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Theeraravam – Launch of New Projects and Onam Celebrations

The inauguration of new projects, jointly organized by the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society, took place on August 30 at 5:45 PM at the Thope Kodimaram Ground. The major initiatives launched included WINGS, WE-SEVA Kendra, and "ALAKAL"WE-AUTOS Season 2 . Additionally, the We Care coupon draw was conducted, and beneficiaries of the We-Auto "Alakal" (Season 2) project were honored. The felicitated guests included Fr. Francis John, Francis Xavier (Managing Trustee, S.S Samidhi), Mrs. Linju Lawrence, Mr. Jackson Benny, and Mr. Alfin. As part of the program, Theeraravam Onam Celebration was organized, featuring cultural performances, including a grand Thiruvathira. The event was graced by the presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Stanley Roman, A. A. Rahim MP, M. Noushad MLA, Janab.Kadakkal Abdul Aziz Moulavi, Bodhendra Theertha Swamiji, Dr. G. Mohan (Superintendent, Bishop Benziger Hospital), Mr. Ernest, Mrs. Bindu Krishna, Mrs. Agnes John, Mrs. Laticia Martin, and Fr. Saji Elampassery, along with honorable councillors, priests, and religious dignitaries. The newly launched projects are expected to create pathways for empowerment and self-reliance within the coastal community."



Editorial

As we step into August, FCDP-TMS reaffirms its commitment to fostering holistic development among marginalized communities, focusing on empowering women, children, and fisher folk. Building on recent initiatives, we focus on WeLive project activities, including group management classes to enhance leadership skills, credit linkage classes to empower women with financial literacy, and production classes to foster entrepreneurship and economic independence.

Additionally, we host a We Care coupon draw ceremony, provide opportunities for skill development and networking, and prepare for the Onam celebrations with Theeraravam, a vibrant program showcasing our community's spirit through traditional music, dance, and festivities. We will continue nurturing existing programs, celebrating important days, and providing growth opportunities. We're grateful for the support of our board members, staff, benefactors, and well-wishers, and remain committed to empowering communities and promoting positive change. Let's work together to create a brighter future, filled with hope, opportunity, and collective progress.

-Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB
Director FCDP-TMS

Coastal Community Must Rise Against Drug Menace

The coastal community must unite to combat the drug menace, which poses a significant threat to society's well-being, said MLA Chandy Oommen during the inauguration of Onam celebrations and an Anti-Drug Campaign. He emphasized the importance of building a drug-free community and encouraged the youth to recognize the destructive consequences of drug use. The event featured cultural programs, kite flying, and a public meeting with dignitaries, including Director Fr. Saji Elambasseril and FCDP Chairperson Agnes John, all coming together to promote a society free from drugs. By working collectively, the community can create a safe and supportive environment for its members, especially the young generation. The campaign aims to raise awareness, provide support, and foster a sense of responsibility among community members to tackle the drug menace effectively. Through such initiatives, the community can strive towards a brighter, healthier future.



Empowering Communities through Mobility

Hykon Company handed over two autos to the beneficiaries as part of their community development initiative. The autos were provided to support local entrepreneurs and enhance their mobility and business operations. The beneficiaries expressed gratitude to Hykon Company for the generous donation, which will significantly boost their livelihoods. This initiative reflects Hykon Company's commitment to empowering communities and promoting economic growth.



Empowering Women and Fishermen Communities

In a significant step towards women empowerment, the 10th phase of the We-Auto distribution ceremony was held on August 30th at Kodimaram Ground, where two autos were handed over to Mrs. Tressa and Mrs. Celin. This initiative aims to enhance the livelihoods of women by providing them with a means of sustainable income generation. The autos will enable the beneficiaries to venture into transportation services, thereby promoting economic independence and self-reliance. This program provides skill development training and capacity-building programs for fishermen, enhances access to markets and improves fishing infrastructure, promotes sustainable fishing practices and environmental conservation, and offers support services including healthcare and education. The We-Auto program and our involvement in the Fishermen Community Development Programme demonstrate our commitment to fostering community development and promoting economic growth among marginalized groups.



