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Patron's Message

"Transformation" - this year's theme, Metanoia, beautifully captures the spirit of ESSS and the essence of the Gospel itself: a call to inner renewal and outward action. For over six decades, the Ernakulam Social Service Society has embodied this transformation through the fundamental transformation of outlook, of man's vision of the society and the world, and a new way of loving others and God by being a steadfast presence among the poor, the marginalized, and the voiceless.



In the early church, the apostles consistently encouraged the faithful to support the poor and to contribute from their wealth, so that the lives of the impoverished could be revitalized and they could enter a new existence through complete transformation. ESSS assists communities in reflecting on the circumstances of the poor and vulnerable individuals around them, providing a helping hand to transform countless lives.

As I glance through this report, I see not merely numbers or activities, but living testimonies of compassion - homes reconstructed and finalized, lives rejuvenated, the hopeless infused with hope, and communities bolstered both financially and sociologically. Every initiative, whether empowering women through SHGs, nurturing children through Kuttikootam, or accompanying the sick through Ashakiranam, reflects our collective mission of witnessing Christ through love in action.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Director, Assistant Director, staff, volunteers, and all our partners who have worked selflessly to make ESSS a beacon of hope. May we continue to journey together, inspired by the spirit of Metanoia, bringing transformation in the lives we touch and in our own hearts as well. May God bless all our efforts abundantly

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Bishop's Message

The Annual Report 2024-2025 of ESSS stands as a remarkable witness to the Gospel lived in action. Each page speaks of people who have dared to believe in the possibility of a more just and compassionate world. Through its manifold programs - for women, children, workers, and the elderly - ESSS has once more demonstrated how faith can be transformed into charitable actions that foster sustainable development and uphold human dignity for everyone, regardless of race or creed.



This year's theme, Metanoia, invites each of us to embrace inner transformation that leads to outward service. The work of ESSS is precisely such a transformation in motion - one that flows from the heart of the Church into the heart of the communities particularly towards those who require compassion, a supportive gesture, and a warm smile in the desperate circumstances. Furthermore, ESSS embodies the gospel values of our Lord Jesus.

I commend the Director, Assistant Director, staff, volunteers, and all supporters for their tireless commitment. May this shared mission of love continue to grow, empowering every person to realize their God-given potential, that contributes to the welfare of every person within families and society. Let our actions remain rooted in faith, guided by hope, and sustained by charity.

With prayerful blessings,

† **RT. REV. DR. ANTONY VALUNGAL**
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF VERAPOLY ARCHDIOCESE

Director's Message

It gives me immense joy to present the Annual Report of the Ernakulam Social Service Society for the year 2024-25. This year has been one of renewal and grace — a true journey of Metanoia, both for our team and the communities we serve.

ESSS continues to walk with the poor, the marginalized, and the excluded, ensuring that dignity and hope are not privileges but rights for all. From empowering women and men through Self-Help Groups to extending compassionate care through

Ashakiranam, from uplifting workers through labour forums to shaping young minds through Kuttikootam, each initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to integral human development.

These achievements would not have been possible without the vision and blessings of our Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishop, the support of our project partners, the wholehearted cooperation of our staff and our hundreds of village organizers and volunteers.

As we move forward, may the spirit of Metanoia continue to inspire us — to transform ourselves first, so that our service may transform society. Together, let us build communities rooted in faith, justice, and fraternity.

In the service of God and humanity,



FR. ANTONY SIJAN MANUVELIPARAMBIL
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR



Assistant Director's Message

The year 2024-25 has been a meaningful chapter in the journey of ESSS — a chapter of transformation, service, and grace. Under the banner of Metanoia, we have sought to renew not only our programs but also our purpose: to make the love of Christ visible in every life we touch.

Each initiative — whether it was the joyful laughter of Kuttikootam children, the courage of women leaders in SHGs, or the comfort brought to cancer patients through Ashakiranam — tells a story of hope reborn.

These are not merely organizational milestones but moments of faith and compassion in action. I am deeply grateful to our Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishop, Director, staff, and volunteers for their guidance and dedication. My heartfelt thanks also to our partners and well-wishers who have stood with us through prayer and generous support.

May the spirit of Metanoia continue to guide ESSS as we move forward with renewed energy, deeper faith, and greater commitment to serve humanity.

In the service of God and humanity,



FR. ROSHAN RAPHAEL NEISSERY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ESSS



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ABOUT ESSS SINCE 1962

Ernakulam Social Service Society, the official organization for social action, of the Archdiocese of Verapoly is the brain child of the first Indian to become Archbishop of Verapoly, Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Attipetty and Fr. Jerome Payyapilly OCD.

