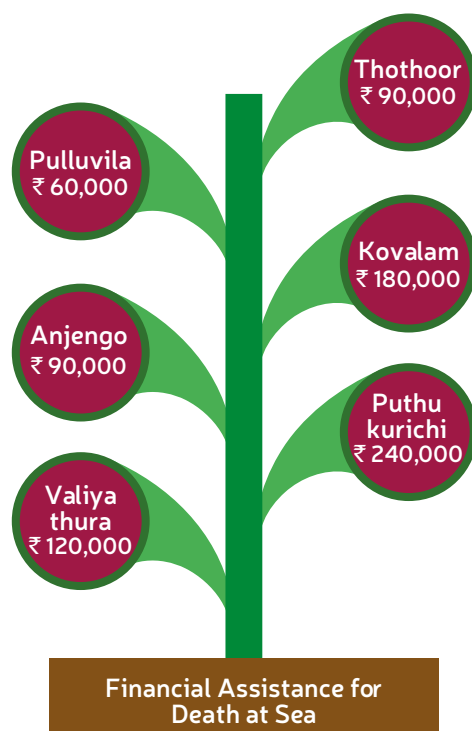
Rent Support for Displaced Fisher folk Families

Following the rehabilitation challenges arising from the eviction for Vizhinjam port, many fisher folk families were displaced and temporarily sheltered in a godown at Valiyathura. To aid their recovery, the Fisheries Ministry provided rent assistance to support their rehabilitation.

From March 2023 onwards, a total payment of ₹ 4,059,079 was provided to support 189 families until they were able to secure permanent housing.

Distribution of Fishing Boats, Onboard Engines & Fishing Nets

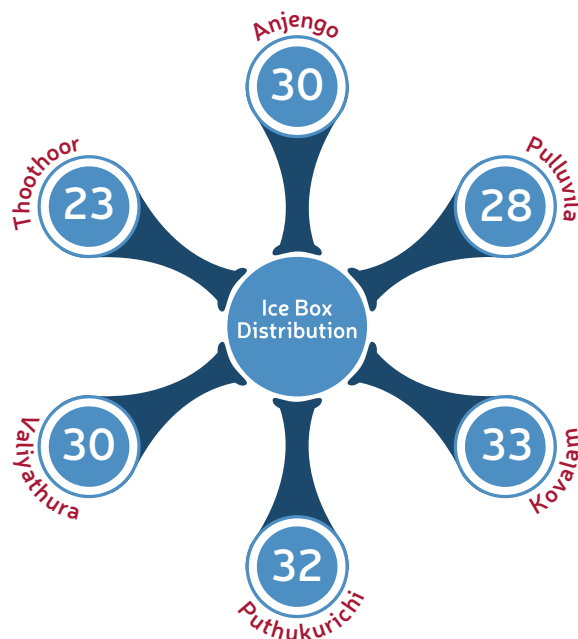
To strengthen the livelihoods of coastal fisher folk, 24 fishing boats equipped with onboard motors and fishing nets were distributed with sponsor support across the six regions.



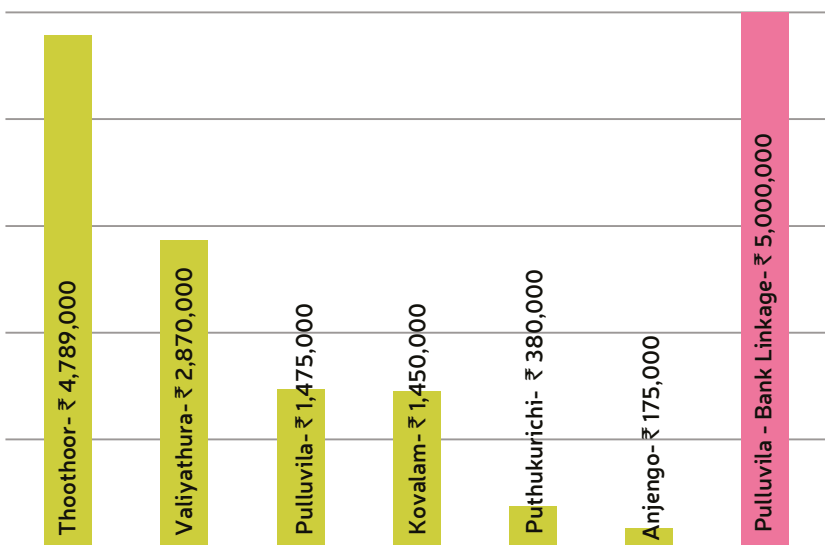
Ice Box Distribution for Fish Vendors

To help fish-vending women preserve fish quality and reduce post-harvest losses, the Ministry distributed 173 ice boxes across various regions. These boxes ensure product freshness during transportation and sales, leading to better market value and improved vendor income.

This initiative also supports food safety, customer trust, and economic empowerment for small-scale vendors—especially women who depend on fish vending as their primary livelihood.



Financial Inclusion to Build Economic Resilience



The Fisheries Ministry focused on improving community access to formal financial services. These efforts enabled families to manage risks more effectively, and reduce reliance on informal credit sources. During the reporting period, over **₹1 crore** was mobilized through forums and **₹50 lakhs** through bank linkage in Pulluvila region, facilitating various community development initiatives that directly contributed to the long-term stability and growth of fisherfolk households.

Self-Grooming and Capacity-Building Programmes

Awareness Classes

A series of targeted awareness programmes were organized to enhance the personal development, skills, and awareness of Fish-Vending Women and members of the Trivandrum Malsyathozhilali Forum (TMF). Conducted across all six regions and covering 11 topics, these awareness classes aimed to strengthen knowledge, boost self-confidence and promote informed participation in both community and family decision-making.

Fishermen's Day Celebrations

To honour the invaluable contributions of the fishing community and promote unity among coastal populations, the Fisheries Ministry organized Fishermen's Day celebrations across all regions.

The central celebration was held at Poonthura in the Kovalam Region on 16 November 2024. The grand public meeting was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto, Archbishop of the Trivandrum Latin Archdiocese, and inaugurated by Smt. Tharakai, MLA, Vilavancode. Thousands of fishermen and



women attended the event, during which 12 active fishermen aged 70 and above were honoured for their continued dedication to the sector. Financial assistance was extended to 26 dependents of fishermen who had lost their lives at sea. Cultural performances from various regions added colour and vibrancy to the occasion.

Symposium

As part of the celebration, a full-day symposium was held at TSSS, comprising four sessions that addressed seven major contemporary topics related to fisheries and coastal communities. The symposium was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Lawrence Culas, Ministries Co-ordinator and

the benedictory address was delivered by Very Rev. Msgr. Eugene H. Pereira, Vicar General.

Topics were presented by,

Dr. Benno Pereira	–	Assistant Professor, Kerala University
Smt. Abrahaami	–	President, Fishvending Women Development Society
Sri. Shibudasan	–	President, Conventional Seaworkers Community
Smt. Maglin Philomina	–	State Chairperson, Kerala Coastal Land Protection Forum
Dr. Johnson Jement	–	Indigenous Coastal Marine Researcher
Rev. Dr. Sabas Ignatius	–	Director, CADAL



The concluding public meeting was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto and inaugurated by Sri V. Sivankutty, Hon. Minister for General Education & Labour.



The celebrations successfully blended cultural festivities with scholarly engagement, creating a meaningful platform to honour the heritage and sacrifices of the fishing community while addressing key issues impacting marine livelihoods and coastal sustainability.

Proactive Intervention in Social and Coastal Challenges

Three-Day Awareness Walk against Sand Mining and Drug Abuse:

From March 27 to 29, 2024, the Fisheries Ministry Director, Fr. Lucians Thomas, led a three-day awareness walk spanning 64 km of the Thiruvananthapuram coastline, from Kollemcode to Kaikkara. The campaign sought to draw public

attention to the dual challenges of illegal sand mining and drug abuse, both of which severely affect the social fabric and environmental health of coastal communities.

The walk passed through numerous fishing hamlets, with participation from community members, youth groups, women's forums,

students, and local leaders. Along the route, participants carried banners and placards while conducting street plays, cultural performances, and interactive discussions to spread awareness.

Submissions:

In parallel with awareness efforts, petitions were submitted to various authorities to address urgent community concerns:

Support for Ockhi Disaster Victims

A petition was submitted to the District Collector on behalf of those who lost their lives in the Ockhi disaster but did not receive government compensation.

Sea Erosion in Coastal Villages

The Fisheries Ministry addressed the pressing challenges faced by various coastal villages which suffer annual losses of roads, houses, livelihoods, and assets due to severe sea erosion. The absence of timely government intervention has further aggravated the crisis, threatening both the safety and economic stability of these communities.

Issues at Muthalappozhi Fishing Harbour

In Thazhampally village, the Muthalappozhi harbour faces ongoing challenges due to sand bars and rough waves, particularly during the monsoon season, causing severe damage to homes and livelihoods. A formal submission was made to the Minister of Fisheries, Shri. Saji Cheriyan, urging immediate remedial action.

