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1. ABOUT US

Nilgiris Development Society (NDS) is a registered catholic NGO with Reg.No.148/2008, working for the upliftment of the rural and marginalized people who are residing in the Nigiri district of Tamil Nadu in South India. It does undertake various social welfare programs for the rural women and children and youth, working in the Tea Estates in the Nilgiris District. The functioning of the society began in 2008 under the direct patronage of the Bishop of Mananthavady Diocese. This society is the social service wing of the Catholic Diocese of Mananthavady, operating in the Nilgiris district of Tamilnadu in South India. The society is situated in Gudalur 100 kms away from the diocesan headquarters and is in the state of Tamilnadu. The area of operation of the society is rural and marginalized poor people working in tea estates and backward women and children. The mission of the organization is socio-economic, educational and cultural advancement of poor people, marginalized and disadvantaged section in the society, who are working in the tea plantations in Nilgiris. We support to enable them to achieve their full potential through self-help promotion, entrepreneurship training and development interventions. The Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady is the patron of this society and Vicar General of the diocese is the president.



2. VISION

We affirm the worth and dignity of all, realizing their potential by doing quality human development regardless of their cast, creed, colour and economic status.

3. MISSION

NDS share in the Catholic mission to reach out, by giving and sharing our personal and financial resources to serve people in need, act for peace and justice, protect mother earth, participate in nation building, in partnership with local and national Government, international institutions and structures as well as other organizations with solutions that permanently improve life of most vulnerable people in our society.

4. APPROACH

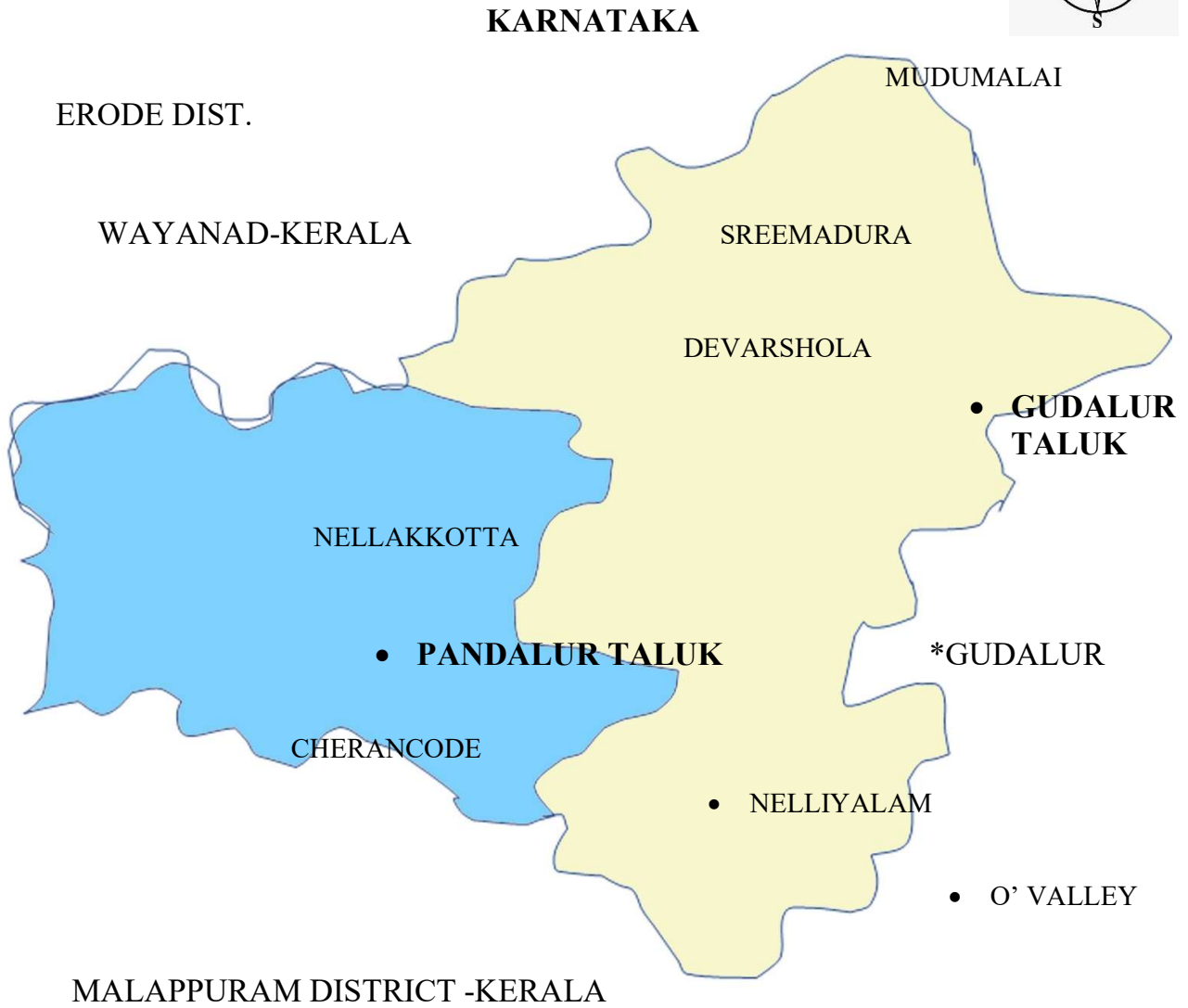
NDS is applying a participatory integrated development approach.

