

From the Outcast to the Accepted: Kudumbashree's Inclusion of Transgender Community

Introduction:

Transgenders are traditionally considered outcasts by society. However, through targeted interventions, they are recently being inserted in society and building up their self-confidence. Kudumbashree Mission have been implementing numerous programmes in this regard, such as forming special the Kudumbashree Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs) and helping the transgenders to find livelihood for themselves.

Background:

Social inclusion and universal reach have been important strategies that Kudumbashree has stressed upon since its inception. With a view to reduce marginalization of disadvantaged groups and strengthen initiatives for social inclusion, 'Disha Campaign' was launched in January 2017. The objective of the campaign has been to form special NHGs of groups such as the elderly, members of the transgender community and Divyangs.

Details of the Intervention:

In regard to transgenders, any person in the transgender community who have completed 18 years of age could be the members of NHG. As per the bylaw, an NHG should consist of 10-20 members. But a concession had been given in the case of transgenders. Even though there are only less than 10 members, transgender NHGs could be formed. The so formed transgender NHGs would be given Rs. 10,000 as corpus fund

Impact:

The formation of such NHGs are progressing in different districts across the State. As of 2018, there were 21 transgender NHGs working in the State which had 274 members.

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