Presbyterium Evaluation and Accreditation

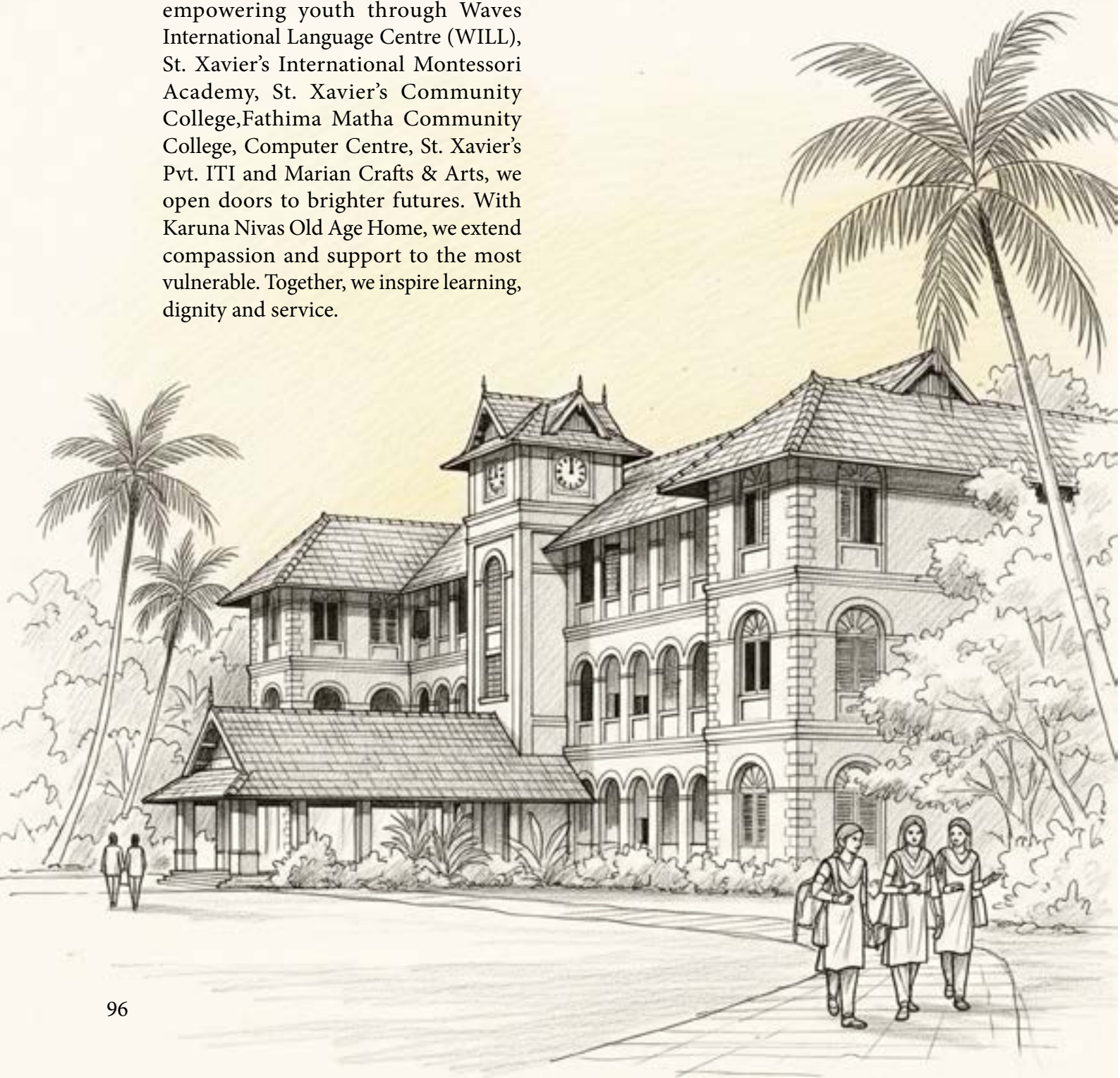
In the Presbyterium, the Archbishop of the Latin Archdiocese entrusted the Fisheries Ministry Team, led by Director Fr. Lucians Thomas, with the task of evaluating and reviewing the ministry's social intervention initiatives. The team—comprised Fr. Malbin Susai, Fr. Jenisten, Fr. Cosmos Thopil and Fr. Jacob Mario. Following their evaluation, a detailed report was prepared and presented to the Archbishop.



Our Seas, Our Strength, Our Future.

INSTITUTIONS

Our family of institutions is dedicated to education, care, and community service. From nurturing young minds at Mother Teresa Day Care Centre to empowering youth through Waves International Language Centre (WILL), St. Xavier's International Montessori Academy, St. Xavier's Community College, Fathima Matha Community College, Computer Centre, St. Xavier's Pvt. ITI and Marian Crafts & Arts, we open doors to brighter futures. With Karuna Nivas Old Age Home, we extend compassion and support to the most vulnerable. Together, we inspire learning, dignity and service.





Waves International Language Learning Centre (WILL)

Waves International Language Learning Centre (WILL), Palayam, was established in 2024 under the Trivandrum Social Service Society with a vision to empower marginalized communities by offering high-quality German language training at an affordable cost. Our mission is to open pathways to international education and employment by equipping students with strong linguistic skills, cultural awareness and career guidance. At WILL, learners are nurtured in a vibrant learning culture that empowers them to rise above limitations and achieve new heights in the global arena.

Infrastructure and Facilities

Waves International Language Learning Centre (WILL) is equipped with state-of-the-art classrooms, thoughtfully designed to provide students with an optimal learning environment. The Centre features modern facilities including televisions, internet access and computer systems, enabling interactive and engaging learning sessions that enhance both linguistic and cultural understanding.

In addition to language training, the Centre offers computer skills and soft skills classes to strengthen students' digital literacy and overall competence. This wholistic approach ensures that learners gain not only language proficiency but also essential technological and professional skills to thrive in global opportunities.

The Institute is also equipped with dedicated



spaces for online and hybrid classes, enabling direct interaction with native German speakers. This immersive method enhances language learning and provides students with authentic exposure to real-life communication.



Academic Programmes



At Waves International Language Learning Centre (WILL), German language training is delivered by certified and highly experienced faculty members who combine strong academic expertise with practical communication skills, enabling students

to gain confidence in real-world interactions. To ensure consistent progress, the Centre conducts weekly assessments and internal examinations, while also preparing students for international certification through collaboration with **Worldwide Bildung**. In addition,

cultural integration sessions are organized to familiarize learners with the traditions and lifestyle of native German communities.

During the academic year 2024–2025, WILL successfully enrolled over 250 students across six batches. The student community represents diverse backgrounds, with special emphasis on supporting marginalized groups through affordable fee structures and scholarship opportunities. This inclusive approach ensures that quality education remains accessible to all.

Special Initiatives

Waves International Language Learning Centre emphasizes wholistic development through a range of special initiatives. The centre celebrates cultural events such

as Onam, Christmas and other festivals with great enthusiasm, fostering unity and cultural awareness among students. It also regularly organizes career guidance sessions with native

German speakers and industry experts, offering learners valuable insights into academic pathways and professional opportunities in Germany.



Communication & Outreach

To ensure accessibility and effective engagement with students and parents, the institution maintains a strong digital presence through multiple channels:

Website (www.willcentre.in): Official updates, admissions, and course information

LinkedIn: Connecting with global professionals and showcasing academic achievements

WhatsApp: Student communication, batch coordination, and real-time updates

Email (info@willcentre.in): Official correspondence, progress reports, and exam updates

This multi-channel communication system keeps students and parents consistently connected with the institute.

The year 2024–2025 marked a strong beginning for Waves International Language Learning Centre. With dedicated faculty, modern infrastructure and a clear vision, the institution has already made a meaningful impact on the lives of many students. Guided by our mission to empower individuals, especially the marginalized, through language and opportunity, we remain committed to expanding our reach, fostering innovation, and building on this success in the years ahead.

St. Xavier's International Montessori Academy

Established in 2022 under the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), St. Xavier's International Montessori Academy has remained steadfast in its mission to empower women through quality teacher training. In line with the National Education Policy (NEP), which emphasizes the significance of early childhood education from the Pre-KG level, the Academy is committed to preparing skilled and competent kindergarten teachers to meet this emerging demand. This report presents the academic milestones and vibrant extracurricular activities that enriched the past year.

2024-25 in Focus

The academic year 2024-25 was marked by significant growth and a dynamic learning environment. We welcomed a dedicated group of 17 students into our one-year Diploma in Montessori Teacher Training programme. Our curriculum, meticulously designed for hands-on learning, included a comprehensive 15 to 20-day teaching practice where our students gained valuable real-world experience in various schools. This was complemented by an intensive 15 to 20-day practical session at SRC-affiliated centres where they mastered Montessori methodologies and materials. We are delighted to announce that several of our students have already secured placements, a testament to their dedication and our programme's effectiveness.



Campus Life and Student Activities

The year was enriched by a diverse and vibrant calendar of co-curricular and cultural events, all organized and executed by our talented student-teachers. These activities were crucial in fostering creativity, teamwork, and a strong sense of community within the academy.



Celebrations & Festivities:

Our students organized enthusiastic celebrations for major festivals, including Onam and Christmas, bringing a festive spirit to the campus. Special occasions like Independence Day and Teachers' Day were also observed with respect and reverence.



Co-curricular Programmes

The academic year kicked off with a fun-filled Fresher's Day to welcome the new batch. Later in the year, students showcased their diverse skills and creativity at Talents' Day. The much-

anticipated Food Fest provided a platform for students to display their culinary talents and share a taste of different traditions.