5. GOAL

To eradicate poverty among the most deprived communities, empower people through a step-by-step development process towards a sustainable society and total self-reliance, with the main focus on sustainable agriculture, bio diversity and basic Human rights.



6. TARGET AREAS



7. WORKING HAMLETS

O' Valley Town Panchayath

- Bharathinagar
- Dharmagiri
- Arottuparai
- Mattam
- Subhash Nagar

Sreemadurai Grama Panchayath

- Manvayal
- Ambalamoola
- Vadavayal
- Kammathi
- Chemundy
- Koravayal
- Ozhalamoola
- Kanjikolly

Gudalur Municipality

- Vimalagiri
- Arulnilayam
- Thorappally
- Makkamoola
- Puthoorvayal
- Nambalakottai
- Thakaramoola
- Killoor
- Mothavayal
- Chullikkunnu

Devarshola Town Panchayath

- Bospara
- Puzhampatty
- Police Mattam
- Machikolly

Nelliyalam Municipality

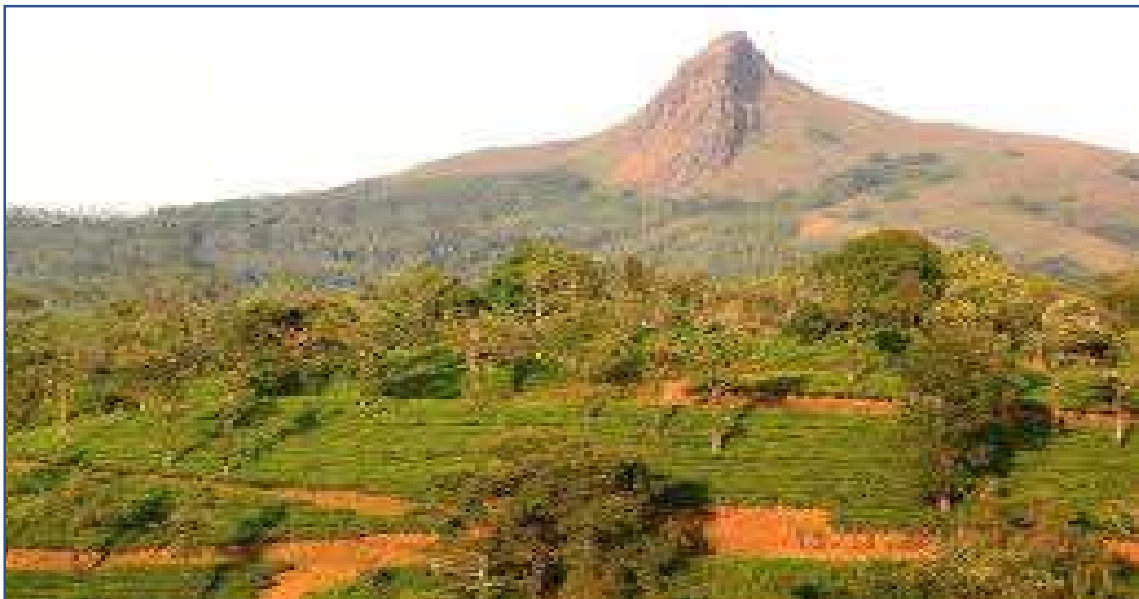
- Uppatty
- Chelakunnu
- Nelliyalam
- Kunilkadav
- Punchavayal
- Pannipuzha
- Olimada