It is the initiative of the Archdiocese of Verapoly to do community organization and socio-economic programmes for the socially and economically disadvantaged sections of the area irrespective of caste, creed and religion, in districts of Ernakulam and Trichur. Founded on August 28, 1962, Ernakulam Social Service Society grew year by year under the patronage of gifted Archbishops and Directors with dedication and commitment. ESSS has been registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Regn. Act XIII of 1955 in 1962 (Reg. No. ER- 8/1962).

In this journey ESSS has taken sides with the poor and the marginalized people to end poverty and social injustice. Our focus is on the rights of the most marginalized communities: rural and urban poor, women, children, aged, fishermen, and differently abled, migrant and unorganized workers. These groups face an acute lack of access to and control over resources, services, and institutions. ESSS practices a right-based approach to development, helping people to claim their rights, which may be constitutional, moral or legal entitlements.



Mission

Ernakulam Social Service Society (ESSS) is committed to promote, support and sustain the socio-economic and developmental initiatives of the poor and the marginalized through social mobilization, empowerment and decentralization.

Vision

Just and self-reliant society with highly resourceful people living in harmony and mutual help.



Achievements

ESSS IN NUMBERS

Families Covered

50,988

Members in
Women SHG

15,210

Members in
Men SHG

9972

Labours
Mobilized

8761

Members in
SNTU

1579

Members in
KTWF

1493

Members in
KDWF

5563

Members in
Kuttikootam

1168

Differently
Abled

3216

Widows

1836

Spinsters

1412

Members in
Elder's SHG

2612

Members in
Health Insurance

10,080

Critical Illness
Policy

1228

Members of
GI Policy

1838

Members in
Grihasuraksha

130

Swavalamban

3689

Jeevan Madhur

15,467

ESSS Volunteers

2860

Task Force
Members

200

Project
Beneficiaries

6578

*"ESSS made significant impact in the year 2024- 2025,
empowering communities through various initiatives."*

Women Empowerment through SHGs

THEMATIC AREA I



"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." Proverbs 31:25

The Self-Help Group (SHG) Department of ESSS has been a pillar of empowerment, solidarity, and transformation during April 2024 – March 2025. This year marked remarkable achievements in Women SHGs by conducting various community-oriented programs. Through training, celebrations, anniversaries, and social outreach, the department strengthened grassroots participation and instilled renewed hope among thousands of families.

Details of Women SHGs

Region I : 50
Region II : 49

Region III : 93
Region IV : 61

Region V : 12
Region VI : 20

Region VII : 67
Region VIII : 51

Ujwalani 2025- International Women's Day Celebration

The ESSS hosted a highly successful celebration for International Women's Day in March 2025, mobilizing over 1,200 members in a vibrant display of community and talent. The day was filled with inspiring highlights, including a unifying performance of the ESSS Anthem and a moving session of Kavitha Parayanam (Poem Recitations). Enthusiastic participation in various cultural competitions capped off the event, making it a powerful testament to the strength, creativity, and commitment of our female members.





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(വരാപ്പുഴ അതിരൂപത)



GLIMPSES OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2025



ANT JESUS PARISH



New Formations:

32 new SHGs were established across regions, to promote equal opportunities, economic Independence and better life.

Renewals & Visits

388 SHGs were renewed, ensuring continuity of vibrant community engagement.

Visits & Exchanges: 160 Federation visits and 175 SHG visits enriched inter-group learning and solidarity.

Zonal Meetings:

7 region-level and 3 central-level zonal meetings were conducted to review and monitor their activities.

Capacity Building:

In order to capacitate the ability of the members the programmes like New SHG Leaders training, Digital Literacy class at Thomaspuram, and Account classes in Chembumukku and Thuthiyoor were conducted.

SHG Anniversaries:

Among the Women SHGs, 10 groups celebrated 25 years, 2 groups marked 20 years, while others celebrated milestones from 1 to 19 years.



Empowering Men through SHGs



THEMATIC AREA II

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; blessed are his children after him." Proverbs 20:07

The Men's SHG Department of ESSS has continued to provide a strong platform for men to organize, save, and support one another. This year, April 2024 – March 2025, witnessed the formation of new groups, renewal of existing SHGs, auditing, financial monitoring and strong participation in social and welfare activities. Alongside group-level functions, members also extended their services to various ESSS programs and community needs.

New Formations:

17 new men SHGs were established across regions, to promote savings, providing access to credit for income-generating activities, and fostering financial literacy.