Educational Excursion

An educational one-day trip was organized, providing a welcome opportunity for learning and camaraderie outside the traditional classroom setting.



Farewell Ceremony

The year concluded with a heartfelt farewell ceremony, celebrating the students' journey and preparing them for their future as professional educators.



A Legacy of Excellence

In our inaugural year, we began with 13 students and proudly achieved a 100% pass rate, with several of our first-batch graduates securing placements in reputed schools. Building on this success, our second batch of 16 students again achieved a 100% pass rate and further distinguished

themselves by securing the first, second, and third ranks in the state-wide SRC examination. To honour these outstanding accomplishments, an awards ceremony presided over by Monsignor E. Wilfred, in the presence of TSSS Director Fr. Ashlin Jose and our institution's head, Fr. Rajeesh V.

Rajan, was held to congratulate the rank holders and all our successful students. During the current year, we continue this momentum with 17 students and remain confident of achieving another year of outstanding performance.



The 2024–25 academic year clearly reflects our institution's unwavering commitment to delivering quality education and nurturing excellence. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated faculty, our diligent students, and the TSSS management for their steadfast support and encouragement throughout the year.

St. Xavier's Community College

St. Xavier's Community College, a centrally accredited vocational institution under T.S.S.S., advances these goals by opening the doors of higher education to underprivileged yet talented students—irrespective of caste or creed—and empowering them to achieve self-reliance, striving to transform potential into opportunity.

The 19th academic batch began in June 2024. 201 students enrolled for various vocational trades and received the required study materials under a government-approved curriculum.

Professional Skills Enhancement



Skill and Personality Development Sessions

The college offers a comprehensive Personality and Skill Development Classes designed to foster wholistic growth and equip students with essential skills for academic, personal and professional success.

Communication Skills:

Interactive sessions enhance verbal and non-verbal communication, including public speaking, presentation skills, and active listening.

Self-Confidence & Awareness:

Engaging activities help students understand their strengths, weaknesses, values and aspirations.

Emotional Intelligence:

The programme teaches stress management, resilience, mindfulness, conflict resolution and maintaining a positive attitude.

Through this programme, students gain the confidence and competencies needed to excel in all aspects of life.

Training Programmes

To strengthen student capabilities, the college organized training in grammar, spoken English, leadership, and personality development. Spoken English classes were conducted by Prof. James Patrose. Personality development sessions were facilitated by Mr. Biju Simon.

Practical Experience

The college offers well-equipped on-campus laboratories, including a Data Entry Lab, Welding Lab, House Wiring Lab, and Electrical Lab, providing students with hands-on learning opportunities. To bridge classroom learning with real-world experience, the college facilitates practical training through placements at reputed institutions. Other partner institutions for practical training include: Ananthapuri Hospitals, KIMS Hospitals, Jubilee Memorial Hospital and Samad Hospital.



Awareness Initiatives

Awareness sessions were conducted on socially relevant topics.

- An anti-drug awareness programme was led by Janamaithri Police Officers.
- Additional sessions were organized on special occasions by guest speakers, the principal, and faculty members.



Sexual Awareness Programme

Committed to fostering a safe and informed community, the college successfully conducted a comprehensive sexual awareness class for students. The primary objectives of the programme were:

- Educate students about their bodies and different types of touch (good, bad or confusing).
- Empower students to identify and report unsafe situations or inappropriate behavior.
- Teach students about personal boundaries and respecting the boundaries of others.
- Foster an environment where students feel comfortable discussing concerns with trusted adults.



This programme complements the college's broader Personality Development initiatives, supporting students' overall growth, confidence and wellbeing.

Learning with real-world experience

As part of its community engagement and practical learning initiatives, the college organizes visits to hospitals for students. These visits provide students with first-hand exposure to healthcare settings, helping them understand hospital operations, patient care and the responsibilities of healthcare professionals.



Celebrating Culture, Unity, and Spirit

The college celebrates a variety of cultural, national and social events, fostering a vibrant and inclusive campus.

Onam: Traditional festivities showcase Kerala's rich heritage.

Teachers' Day: Honouring the invaluable contributions of teachers with warmth and respect.

Independence Day: Flag hoisting and National Anthem inspire patriotism.

World Environment Day: Activities promote sustainability, conservation, and tree planting.

International Nurses Day: Recognizing the dedication and compassion of nurses.

Anti-Drug Campaign & Flash Mob: Creative performances raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and promote hope and recovery.



Achievements & Recognition

Most Preferred Skill Centre: Recognized within TSSS for excellence in skill education.

Outstanding Results: Maintains a **98% pass rate**, above national averages.

Career Ready Graduates: Students quickly secure jobs in industries, service centres and hospitals.

Community Approved: High student satisfaction and strong community acceptance make St. Xavier's a model institution.

With a decade of excellence, St. Xavier's continues to set the benchmark in skill education. Combining high academic standards, strong industry connections and community trust, the college not only equips students with practical skills but also prepares them for meaningful careers and responsible citizenship.

Fathima Matha Community College

Established in 2014 as a branch of St. Xavier's Community College and affiliated as a government-approved vocational education institution under the patronage of the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), Fatima Matha Community College, Karumkulam, upholds the motto ***“Including the Excluded, Giving the Best to the Least, Learn to Earn.”*** The college is dedicated to empowering individuals, especially the underprivileged in coastal communities and those facing barriers for traditional college education by offering focused skill development and vocational training. Through these efforts, it strives to create enhanced employment opportunities both in India and abroad.

Key Areas of Focus

Fatima Matha Community College provides inclusive vocational training that equips students, particularly from marginalized and coastal communities with practical, job-oriented skills. Through hands-on training, strong industry linkages and career counselling, the college enhances students' employability and supports successful job placement. It also offers life and soft skills training, community outreach to promote enrolment and comprehensive student support services, ensuring that all learners are empowered to succeed.



Admissions

A pivotal staff meeting was held on April 15, 2024, chaired by Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Rajeesh V. Rajan and the Principal. The meeting

focused on the importance of guiding applicants in selecting vocational courses that align with both career aspirations and current market demands.

A total of 118 students enrolled

for the 2024–25 academic year in various Central Government-recognized trades under NIOS and NSDC. The admission were as follows:

Courses	No. of Students
Welding Technology	11
Plumbing & Sanitation	12
House Wiring & Electrical Appliance Repairing	12
Data Entry Operation	2
General Duty Assistant (GDA)	67
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	17
Basic Computer	81

Student Participation in Observance Days

World Environment Day was observed with a tree-planting programme led by Fr. Augustine John, along with sessions on sustainability and waste management. On World Anti-Drug Day, Coast Guard Sub-Inspector Mr. Alphy delivered an awareness talk on substance abuse and its legal consequences. Independence Day included elocution and quiz competitions, flag hoisting, cultural activities, and outreach to elderly care homes with handmade flags. Teachers' Day was marked by thank-you cards, cultural events, games, an appreciation board and a video tribute to educators. Gandhi Jayanthi was commemorated through campus and classroom cleaning drives involving students and staff.



Building Competence and Awareness

Moksham 2K25 – Anti-Drug Awareness

A youth gathering focused on anti-drug awareness (Lakharikkethire Yuvajana Sangamam), inaugurated by Sri. Sojan, Sub Inspector of Police, Poovar. He delivered an impactful session on the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of a drug-free lifestyle.

Pre-Departure Orientation

A session led by Mr. Arun from NORKA for students aspiring to work abroad. It covered international labour laws and migrant workers' rights, equipping participants for overseas employment.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training

A programme designed to equip students with essential skills for emergency response and pre-hospital care, including basic life support, first aid, patient assessment, and stabilization techniques for medical emergencies.



Fatima Matha Community College upholds its mission of empowering students through quality education, practical training, and value-based programmes, preparing them for professional success and responsible citizenship within a vibrant and inclusive learning environment.

St. Xavier's Computer Centre

Established in 1993, St. Xavier's Computer Centre (SXCC) has been a pioneer in delivering high-quality IT education for more than 32 years. Situated in the heart of Kerala's capital city, Trivandrum, the centre has earned a strong reputation as one of the state's leading IT training institutions.

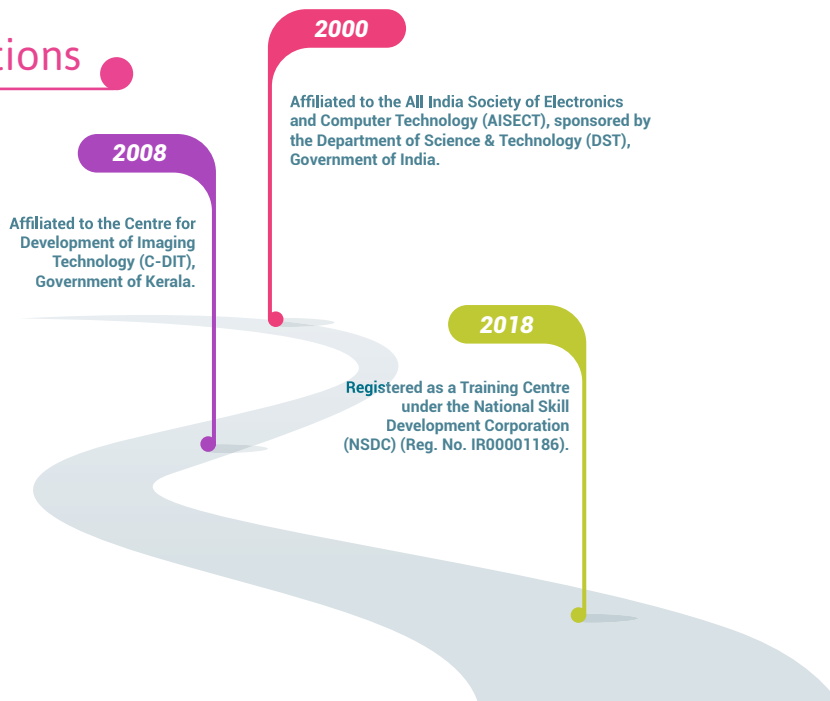
The Centre specializes in job-oriented and industry-specific training in computer software and hardware, offering students the flexibility to enhance their skills alongside their regular college studies or professional careers.