Nellakottai Grama Panchayath

- Kalpra
- Karukutty
- Panthakappu
- Kunnalady
- Anjambalam
- Orkkadav
- Pakkana
- Ponnani, Bekky
- Kadalakolly
- Moonnanad

Cherangode Grama Panchayath

- Kaduckacity
- Palavayal
- Mangamvayal
- Pothukolly
- Panamchira
- Kayyuni
- Vettuvadi
- Pulinkunnu
- Chapputhod
- Poothamoola
- Kottad



8. OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To perform works of charity for those in need irrespective of consideration of caste, race community or creed.
- To engage in social service and developmental works aimed at improving the living conditions and general welfare of the people as well as poor indigenous people.
- To engage in rural community development activities aimed at accelerating the overall development and progress of the people through education, awareness creation, trainings, people based participatory research and social action and thus helping the people to help themselves in their socio- economic and personal development.
- To promote thrift and savings among the people through formation and promotion of their Self-Help Groups and to promote micro- finance activities aimed at the socio-economic development of the poor.
- To promote formation of ‘Community Based Organizations (CBOs’) to ensure peoples’ participation in development activities.
- To engage community development activities aimed at the welfare of the farmers and farming communities with special focus on small and marginal farmers.
- To promote and propagate eco-friendly and sustainable agriculture and organic farming and to generate awareness on the need and relevance of organic farming and conservation of nature and eco-systems.
- To capacitate and educate the people on sustainable agriculture technologies and eco-friendly life-style concepts.
- To engage in activities promoting the capacities of the people so as to enable them to be better partners and partakers in the development activities of both Government and Non -Governmental agencies.
- To mobilize peoples’ action by all legitimate means against any or all social problems and issues that hamper human development.
- To undertake and implement various projects, programs, schemes of either Government or Non- Government agencies that are aimed at poverty reduction, social welfare, employment generation and economic advancement of the people.
- To do services of advocacy and lobbying and networking to promote peoples’ welfare
- and to protect their civil rights; and to provide legal aid to the poor and needy people and to promote legal literacy awareness among the public.
- To organize seminars, training programs, workshops, symposiums and such other relevant educational and learning programs to create awareness and to build capacities on different topics.
- To promote public health and sanitation and family welfare through promotion of

alternative life-style, health-care, sustainable livelihoods and alternative learning.

- To promote the welfare of senior citizens and aged to establish and maintain or grant aid to homes for aged, orphanages or other such establishments for the relief and help to the poor, needy and destitute people, orphans, People Living with Disabilities, widows and aged persons.
- To support development and welfare of indigenous people through conservation and promotion of their values and culture, indigenous and traditional practices, economic support for sustainable development and through education and development of tribal children.
- To establish, organize and support community organizations like Self Help Groups, Credit Unions, Farm Clubs etc. and to promote micro finance, micro credit and micro enterprises through savings and thrift programs and through bank-linkages in order to accelerate socio-economic development of the poor especially that of rural areas.

9. FOCUS AREAS/INTERVENTIONS

Nilgiris Development Society (NDS) may be specially noted for its pioneering roles and coherent activities in an exclusive geographic contingent not acceded by any other NGO ever before and the multi-dimensional undertakings primarily dealing with agricultural development giving thrust to organic farming practices, natural resource enhancement, rural & alternative technology development, etc. Women's empowerment and integration in to the mainstream with equity is held in due importance with their organization as Self-Help Groups (SHG), effectively participating in rural micro credit dynamics and micro enterprises, income generation activities propelled by it. Health also remains one of the main concerns of the NDS having revived and promoted a unique indigenous health management system sustained through natural and participatory process. Tribal constituting 15% of the area's population living isolated at the forest fringes in extreme conditions of deprivation and impoverishment, the Society has been running special programs for this segment since its inception in 2008 with particular reference to their social mainstreaming through community organization, animation, children's education, skills orientation, basic infrastructure development, health and nutrition accessibility etc. To sum up, the different activities of NDS can be streamlined under the following broad sectors of development: Community based Organizations, Women empowerment, Sustainable Agriculture Development, Promotion of Scientific Livestock Farming, Natural Resources Development & Management, Community Health, Family & Social Welfare Activities.

10. COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

a) SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETIES (SWS)

Social Welfare Societies (SWS) are democratically driven community organizations established by the people for the purpose of pooling the resources, gathering information, offering mutual support, services and care. SWS are also functioning as the federation of Self-Help Groups. Social Welfare Societies (SWS) carry out various developmental activities in the area like income generation, social development activities and village awareness program. Maintaining a strong and disciplined micro finance and credit system, it encourages to save the capacity and credit behavior of poor people.

OBJECTIVES

- To build self-reliance among the people by mobilizing resources, capacity building, creating employment opportunities, increasing assets and ensuring economic security.
- To promote savings and micro finance
- To promote income generation programs
- To address issues on food security, nutrition, health and poverty
- To conserve medicinal plants and promote traditional knowledge
- To encourage human resource development and leadership
- To promote live-stock development
- To promote organic farming and kitchen garden.
- To promote community health and allied activities
- To promote social and family welfare activities

b) PEOPLES ORGANIZATION AT A GLANCE

| Sl. No | Particulars | No's/Units |
|--------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 01 | Social Welfare Societies (SWS) | 6 |
| 02 | Self Help Groups (SHGs) | 75 |
| 03 | Membership Families | 1000 |
| 04 | Total Savings | 80 Lakhs |
| 05 | Savings in Credit Union | 40 LAKHS |

c) SELF HELP GROUPS (SHG'S)

Self-Help Groups (SHG) are community-based organizations that consist of individuals who come together to address common challenges, learn from one another, and to support each other's personal and collective development. These groups can be found across various contexts, including social, economic, and health-related areas. This organization has established 12 Community Based Organizations and is working in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations with the principle of gender equality and progress. For the past one year we have formed 35 new Self Help Groups and are implementing them by connecting them with this system. At present there are a total of 285 self-help groups and we are continuing to implement new self-help groups with Community Based Organizations. Through this system, the amount obtained through savings and internal credit is Rs.3841242.00. We are also promoting the Government subsidy loans and other economic development projects in collaboration with banks and other departments Through financial support, the SHG members are promoting income generation programmes and they fulfill their basic needs like education, medical, infrastructure, agriculture, self-employment, cottage industries etc.



11. MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

a. NDS Regional Evaluation Meetings

Nilgiris Development Societies Regional Evaluation meetings were conducted once in two months. NDS Staffs and representatives under the leadership of NDS Director Father Binoy K Sebastian assembled at NDS Office and presented the monthly unit reports and accounts.



b. Awareness Seminar

An awareness seminar on cancer and increasing lifestyle diseases was conducted at NDS Dharmagiri Unit and Kunnalady unit under the leadership of Doctor Christina, Pushpagiri Hospital, Gudalur. Such Seminars provide a platform to educate attendees about different types of cancer, risk factors, symptoms, and preventive measures. Increased knowledge empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.