WeLive

Organization Management Workshop for Women

As part of the We-Live Project, the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) organized an Organization Management Workshop exclusively for women on August 25, 2025, at the FCDP Hall. The program aimed to enhance leadership and management skills among women participants, empowering them to take active roles in organizational development. The sessions were conducted by Ms. Deleena and Ms. Krishna Priya, who, through interactive discussions and practical exercises, helped participants to understand the principles of effective group management. The workshop included hands-on training and focused on building confidence, developing problem-solving skills, fostering team leadership, and promoting organizational growth. Participants were encouraged to engage actively in discussions and practical activities, making the learning experience highly meaningful and impactful.



Financial Management Training for Women

A Financial Management Training session was conducted on August 26, 2025, at the FCDP Hall as part of a women-focused workshop. The session was led by expert trainer Mr. Joe Louis, who guided participants through interactive discussions and practical exercises on financial management. The training covered essential topics such as budgeting, accounting, and financial planning. Participants gained valuable skills in maintaining accurate records, managing resources efficiently, and making informed financial decisions. By the conclusion of the program, the women were equipped with practical knowledge and confidence to apply financial strategies effectively, thereby enhancing both personal and organizational growth.



Re-engaging Former Accessing Credit and Finance – A Path to Women's Empowerment Educators



On August 27, 2025, the FCDP's WeLive Project hosted a workshop on Credit Linkage and Finance Access at the FCDP Hall. The session, facilitated by Ms. Samitha T., focused on equipping women with practical knowledge to navigate credit systems and financial services. The workshop highlighted the importance of credit in fostering entrepreneurship and strengthening economic independence. Through expert inputs and interactive discussions, participants explored effective ways to access credit facilities, manage finances wisely, and make informed financial decisions. By the end of the program, the women left empowered with enhanced awareness, confidence, and the skills needed to take meaningful steps toward financial stability and self-reliance.

Women Empowerment Training in Tailoring & Hand Embroidery Training

As part of its women empowerment initiatives, the Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) organized a tailoring training class at the FCDP Hall on 28th to 29th August 2025. The sessions were led by Mrs. Freeda Gomez and Mrs. Thrishna in which tailoring and hand embroidery were introduced as a field that provides sustainable income opportunities and empowers women to become entrepreneurs.. With relatively low initial investment, it enables women to work from home while balancing family responsibilities. The training enhances their entrepreneurial skills, boosts their confidence, and creates a reliable source of income to support their families.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony – Tailoring & Hand Embroidery Training

As part of the WE-Live Project, a Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held on 30th August 2025 at the FCDP Hall for the participants who successfully completed the Tailoring and Hand Embroidery Training. The training was successfully conducted, equipping women with valuable skills that will enable them to achieve financial independence and self-reliance. The certificates were distributed by Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB, Director of FCDP-TMS. The ceremony also witnessed participants sharing their personal experiences, highlighting how the training helped them gain confidence and a new sense of purpose. Mrs. Freeda Gomez, the tailoring trainer, also shared her reflections and appreciated the commitment and enthusiasm of the women throughout the program.



WE-SEVA Kendra

WE-SEVA Kendra is our latest initiative at FCDP, aimed at empowering marginalized communities through sustainable livelihood opportunities. This project focuses on providing holistic support services, including

- Public Service Commission (PSC)
- Exam Registration
- Staff Selection Commission (SSC)
- Employment Exchange
- Registration Renewal
- Ration Card Services
- Services related to the Department of Motor Vehicles



Farewell, Dear Joe Louis

FCDP-TMS bid a fond farewell to Mr. Joe Louis on August 16, 2025, marking the end of his tenure as FCDS Manager. During his time with FCDP, Mr. Joe Louis played a pivotal role in driving growth and development within the organization. His dedication and commitment have had a lasting impact on the fishermen community of Kollam, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless efforts.



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mrs. Anu Moses , Mrs. Lacticia Martin joyous birthday and a year filled with good health , happiness and prosperity! We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP family.



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