Affiliations & Recognitions

2000 – Affiliated to the All India Society of Electronics and Computer Technology (AISECT), sponsored by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

2008 – Affiliated to the Centre for Development of Imaging Technology (C-DIT), Government of Kerala.

2018 – Registered as a Training Centre under the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) (Reg. No. IR00001186).



St. Xavier's Computer Centre presently offers nearly 50 diverse on-campus and online programmes—including Post Graduate, Diploma, Certificate and Advanced-Skill training—recognized by C-DIT (Government of Kerala) and NSDC (Govt. Of India), ensuring excellence and career relevance.

Achievements in 2024–2025

The academic year 2024–2025 was marked by significant growth and meaningful community impact. Key achievements include:

Student Admissions

Total admissions during the reporting year was (C-DIT & SXCC): 371 students

Financial Support & Concessions

Fee concessions provided to 107 BPL & SC/ST students, amounting to ₹1,79,000

Community Engagement

In 2024-25, 45% of total admissions were from community students, reflecting our commitment to inclusive education by supporting marginalized and talented youth in skill acquisition and empowering.

Digital Marketing Initiatives

Implemented targeted social media campaigns to boost student admissions and enhance institutional visibility, increasing the reach of our institution to deserving students

Key Objectives

As we look ahead, SXCC has set ambitious yet achievable objectives for the upcoming academic year;

Community Empowerment

Increase admissions of community students by providing 25–30% fee concessions, thereby ensuring that marginalized, deserving, and talented youth gain greater access to affordable, high-quality IT education.

Enhanced Marketing & Outreach

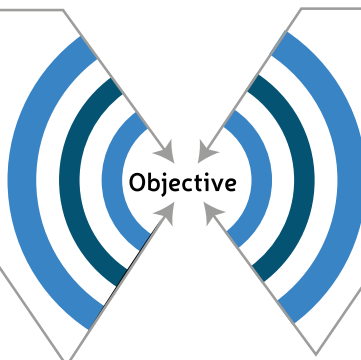
Expand outreach through JustDial, Google Ads, social media platforms, and print media to reach a wider student base, strengthen institutional visibility, and actively engage learners from both urban and rural communities.

Stronger Industry Alignment

Introduce innovative, career-driven training programmes aligned with current market trends, empowering students with in-demand skills and maximizing their employability opportunities.

Student-Centric Approach

Enhance experiential learning by expanding opportunities for hands-on training, industry projects, and internships, preparing students to graduate with the competence and confidence needed for competitive careers.



SXCC has established itself as one of Kerala's trusted institutions for IT training, guiding thousands of students towards meaningful careers in technology and related fields. With a focus on excellence, affordability and inclusivity, we continue to serve learners from diverse backgrounds, particularly those with limited resources. By strengthening opportunities in software, hardware and emerging technologies, SXCC strives to enhance employability, build confidence and prepare students to succeed in today's competitive digital world.

St. Xavier's Pvt. ITI & Institute of Technology



Established in 1994, St. Xavier's ITI operates under the Thiruvananthapuram Social Service Society of the Latin Archdiocese. Our core mission is to empower socially and economically disadvantaged youth, especially from coastal areas, through high-quality technical education. As an NCVT-affiliated and State Government-recognized institution, the 2024-2025 academic year was marked by significant achievements and a continued commitment to student success.

Key Achievements of the Year

- **Top District Ranking:** We achieved the position of the second-best Private ITI in the district, securing an excellent ITI grading score of 157/250 (Grade: 3.14).
- **Academic Excellence:** We are proud to have maintained our perfect record with a 100% pass rate in the all-India NCVT examinations.
- **Sports & Arts Champions:** Our trainees won the Overall Championship Trophy at the 2024 Private ITI Sports and Arts Meet, showcasing their diverse talents.

Courses Offered

We provide industry-relevant, government-approved vocational training in the following trades:

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|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| • Draughtsman Civil | (2 Years) | • Fire & Safety Engineering | (1 Year) |
| • Electronics Mechanic | (2 Years) | • X-Ray Welding | (6 Months) |
| • Plumber | (1 Year) | | |

Specialized computer courses for women's empowerment

Key Activities & Developments

This year was vibrant with activities aimed at practical skill enhancement and wholistic development

Infrastructure Development: Our Computer Lab and Electronics Lab were officially renovated and inaugurated by TSSS Director Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose and Asst. Director Rev. Fr. Rajeesh V. Rajan, further enhancing our training facilities.



Campus Celebrations: Independence Day was celebrated with a patriotic flag-hoisting ceremony. The Onam festival of 2024 was celebrated with great enthusiasm, featuring traditional games like Tug of War (Vadam Vali), Uriyadi and a grand Onam Sadhya. Christmas celebrations were held on December 23rd, with a message and cake-cutting ceremony led by Rev. Fr. Rajeesh V. Rajan.

Skill Development Initiative

In a unique collaboration with the Asian Paints, we organized a free vocational skill course to train youth in painting and surface finishing for self-employment.

Practical & Industrial Training

Students participated in an off-campus Total Station Survey (Civil), job training at ICPS GLOBAL (Electronics), and an industrial visit to Mattupetty Power Station.

Convocation Ceremony

A formal convocation ceremony was held for the successful trainees of the 2022 - 2024 and 2023 - 2024 batches. Top performers from each trade were felicitated with special trophies and certificates by TSSS Director, Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose and Asst. Director Rev. Fr. Rajeesh V. Rajan.

Student Support

We continued to facilitate crucial financial aid for our students, including Government Minority Scholarships, Fisheries Department benefits and Ockhi relief support.

As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to our mission of transforming lives through technical skill and education.





Marian Craft and Arts Centre of Excellence



Established by the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS) with the esteemed support of Chev. Don Guido H. Hangartan, Ph.D., the Marian Craft and Arts Centre of Excellence (MCAC) is a premier institution dedicated to nurturing and transforming young talent into highly skilled professionals. We are proud to be affiliated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and approved by the State Resource Centre (SRC), Government of Kerala. Recent developments include the establishment of the Marian International Trade Testing Centre and a fully equipped, well-maintained service area that supports practical, hands-on learning for candidates.

Courses and Training Programmes

NSDC Approved Skill Development Courses:



Advanced Welding Technology (NSFQ Level 3, and 4) with specializations in Metal Arc, Gas, MIG and TIG welding. The duration of these courses is 3 months, 6 months, or one year.

SRC Kerala Approved Computer Courses:



- Diploma in Computer Applications
- Diploma in Electrical & Electronics Application
- Certificate courses in Financial Accounting, Data Entry Operations, Desktop Publishing, and Word Processing

Infrastructure and Facilities

MCAC is committed to providing exceptional facilities that create a positive learning environment for students. These facilities include:

Well-Equipped Labs, Smart Classrooms, Computer Lab, Welding Lab, etc..



Green Campus: The institution has a "Go Green" initiative, which focuses on waste management, water conservation, and energy efficiency. The campus has been awarded an "A" grade as a "GREEN INSTITUTION" by the Haritha Keralam Mission, Government of Kerala

Events and Activities

Throughout the year, the MCAC hosted a variety of events and activities to enrich the student experience and engage with the community.

Practical Sessions: Students gained hands-on experience in gas cutting and structural welding under the guidance of experienced instructors. Practical examinations were also held to help students demonstrate their skills

Product Making Week: Students celebrated a Product Making Week, during which they designed, developed, and displayed various products, fostering teamwork and an entrepreneurial spirit



Personality Development Session: A session was held to help students with personal growth, communication, and leadership skills, and to develop a positive mindset.



Women's Day: The institution celebrated Women's Day on March 8th, with students sharing stories of influential women in their lives. Members of KLCWA were also in attendance.



Basic Painting Certificate Course: In collaboration with Asian Paints, a basic painting certificate course was conducted for students and local youth, with sessions led by experts from the company



Women's Empowerment Program

("Arise 2025"): A one-day programme, "Arise 2025," was held to empower women from the community and help them realize their potential as sources of strength and growth. An advanced painting course was provided to 25 women who participated in the programme. The duration of the course was 5 days where they learned advance techniques of art and painting.

Marian International Trade Testing Centre

MCAC has initiated the development of the Marian International Trade Testing Centre, aimed at transforming our existing infrastructure into a state-of-the-art, professional testing environment. The upgraded facility includes air-conditioned interview cubicles, a dedicated candidate waiting area, and additional amenities to support standardized testing and certification across a wide range of trade skills.