12. BLOCK PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIP TRAINING

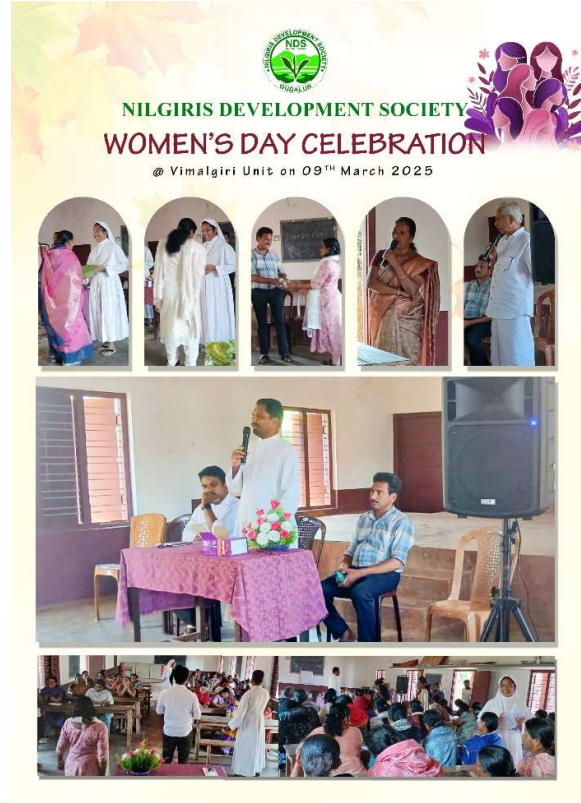
NDS is Providing block placements and internship training opportunities for Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students is highly beneficial for their professional development and readiness for the field of social work. NDS assisted 11 students from different universities of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamilnadu in providing block placement and internship training. Block placements and internships offer students practical, real-world experience in social work settings. They can apply theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to actual practice, enhancing their skills and competence.



13. CELEBRATIONS

a. International Women's Day Celebration

Under the leadership of NDS, celebration of International Women's Day was arranged at unit level. Vimalagiri, Dharmagiri, Kalpra, Kayyunni and Bospara units celebrated this day with different activities like meetings, seminars and games.



b. Onam Celebration.

Onam is a vibrant and culturally significant festival celebrated primarily in the Indian state of Kerala. It holds deep cultural and traditional importance, marking the harvest season and commemorating the return of the mythical King Mahabali. NDS Dharmagiri, Vimalagiri, Bospara, Kayyunni, Kalpra unit members celebrated this festival with pookalam, tug of war competition and other games and activities.



14. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Rs. 1,50,000 each, for a total of Rs. 3 lakh, was provided as assistance towards the construction costs of houses under construction in Dharmagiri parish for two financially backward families. Project Coordinator Joshi personally visited and assessed the progress of the house construction activities.



15. NILGIRI PACKAGE INAUGURATION

1. Pain and Palliative Care Unit and Ambulance Service Inauguration

As part of the Golden Jubilee year of Catholic Diocese of Mananthavaady, the inauguration of Nilgiri Package, Pain and palliative care unit and ambulance service was inaugurated on March 16, 2024 at Amala Hospital, Pattavayal. Mar Jose Porunnedom, Bishop of Mananthavady done the inauguration and Flagoff the Ambulance Service.



a. Pain & Palliative activities

As part of Karunai Pain & Palliative activities, around 300 homes were visited in Pattavayal, Kottad, Kalpra, Bekki, Kunnaladi, Nellialam, Kayyunni, Erumadu and Ayyamkolli areas of Pandalur taluk in the Nilgiris region and the necessary palliative

care was provided to them. The sugar and BP of the bedridden patients are checked and such care is also provided to the patients who need urgent urinary tube and rail tube insertion. Palliative care is under the leadership of the respected sisters, nurses and volunteers of Amala Hospital.



b. Ambulance service

Free ambulance assistance was provided to needy patients under Karunai Pain and Palliative Care. Ambulance assistance was provided at a moderate cost to about 80 patients who went to hospitals in Pattavayal, Bathery, Kalpetta, Kozhikode, Meppadi, Ooty and Gudalur for specialist treatment.

c. Palliative Care Day celebration

The third Saturday of every month is specially observed as Palliative Care Day and free doctor services are provided to members of Pain and Palliative Care on that day. Many members of Palliative Care take advantage of this service.

d. Monthly Evaluation Meeting

Every month, a Monthly Evaluation Meeting is held at Pattavayal Amala Hospital. NDS Director Fr. Binoy Kassamkuttiyil, Regional Vicar Fr. Biju Ponparakkal, Sr. Annie Treesa and Sr. Merlin evaluate the activities of Pain & Palliative Care for the respective month and prepare the income and expenditure figures.

e. First Anniversary Celebration

The annual conference of the Pain and Palliative Care Unit and 'Karunai Ambulance Service' was held on 23.03.2025 at Kalpra St. Mary's Auditorium. NDS Director Fr. Binoy Kassamkuttiyil, Nilgiri Regional Vicar Fr. Biju Ponparakkal, Kalpra Parish Vicar Fr. Georgekutty, Sister Merlin, Sister Nirmala and Dr. Sanjay spoke about the importance of pain and palliative care activities. The family members of the beneficiaries of the activities of the last year, especially Mr. Sugathan, who lost his wife, spoke with emotion about the invaluable services received through palliative care. Mr. Sugathan also testified that the sisters, nurses and doctors were always willing to serve, day or night.



2. Tharang Animation Services and Counselling Centre

A psychological Wellness and training centre was inaugurated at NDS office on March 18, 2024. The blessing of the office and inauguration was done by Father Paul, Vicar General of the diocese. NDS Director father Binoy K Sebastian, Nilgiri Regional Vicar Father Biju, NDS Assistant Director Father Anoop Varghes, Father Aneesh, Dharmagiri Vicar Father Biju, Counselling Psychologist Sruthi K Martin, NDS staffs and members were present in the inauguration ceremony.



a. Counseling & Follow Up

Tarang Animation Services: The center, which was started as Psychological Wellness and Counseling Center, is today providing excellent services to many people in the field of mental health. Many children and families in various areas of the Nilgiri region are able to become beneficiaries of the activities of Tarang Animation Center. For better mental treatment, suitable hospitals and competent doctors are arranged from the office for appropriate follow-up activities.

Between March 2024 and March 2025, counseling was conducted for 15 people and follow-up sessions were conducted for 5 of them. In addition, classes and training programs led by Tarang Animation Service Center were organized for more than 3000 people during this year. Parenting musical therapy, which improves the relationship between parents and children, is an important method of this group. Similarly, the team members were able to lead classes in various churches and schools. Along with this, they led various camp programs.

b. Training programs

- On May 25, the orientation program held at Vimalagiri ahead of the faith training was led by TAS team members Joshi Thanolil, Jithin Chudakkattu and Shruti K Martin, and about 60 children participated in the program.
- On 25/08/24, Shruti K. Martin led a class on mental health care for adolescents at St. Sebastian's Church, Dharmagiri. The class focused on the mental conflicts and tensions experienced by adolescents and ways to deal with them.

- On 11.09.2024, a camp was organized for the youth of the Nilgiri region at Morning Star School under the leadership of TAS members Mr. Jithin and Joshi. 74 young men and women participated in the camp. The camp was actively conducted through various games and activities related to organizational activities and leadership training.

c. Transactional Analysis

Classes were held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, for BSW & MSW students coming for block placement at Nilgiris Development Society. The topic presented was Transactional Analysis, which is useful for the children's future studies and life.

d. SSLC & +2 Exam Preparation Seminar

On 07.12.2024, a one-day seminar and exam preparation class were conducted at Nadavayal St. Thomas High School, on 31.12.2024 at Kabanagiri Nirmala High School, on 07.01.2025 at Manimooli Christ the King Higher Secondary School, and on 12.02.2025 at Nilambur Little Flower Higher Secondary School for about 1000 children preparing for SSLC, +1, +2 exams this year and their parents. TAS team member Joshi led the exam preparation class for the children in the morning. After that, Mr. Jithin and Joshi led the musical therapy session for the parents and children.



16. ORGANIC FARMING PROMOTION

In order to achieve the goal of ‘Organic Nilgiris’ and ‘Save Nilgiris’ projects introduced by the Government of Tamilnadu, we are earnestly working with the farmers in the Nilgiris biosphere. In 7 Panchayaths and 2 Municipalities we are having more than 2250 organic farmers and 1650 active certified farmers.

Through organic agriculture practices, NDS aims to promote sustainability of small and marginal farmers and their livelihood, eco-friendly life style and sustainable farms. With an integrated approach to the entire farming system and with focus on all aspects of production, processing and value addition and marketing, a new awareness and learning is being generated among the farming community, enabling them to avail the opportunities in the context of a global market-economy even amidst persisting agricultural crisis.

The society has many collection centers and a factory and processing unit of Bio-Win Agro Research Centre in Wayanad district in Kerala do the marketing of these Organic products. The Society with the help of Biowin Agro research Centre, gives certification for the farmers group.