MCAC: Empowering Students for Career Success

At MCAC, we are committed to facilitating a smooth and successful transition for our students into the professional world. Our dedicated Placement Cell and Career Support Services provide a range of resources designed to prepare students for rewarding careers, including:

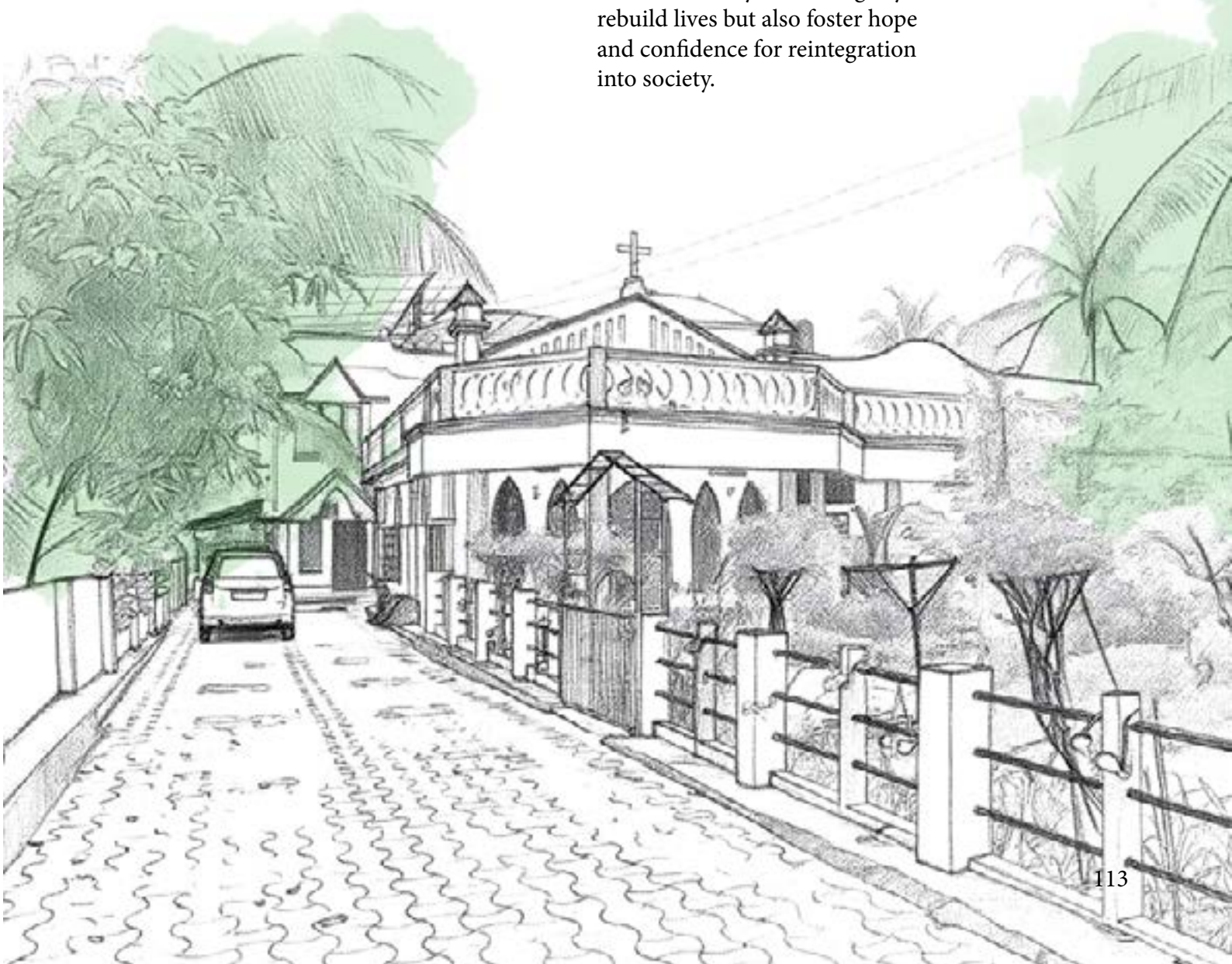
- Internship Opportunities
- Job Placement Assistance
- Career Counselling and Guidance
- Industry Connections and Networking Events

Through our robust placement drive, 90% of our students have secured employment, a testament to our effective support systems and industry partnerships.

Guided by our vision, "One Family, One Job," we aim to uplift individuals, families, and communities. With the new Marian International Trade Testing Centre and growing partnerships, we continue to build a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Rehabilitation Centres

The Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), the social action wing of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, runs rehabilitation centres for the marginalized, offering shelter, treatment, and holistic support for those battling addiction, mental illness, and social neglect. These centres not only restore dignity and rebuild lives but also foster hope and confidence for reintegration into society.



Mother Teresa Day Care Centre

*“Serving with Love,
Empowering Every Child”*

Key Areas of Focus ●

At Mother Teresa Day Care Centre, each child learns through a personalised, child-centred plan tailored to their individual abilities and stage of development.

Our Approach

We follow an age-appropriate grouped learning model from pre-primary to vocational levels, supported by a structured curriculum with textbooks, teacher guides and SCERT-aligned progress reports. Home-based support through regular follow-up sessions ensures that no child is left behind, while holistic development is promoted through physiotherapy, speech therapy, bend training, physical education, gardening and horticulture.

Teacher & Caregiver Training Programmes

A dedicated group of teachers, therapists and support staff work together to help every child learn, grow and thrive in a nurturing environment.

SCERT Programmes : Inclusive education and child-specific teaching strategies.

In-House Training : Skill-building sessions with directors, special educators, staff and parents.

CRE Workshops : Multi-sensory learning and modern rehabilitation techniques.

Psycho-Social Sessions : Empower parents and caretakers to guide their children effectively.

Established in 2004 Chavady, under TSSS, the centre is inspired by St. Mother Teresa and is dedicated to supporting children with disabilities, including cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome and learning difficulties. At Mother Teresa Day Care Centre, we believe every child has the right to learn, grow and thrive. Through compassion, dedication and expert care, we empower children to reach their fullest potential.



Praveshanolsavam 2024 ●

The 2024–25 academic year commenced with a joyful opening ceremony on 3 June 2024, as students arrived in new attire amidst colourful decorations and festive head caps. Teachers and staff welcomed them warmly with sweets, while Fr. Ashlin Jose, Director of TSSS, along with local dignitaries, extended their best wishes for a successful year ahead.



Building Skills & Confidence ●

At Mother Teresa Day Care Centre, we help children develop talents, social skills and life skills to foster independence. During the year, various types of training and activities were provided:



Life Skills Training	Self-care, decision-making, emotional regulation, hygiene, time management and vocational abilities
Value-Based Learning	Each event highlights cultural, national and emotional values, promoting holistic personality development
Showcasing Talents	Dance, music, art, skits and cultural activities
Celebrations & Events	Onam, Christmas, Independence Day, Mother's & Father's Day, Children's Day and more

Therapy for Independence ●

During this year, our children received Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy to support their physical, functional and overall development. Individualized sessions, guided by experts and supported by the community, help children overcome physical and communication challenges. These therapies enable them to gain independence, participate confidently in daily activities and integrate better into the community.



Awareness for Families & Educators ●

A session on “How to Access Government Support for Special Students” empowered parents, teachers and caretakers.

Expert guidance was provided by Mr. Manikuttan, covering disability certification, educational concessions,

financial aid, transport and welfare schemes.

Special Day Celebrations ●

In the reporting year, at Mother Teresa Day Care Centre, we celebrated a variety of special days and festivals throughout the year, giving children opportunities to express their talents, learn values and enjoy cultural experiences.

Environment Day :

Students engaged in sapling planting, poster-making and awareness talks, promoting environmental responsibility.

Reading Day:

Commemorating P.N. Panicker, students enjoyed storytelling, group reading and inclusive learning activities to foster literacy.

Independence Day:

Children performed in musical bands, wore themed costumes and received prizes for artistic presentations.

Painting Competition:

Pre-competition training encouraged creativity, all children participated inclusively, with prizes awarded for outstanding efforts.

Onam Celebration:

Cultural events included floral carpet, group songs, dances, traditional games and prize distribution.

CEFEE Program:

Students showcased talents at Tagore Theatre, participating in cultural and interactive sessions to boost confidence and expression.

Children's Day:

Artistic performances by students and teachers highlighted creativity and celebrated the joy of childhood.

World Disability Day:

Activities and performances promoted inclusion, dignity and empowerment for differently-abled individuals.

Christmas Celebration:

Festivities included carol singing, nativity skit and gift exchange, creating a warm, inclusive atmosphere.

Annual Day:

A vibrant celebration featuring cultural programmes, prize distributions and recognition of student achievements, graced by Rev. Fr. Ashlin Jose, Director TSSS, and Hon. MLA Mr. M. Vincent.

These celebrations nurture creativity, social skills, cultural awareness and confidence, while offering every child the chance to participate meaningfully and joyfully.





Wellness for Every Child ●

On March 24, 2024, a medical camp was held at Mother Teresa Day Care Centre to support Children with special needs

Expert Care: Doctors from ENT, Orthopaedics, Neurology and General Medicine conducted evaluations.