Organic certified products are collected from farmers in higher margins than from the market rate. Also, we provide field-based inspection and certified organic manure for the registered farmers in a subsidy base. Farmers are registered in government schemes so that they may get aids from Tamil Nadu Horticulture department, Tea board and Coffee board respectively. For easy functioning and better result of the program, farmers are divided in to groups according to the Panchayaths.

The certification is being done by different agencies like Indocert and Lacon. The organic agriculture production under the ICS (Internal Control System) is in compliance the National Organic Program of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Japan Agriculture standard (JAS), and National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), Govt. of India. Apart from the above-mentioned organic certifications our farmers are also certified by Rainforest Alliance (RA) certification and Fair-Trade certification from FLOCERT, Germany. All these certifications help our farmers to sell their products as premium products and they are getting a fair value.

The Nilgiris Development Society organizes programs for the small and marginal farmers including tribals by conducting awareness about organic farming, operating Internal Control Systems to provide international certificates to farmers, procuring farmers products at high price, maximize value in products through processing and value addition and deliver products to international and domestic markets.

The Organic Agriculture promotion program of NDS with the help of Biowin

Agro Research for extending organic farming ensures the safety of the environment and availability of safe food.

• **KEY ACTIVITIES IN ORGANIC FARMING IN 2022-23**

- 150 New farmers
- 1450 farmers get organic certification
- 650 farmers newly registered in the clusters
- 1450 farmers get trade certification
- 195 farmers get organic certificate
- 110 UT's, RA Certified
- Formed 6 newly ICS (Internal Control System)
- Formed 114 New Village Farm Clubs

Certifications

Certification by LACON

- a) Fair Trade
- b) Organic

Certification Through Indocert:

- a) Utz
- b) Rainforest
- c) Dimiter



18. SAMRUDHAKUDUMBAM PROJECT

As part of the upliftment of economically backward families and widowed families, a meeting of those selected for the second phase of the Samrudhu Kudumbam project implemented with the financial assistance of Biowin Agro Research, Mananthavady, was held at the NDS office on 28.04.2025. Director Fr. Binoy Kashamkuttyil presided over the meeting. Asst. Director Fr. Anoop Kollamkunnel and Coordinator Joshi were present. 23 out of 25 attended the meeting and explained the income-generating projects they had implemented in the first phase and handed over the second cheque of Rs. 17000 each to the members in the second phase and inquired about the things they planned to implement.



18. IMPLEMENTATION OF NABARD PROJECTS

a. NABARD Skill Development Programme on Home Health Aide

The 67 days training of the first batch of 30 persons of the course "Home Health Aide" conducted by NDS with the grant assistance of NABARD was successfully completed on 04th May 2024. The HHA training classes were completed under the supervision of NDS Director Fr. Binoy K Sebastian and the leadership of the course's Chief Trainer, Jincy Joy. The classes were conducted by eminent persons on various topics related to geriatric and patient care. Apart from this, practical training was also imparted at Gudalur Government Hospital, Primary Health Centers and Old Age Homes.

15th Annual day celebration of NDS and Concluding Convocation of HHA Training was held on 10th May 2024 at NDS Auditorium, Gudalur. The celebration was presided over by Mar Alex Tharamamangalam, Auxiliary Bishop of Mananthavadi Diocese, NABARD Coimbatore DDM Shri. Tirumalai Rao was the special guest. Also, NABARD Regional Office Staff Shri. Suraj Kumar Prajapati, Mr. Ravi-Canara Bank Coimbatore, Gudalur Government Hospital Staff Nurse Shri. Kutiarasan, Nilgiris Regional Vicar Fr. Biju Ponparaikkal, and Dr.Kannan appreciated for those who have completed home health aide training. NDS Director Fr. Binoy K. Sebastian welcomed the gathering and NDS staff Mr. Jude Martin gave the vote of thanks.

As part of NDS annual conference, annual report and special report of Home Health Aide Course were presented. Also, various artistic programs and reports were presented on the stage under the leadership of those who completed the training. Officers and members from NDS Vimalagiri, Dharmagiri, Bospara, Kayyunni and Kalpra units and family members of those who completed the training of Home Health Aide course also participated in the meeting. NDS staff members Fr. Anoop Varghese, Mr. Joshi, Sr. Siji CMC, Smt. Jincy Joy presided over the program.



b. NABARD JLG Formation Programme

- 1. Training for NDS Staffs :** Training programs for Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) are essential to ensure the effectiveness, sustainability, and empowerment of these groups. Nilgiris Development Society (NDS) conducted a training programme for the staff members and field staffs. Wayanad Social Service Society (WSSS) Director Fr. Jinoj Palathadathil, with many years of experience in the field of formation and successful completion of JLG's, led the training session on 16.08.2023 at NDS Office. 13 staff members participated in the training programme.



- 1. JLG's Formation Awareness Programme at Unit Level :** Unit level Training programmes for the formation and promotions of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) was conducted by NDS at different places.

- **Training at Kayyuni :** JLG awareness programme for the formation and credit linkage was conducted at Kayyuni unit on 02.10.2023 for NDS Kayyuni and Panamchira unit members. 32 members participated in this programme. NDS Project CO-Ordinator Joshy T P and Chief trainer Jude Martin conducted the training programme. NDS executive members and SHG representatives participated in this programme.



- **Training at Manvayal :** JLG awareness programme for the formation and credit linkage was conducted at Kalpra unit on 08.10.2023 for NDS Manvayal and Bospara unit members. 23 members participated in this programme. NDS Project CO-Ordinator Joshy T P and Chief trainer Jude Martin conducted the training programme. NDS executive members and SHG representatives participated in this programme.



- **Training at Kunnalady :** JLG awareness programme for the formation and credit linkage was conducted at Kalpra unit on 09.10.2023 for NDS Kunnalady and Bekky unit members. 13 members participated in this programme. NDS Chief trainer Jude Martin conducted the training programme. NDS executive members and SHG representatives participated in this programme.



- **Training at Kalpra :** JLG awareness programme for the formation and credit linkage was conducted at Kalpra unit on 15.10.2023 for NDS Kalpra unit members. 26 members participated in this programme. NDS Chief trainer Jude Martin conducted the training programme. NDS executive members and SHG representatives participated in this programme.



- **Account Opening Campaign by Canara Bank, Gudalur**

NDS conducted the Joint Liability Group (JLG) Bank Account Opening Camp on 17th and 18th February 2025 at NDS Vimalagiri Unit with the support of Canara Bank Gudalur. Branch manager, Mrs Sushama, Staff Mr. Vinodh, NDS Ass. Director Fr. Anup Varghese and Project Co-Ordinator Joshy took initiatives and leadership for the programme. They have opened 8 SB accounts and 3 JLG groups



- **Account Opening Campaign by Bank of Baroda, Ooty**

NDS conducted the Joint Liability Group (JLG) Bank Account Opening Camp on 17th and 18th February 2025 at NDS office, Gudalur with the support of Bank of Baroda under the leadership of Ms. Joanna, Senior Branch manager, Ooty Branch. They have opened 103 Non FI SB account from 21 JLG groups. We sincerely appreciate the efforts put up by CSA Mr. Mahendran & Special appreciation for Support from Ms. Ribi Koor, CASA Officer, RO, Coimbatore. NDS Director Fr. Binoy K Sebastian, Ass. Director Fr. Anup Varghese and Project Co-Ordinator Joshy took initiatives and leadership for the programme.



CONCLUSION

The Nilgiris Development Society (NDS) continues its triumphant journey by shining a golden light of hope on the migrant farmers and marginalized people of the Nilgiris. During this period society could do many things in collaboration and support of various organizations and agencies, especially with the support of WSSS the official social work organization of the diocese. When we enter in to the 17th year, the society is moving forward to achieve new heights with its new Training and administrative block in Athikarivayal in Gudalur town. Certain formalities have to be completed in order to undertake projects and programs in collaboration and support of national and international agencies. We hope to complete it soon.



A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to read 'Binoy K Sebastian', is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp.

Binoy K Sebastian
Director
Nilgiris Development Society (NDS)

Date : 31.05.2025

Place : Gudalur