Inclusive Participation: Children from our centre and nearby institutions attended.

Support for Families: Guidance on disability certification and accessing government schemes.



Learning Beyond Classrooms ●

As part of recreational and experiential learning, children enjoyed a joyful outing to Sanghumugham Beach, Vettucaud Church, and Veli Lake. They relished the sea breeze, open spaces and scenic views, engaging in light activities and

exploration. These outings offer a refreshing break from routine, fostering social skills, confidence and sensory experiences in a joyful environment.

At Mother Teresa Day Care Centre, we nurture the unique abilities of every child with disabilities. Through personalized learning, skill development, therapies, cultural celebrations and experiential outings, we create a supportive and inclusive environment. Our goal is to help each child gain confidence, develop independence and explore life with curiosity, while guiding families and caregivers to provide consistent support along the way.

Karuna Niwas

Under the Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), functions a short-stay home for women and girls in distress from marginalized and underprivileged communities in Trivandrum. The initiative supports girls from economically and socially backward, broken families by offering them shelter, food, guidance and an opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Our mission is to provide shelter and care for vulnerable girl children, ensure access to education for



orphans and the marginalized, and work towards eradicating illiteracy, unemployment and

child labour. We strive to build an educated, empowered and socially responsible society.

Healing Hearts, Building Futures

Our staff identify children affected by various forms of abuse—physical, sexual, emotional and harmful parental behaviours—through field visits and contacts, enabling early intervention.

Boarding facilities offer children a well-structured living environment with all essential amenities. Their days follow a systematic timetable, ensuring equal care and support for all inmates.

Caretakers offer guidance on healthy child–parent relationships and home visits are conducted as needed. Specialized counselling and partial treatment support are provided for addicted parents in collaboration with a de-addiction centre.

Life skill training sessions covered time management, decision-making, stress management, adolescent behaviour, interpersonal skills, leadership, environmental awareness, resilience, communication, problem-solving, critical and creative thinking, emotional coping and personality development.





Children regularly engage in prayer, meditation, exercise, yoga and gardening, which together foster their development. Physical activities and yoga improve their strength, flexibility and overall health, while also encouraging self-control. Gardening gives them an opportunity to connect with nature, learn responsibility and appreciate environmental stewardship.

Faith and Value-Based Programs

Karuna Niwas, recognizes the importance of spiritual growth in promoting mental and physical wellness. As part of its wholistic development programme, the home conducts daily prayers, holy masses and other spiritual activities.



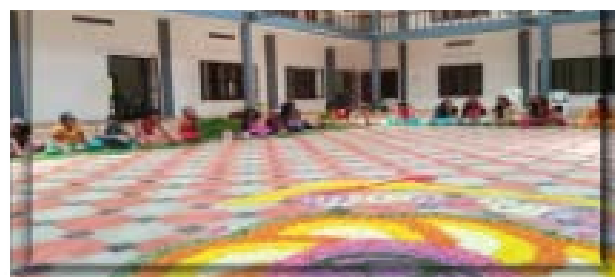
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CREATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

The programme aims to nurture leadership qualities in students by equipping them with the knowledge, practical skills and ethical values required to grow into responsible and service-minded leaders of tomorrow.



Celebrating Special Days

Special occasions such as Onam, International Yoga Day, Independence Day and Christmas were celebrated with great enthusiasm, creating joyful and meaningful experiences for the girls. The 78th Independence Day inspired pride and patriotism, while the Christmas celebration fostered unity and festive cheer. Regular exposure tours and outings further enhanced social interaction, relaxation and experiential learning beyond the home environment.



Aswas Bhavan

A home away from home

Continuing its noble mission of serving the most needy and marginalized, the Trivandrum Social Service Society has recently taken over the management of Aswas Bhavan at Vilappilsala,

Thiruvananthapuram. This Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre was previously managed by the Amma Charitable Trust. With this new responsibility, TSSS aims to strengthen and expand the care, rehabilitation and support provided to individuals affected by mental health challenges, ensuring continuity of services and improved quality of life for the residents.

Aims and Objectives

The primary aim of the Trust is to serve the needy and underprivileged, irrespective of caste, creed, religion, race or colour. The objectives include

- Supporting the poor in accessing education and essential opportunities.
- Assisting with marriage support for economically weaker families.
- Extending care to orphans, widows, the elderly, the sick and the hungry.
- Establishing institutions for persons with physical disabilities, mental challenges, or special needs, and ensuring they receive food, shelter, clothing, education and palliative care.



Aswas Bhavan currently houses 54 inmates, most of whom are discharged mental health patients from hospitals and sanatoriums. Many among them have been brought to the centre by the police and are individuals who have been abandoned or rejected by their families. The management ensures that the residents remain meaningfully engaged by involving them in farmland activities and providing job-oriented training, thereby fostering dignity, self-reliance and hope for reintegration into society.



Takeover and Inauguration

The Centre was formally taken over by the Archdiocese to be assisted by TSSS on 5th September 2024, in a solemn ceremony marked by the blessing of the renovated building by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Netto, Archbishop of the Latin

Archdiocese of Trivandrum. On the same day, 17 inmates from Sadhana Renewal Centre of TSSS were admitted to Aswas Bhavan, marking the beginning of a new phase of service and care.

Current Status and Activities

At present, Aswas Bhavan accommodates 54 inmates, cared for by a dedicated team of 11 staff members who ensure their well-being and daily needs. In addition to residential care, the Centre has extended its support to the wider community by assisting four widows with monthly financial aid of ₹500 each, and providing ₹1,500 per month to two individuals. Furthermore, support was given to two families to help them complete the construction of their houses, reflecting the Centre's broader mission of social welfare.



Divya Santhi Asramam

Divya Santhi Ashram Rehabilitation Centre is a community Home started under the social action wing of Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum (TSSS). Home with a capacity of 50 inmates from the street, families, Govt. institutions and NGOs who are affected by severe mental illness



OCB Reg No:1459

(under rule 9 of Kerala Registration of Board of Control for Orphanages and Other Charitable Homes Act 1960)

MISSION

To enhance mental health awareness, promote individual empowerment and increase access to treatment and services for persons living with mental illness. We work to help people by serving mental health and community support needs through direct service, policy advocacy and outreach.

VISION

Our vision is to improve the lives of those living with mental illness and provide emotional wellness for individuals and families as we strive to deliver services and support necessary to improve the quality of life .

Our Services

The community home covers the individual's basic needs by providing accommodation, healthy food, personal health maintenance, primary care and rehabilitation. In addition to this, wherever possible, residents will be encouraged to participate in the different domestic tasks and daily running of the establishment ,in order to learn and improve skills which will help them to increase their degree of autonomy.

Programmes

- ▶ Psycho Education Programme
- ▶ Self Care and Daily Routine
- ▶ Counseling, Vocational Training and Family Support
- ▶ Motor Exercises Programme
- ▶ Stress Management



Pratheeksha IRCA

Pratheeksha Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addiction (IRCA), a unit of Trivandrum Social Service Society (TSSS), has been at the forefront of the fight against drug and alcohol addiction since its establishment in 1994. Each year, we provide treatment and care to an average of 550 individuals, extending our services to patients from across Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

With the dedicated support of 17 permanent staff members, our mission is to guide individuals who have lost control over their lives, helping

them overcome addiction, resolve personal challenges, and rebuild a healthier future.

Pratheeksha IRCA operates with the support of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, remaining committed to restoring hope and dignity to those in need.

At Pratheeksha IRCA, our vision is to create a drug-free society by helping individuals break free from the grip of

substance abuse and alcoholism, thereby fostering a healthier and more productive population in India. Guided by our mission, we work to empower marginalized communities such as fishermen, slum dwellers, and labourers, along with all persons affected by chemical dependency, by providing holistic recovery support without discrimination of caste, creed, gender, or belief.



Our Services

- Meditation/ Yoga
- Psychological Assessment
- Individual, Child, Family Counselling
- Recreational Facilities
- Re-Educative Class
- Psychiatric and other references.
- Outreach programme.
- Group Activities
- Follow Up

Therapies:

- Occupational Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Laughing Therapy.
- Music Therapy.
- Ribbon Therapy.
- Art Therapy

Other interventional programmes:

- Detoxification
- Spiritual Guidance
- After care home visits
- Training for students



Sadhana Renewal Centre



Sadhana Renewal Rehabilitation Centre, at Manvila, Kulathoor P.O. under the social action wing of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum (TSSS), serves as a community home for individuals affected by severe mental illness. With a capacity to accommodate 50 residents, we provide care and shelter to those from the streets, families, government institutions, and NGOs. The Centre is officially registered under OCB Reg. No: 1400 (Rule 9 of the Kerala Registration of Board of Control for Orphanages and Other Charitable Homes Act, 1960).

Aims & Objectives

Sadhana is dedicated to the rehabilitation and holistic well-being of persons with mental illness. We extend spiritual, psychological, and physical support to promote their integral development. Our team works to trace the families of inmates and, through counselling and guidance, facilitates their reintegration into society and their own homes whenever possible.



Our Values – Summed up in HOSPITALITY

At Sadhana, hospitality is at the heart of everything we do. It reflects our commitment to:

- **Service to the sick and needy** – extending care with compassion and dedication.
- **Liberating welcome** – embracing every individual with dignity and acceptance.
- **Holistic health** – promoting physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being.
- **Humanity in care** – treating each person with respect, love, and empathy.
- **Historical awareness** – remaining rooted in our mission while responding to present needs.

Our Services

The Community Home ensures that residents' basic needs are met by providing accommodation, nutritious food, personal health maintenance, primary care, and rehabilitation support. In addition, residents are encouraged to participate in domestic tasks and the daily functioning of the Home, enabling them to develop and improve essential skills that promote greater independence and autonomy.



Programmes

During the reporting period, the following programmes were carried out for the welfare and rehabilitation of residents:

- **Psycho-Education Programme** – Conducted to improve awareness and understanding of mental health conditions and coping strategies.
- **Self-Care and Daily Routine Training** – Regular guidance to help residents maintain personal hygiene and adapt to structured daily living.
- **Counselling, Vocational Training, and Family Support** – Individual and group counselling sessions, skill-based vocational training, and counselling support for families to strengthen reintegration efforts.
- **Motor Exercises Programme** – Physical activities and exercises designed to improve mobility, coordination, and overall health.
- **Outreach Programmes** – Community-based activities aimed at raising awareness, providing follow-up, and extending support beyond the Home.



The Benedict Menni Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre



The Benedict Menni Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre continues its mission of providing wholistic care and rehabilitation to women with mental illness, rooted in the values of hospitality, compassion and inclusivity. Guided by a Christian and humanistic vision, the Centre welcomes all individuals irrespective of background, offering specialized services that focus on recovery, skill-building and reintegration into society. Its primary objectives are to equip residents with independent living skills, prevent relapse or social marginalization, promote family and community integration and support families through counselling and psycho-education.

Patient Care & Admissions

During the year 2024–2025, the Centre cared for 55 residents, with 16 new admissions and 4 re-admissions, while 20 individuals were successfully discharged after rehabilitation. Although two residents passed away and one was transferred, the Centre maintained 55 residents by the end of the year. Since its establishment in 2017, a total of 169 individuals have been admitted, reflecting the Centre's growing impact in supporting people with psychiatric conditions.



Rehabilitation & Therapeutic Programmes

Independent Living & Self-Care:

Focused on hygiene, nutrition, household management and time structuring.

Individualized Care Plans:

Comprehensive, goal-oriented recovery strategies.



Therapies Offered

- Individual and group psychotherapy
- Family therapy and psycho-education
- Music, dance and movement therapy
- Physical exercise and physiotherapy

Vocational Training

- Soap making, jewellery crafting, gardening and animal husbandry
- Programmes aimed at skill-building, creativity, responsibility and employability.

Leisure & Recreation

Games, art, films, sports and storytelling to reduce stress and encourage socialization.

Pastoral Care

Spiritual support, faith-based counselling and prayer activities.

Community & Family Involvement

Family involvement was central to the rehabilitation process. House visits were conducted to evaluate home readiness, guide families on caregiving and ensure smooth reintegration for residents. The Family Tracking and Reintegration Programme aimed at reconnecting residents with estranged relatives though this year only one successful case was achieved reflecting the challenges of family tracing due to stigma

and changing social conditions. Collaboration with educational institutions also strengthened therapeutic services, particularly through the partnership with the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH), where occupational therapy students provided structured interventions that improved residents' engagement, skills and confidence while gaining valuable professional training.

Collaboration with NISH

Since October 2024, the Centre has been collaborating with the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) through regular clinical postings of occupational therapy students. This partnership provided residents with structured therapy sessions focused on skill-

building, cognitive development and social interaction, while also giving students valuable hands-on training. The presence of young, enthusiastic students created a dynamic and motivating environment, helping residents become more engaged, confident and socially

active. Overall, the collaboration proved mutually beneficial, strengthening the Centre's rehabilitation programmes and highlighting the vital role of occupational therapy in psychosocial recovery.

Staff & Human Resource Development

The Centre's success was underpinned by the dedication of its multidisciplinary staff, including psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric social workers, nurses, vocational trainers, physiotherapists, caregivers and administrators. Staff development remained a priority, with several training

programmes conducted throughout the year. These included workshops on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Rational Emotive Behavioural Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy, physiotherapy in caregiving, emotional intelligence at the

workplace, handling medical emergencies and disability certification with the Unique Disability Identity card. Sessions on the values and legacy of the Sisters Hospitallers and their founders further strengthened the staff's commitment to compassionate and dignified service.

Events at BMPRC

Throughout 2024–2025, Benedict Menni Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre organized a variety of events that enriched the lives of residents and strengthened community ties. Religious and cultural celebrations such as the Feast of St. Benedict Menni, the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Christmas, Diwali, Onam and Independence Day were conducted with enthusiasm, blending prayer, cultural performances and fellowship meals. Awareness programmes such as World Mental Health Day

and World Sick Day promoted understanding and solidarity, while International Women's Day was marked with a joyful picnic to Vellayani Lake. Excursions to Somatheeram Beach and other local attractions offered relaxation and recreation, and monthly birthday celebrations ensured every resident felt valued and included. These events not only provided joy and meaningful engagement but also encouraged residents to showcase their talents, foster social interaction and build a sense of belonging within the wider community.



The past year was marked by resilience, compassion and growth. Despite socio-economic challenges, the Centre expanded its therapeutic services, strengthened community outreach and reinforced its holistic approach to mental health recovery. With the unwavering support of staff, volunteers, benefactors and collaborators, the Benedict Menni Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre continues to empower individuals to reclaim their dignity, independence and place in society. Looking forward, the Centre is committed to building on these achievements, embracing innovation, and fostering stronger partnerships to create a more inclusive future for all.

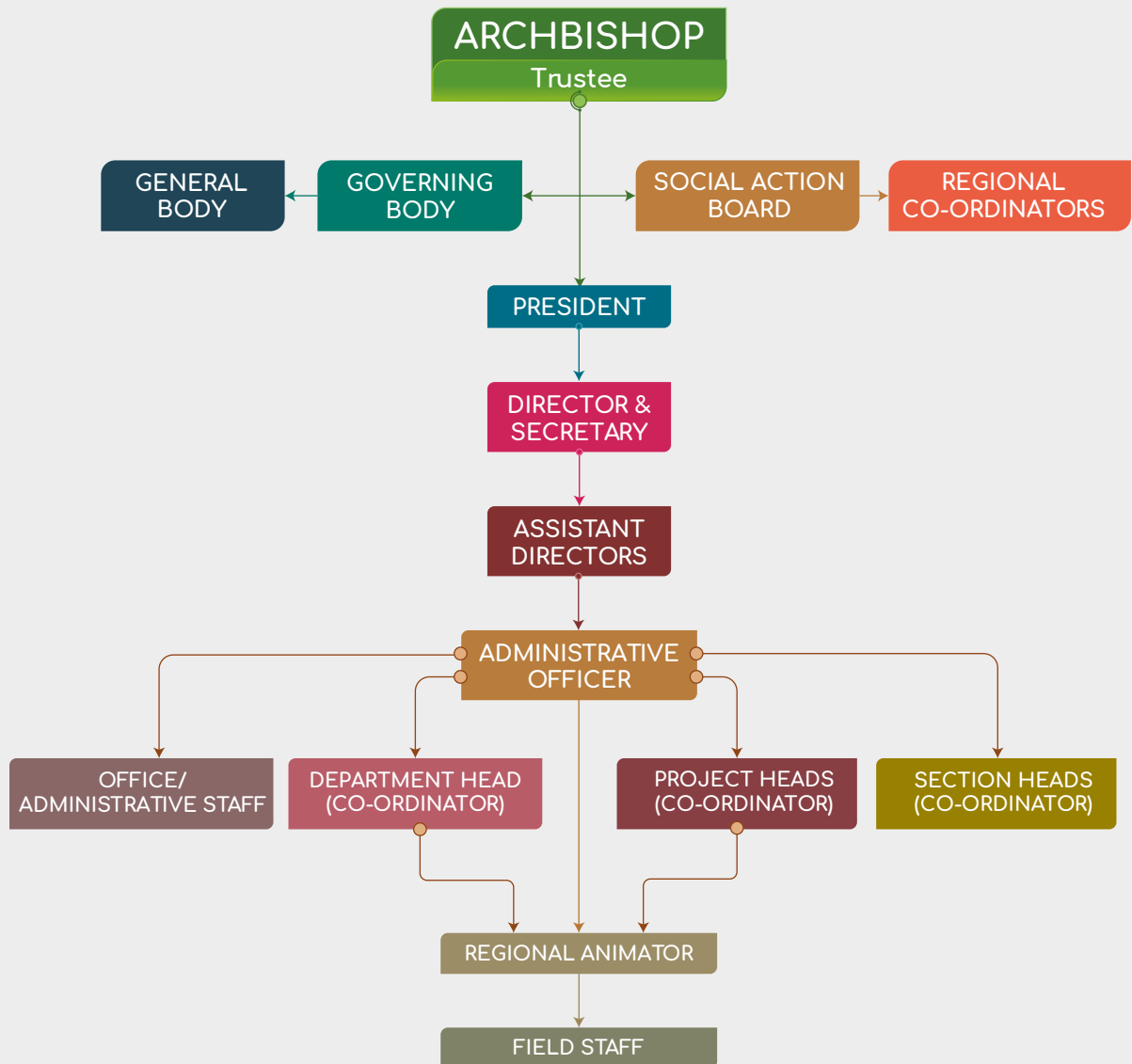
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TRIVANDRUM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE COMPOUND,VELLAYAMBALAM, TRIVANDRUM-3

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

PREVIOUS YEAR	RECEIPTS	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	PAYMENTS	CURRENT YEAR
	To				
	Opening Balance				
76,15,071	" With Bank SB A/c 6697	50,42,645	23,78,010	By GOI grant utilized for Mother Theresa Day Care	19,39,900
42,60,150	" With Bank SB A/c 9626	43,76,591	1,40,734	" Rehabilitation of Ockhi Family	2,03,978
1,201	" SBI SB A/c 0181	-	3,94,201	" Healthcare Program(Jubilee Hospital)	15,44,895
38,19,572	" Karur Vysya 2532	26,68,293	6,79,010	" Charity & Donation	14,03,820
37,910	" Cash in Hand	2,75,970	2,10,000	" Training Expenses for SHG	79,289
11,38,79,592	" FD with Bank	11,89,30,690	-	" Contribution for Housing	19,29,000
			15,990	" Jeevan Jyothi Staff Welfare	80,250
	" Contribution for projects	37,636	3,97,317	" Contribution to Lenni Peters Home for Girls	13,01,210
19,15,870	" GOI grant for Mother Theresa Day care	19,39,900	8,77,400	" Contribution to Karunypoorvam	2,07,000
1,50,000	" Receipts from Dairy Farm	1,86,000	-	" Contribution to Marriage	14,000
2,00,000	" Receipts from St.Xaviers Institute of Fashion Tech.	1,60,000	1,00,000	" Forane Centre Expense	2,15,000
25,00,000	" Donation from Jubilee Hospital for Health Programme	25,00,000	2,41,122	" Expenses of Centre for Fisheries Studies	5,22,401
5,32,500	" Receipt from Child Line	-	31,13,132	" Local Contribution to Projects / Others	3,65,554
3,10,512	" Interest on Bank deposits	3,12,079	3,00,000	" Contribution to Child Line	-
1,14,99,688	" Interest on Fixed deposits	57,61,051	27,015	" Contribution to Marian Craft Centre	7,74,222
58,500	" Placement fee receipts	39,900	-	" Contribution for Two Wheeler purchase	40,000
66,500	" Biogas plant contribution	-	13,65,950	" Advance to Aswanya	3,03,500
25,990	" Self Help Group Stationery Fee collection	6,500	-	" Advance to ITI Vailiyathura	55,000
100	" KRDP Micro Insurance Commission receipts	-	5,78,124	" Loan paid to Jeevan Jyothi	6,36,766
1,32,020	" Receipts for promotion of Self Help Groups	82,350	16,50,906	" Subscription to Kerala Labour Movement	3,74,034
5,350	" Staff Contribution	83,146	15,000	" Property tax	-
9,05,000	" Contribution for Lenni Peters Home for Girls	8,40,000	22,450	" Allowances Paid	4,86,473
8,11,916	" Contribution for Karunypoorvam	11,12,080	63,14,188	" Advances to Staff	74,67,013
1,47,000	" Contribution for Forane	1,48,000	-	" Advance to Staff	97,326
-	" Contribution for Child Parliament	15,950	-	" Building Maintenance for Ashwas Bhavan	7,62,144
4,39,500	" Local Contribution	30,84,859	1,12,000	" Festival Allowance	1,19,500
22,700	" Medical contribution	59,200	43,000	" Gift to Staff	36,307
16,600	" Contribution for Sewing Machine	43,700	5,28,900	" P F to Staff	5,00,600
29,61,588	" Other Donations	25,37,706	7,85,318	" Travelling Expenses	6,56,390
3,46,456	" Miscellaneous Receipts	1,30,601	6,18,634	" Honorarium	56,700
12,000	" Childline Salary Recovered	-	54,044	" Postage	46,529
3,75,000	" PF Recovery from Staff	-	1,201	" Bank Charges	-
43,600	" Caution Deposit collection	3,59,000	13,49,873	" Miscellaneous Expense	7,52,329
5,78,144	" Jeevan Jyothi Loan Recovery	67,000	61,694	" Maintenance of Office Equipments	6,99,491
5,92,218	" Recovery of other loan and advances	6,38,866	1,72,101	" Printing Charges	1,02,730
14,40,150	" Advance refund from Alswanya	6,46,650	57,200	" Project Preparation Charges	11,96,333
30,75,000	" Donation from Community College	2,79,300	1,81,738	" Stationery	3,36,704
1,10,000	" Advance refund from St.Xaviers ITI	70,000	47,191	" Telephone Charges	96,261
1,00,000	" Advance refund from House A Gift	-	4,51,542	" Training and Meeting Expenses	-
3,57,700	" Other Advances Recovery	18,16,500	20,64,042	" Vehicle Expenses	3,60,138
1,30,978	" Advance refund from Commerce Centre	-	1,80,545	" Electricity Charges	2,60,475
1,60,000	" Contribution from St. Xaviers Computer Centre	3,50,000	4,18,841	" Audit fees / Professional charges	3,53,587
5,95,094	" TDS Refund	1,07,88,820	24,22,071	" Other Advances Paid (Local)	12,16,500
2,04,624	" Project Salary Receipts	2,90,000	60,000	" Loan to Others	-
1,54,000	" Kochupally TSSS Building	2,09,000	5,88,000	" Loan to Projects	4,14,000

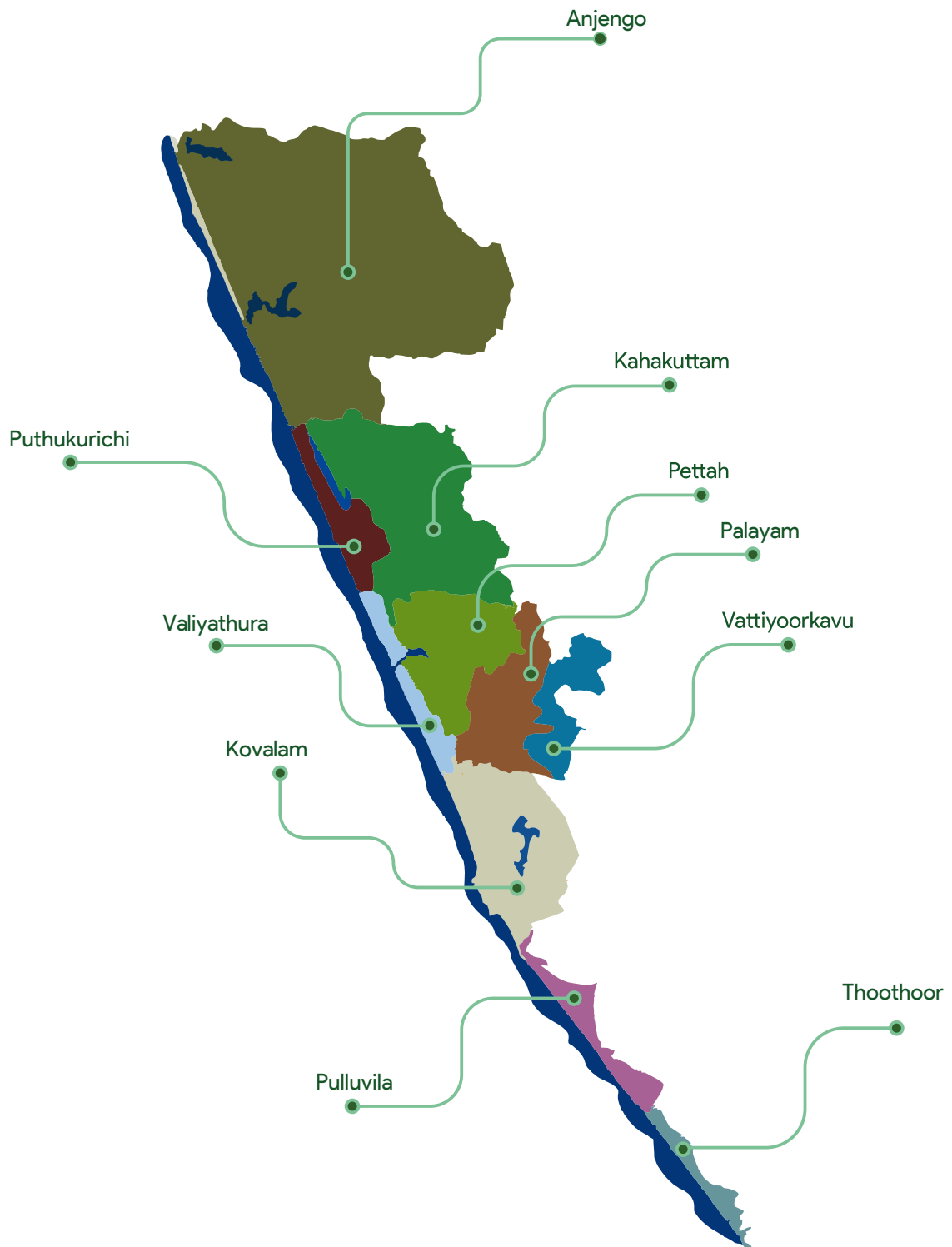
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