Renewals & Visits

Renewals: 95 SHGs renewed their membership, ensuring continuity of participation.

Visits: The 17 Federation visits and 90 SHG visits served to enhance inter-group learning and foster solidarity.

Group Meetings & Auditing

Men SHG group meetings were held periodically to review activities, savings, and planning.

Auditing Work: Receipt data entry completed for 42 SHGs, ensuring transparency in financial management.



Key Achievements

2024-2025

Formation of 32 Women SHGs and 17 Men SHGs.

Renewal of 388 Women SHGs, 95 Men SHGs, and 39 Sayamprabha groups.

121 families supported under Snehabhavanam housing fund.

47 SHGs celebrated 25th anniversary, marking a legacy of resilience.

1,200 members actively participated in Women's Day celebration.

Successful sale drives: 3,934 Christmas stars, 423 sanitary pads, and 2,650 eggs.

This year, the SHG Department of ESSS demonstrated the true spirit of community empowerment. From nurturing grassroots groups to fostering leadership, from aiding families with shelter to celebrating milestones with joy, SHGs continue to stand as beacons of solidarity and resilience. With gratitude to all animators, volunteers, and members, we look forward to scaling new heights in service and empowerment in the year ahead.

Empowerment of Children through Kuttikootam



THEMATIC AREA III

"He said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'" Matthew 19:14

A cornerstone of the ESSS philosophy is the empowerment of young leaders and the mobilization of youth for positive social change. This mandate is fulfilled through the ESSS Kuttikootam, our vibrant and dedicated children's assembly, which serves as a critical platform for fostering social consciousness, civic responsibility, and peer-to-peer education.

Anti-Drug Campaign, Mulavukad

The success of this approach was vividly demonstrated through a high-impact Anti-Drug Campaign launched during the reporting year. Recognizing the critical need for public awareness and intervention, the Kuttikootam organized and executed a powerful awareness drive at Mulavukad. Members utilized highly engaging and dynamic public performance techniques, specifically flash mobs and street plays, to deliver a crucial and uncompromising message against substance abuse. These grassroots efforts ensured that the message was accessible, memorable, and reached a broad cross-section of the local community, showcasing the ESSS Kuttikootam's ability to drive significant social advocacy.



Empowerment through Labour Department

THEMATIC AREA IV

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23-24

The Labour Department of ESSS has been at the forefront of championing the rights, dignity, and welfare of unorganized workers across Ernakulam and beyond. From domestic workers and tailors to construction workers and daily wage earners, ESSS has stood as a pillar of support. The year April 2024 – March 2025 witnessed impactful programs, renewal of memberships, awareness initiatives, and celebrations that reaffirm our mission of justice and empowerment for the marginalized workforce.

Various Fora Functional at ESSS

Kerala Domestic Workers Forum (KDWF)

The Kerala Domestic Workers Forum (KDWF), a key initiative of the Kerala Labour Movement (KLM) and strongly supported by ESSS, is dedicated to empower domestic workers. This group, often marginalized and unprotected in the informal sector, finds a powerful advocate in KDWF.

KDWF actively champions fair wages, decent working conditions, social security, and legal recognition for these essential workers. Beyond advocacy, the forum provides vital capacity-building programs, awareness sessions, and a robust support network, all focused on enhancing their dignity and well-being across Kerala. Grounded in values of justice, solidarity, and inclusion, KDWF, with the crucial backing of ESSS, continues to be a powerful collective voice for domestic workers' rights in the state.

Swathanthra Nirmana Thozhilali Union (SNTU)

ESSS actively supports a vital union for independent construction workers in Kerala, a group often overlooked by formal labor protections. This union works tirelessly to organize these workers, ensuring their access to fair wages, workplace safety, welfare schemes, and skill development opportunities.

By providing a unified platform, the union, with the crucial backing of ESSS, empowers its members to voice their concerns, negotiate for improved working conditions, and secure dignified livelihoods. Rooted in principles of justice, equity, and solidarity, this union, supported by ESSS, plays a critical role in advocating for the rights and recognition of informal construction workers across Kerala.

Kerala Tailoring Workers Forum (KTWF)

The Kerala Tailoring Workers Forum (KTWF), an important initiative of the Kerala Labour Movement, receives significant support from ESSSS. KTWF is dedicated to organize workers in the tailoring sector, many of whom are self-employed or in informal arrangements. The forum's core mission, bolstered by ESSSS, is to ensure recognition, fair wages, access to welfare benefits, and improved working conditions for tailoring workers. KTWF also facilitates crucial skill development, legal awareness, and collective bargaining.

By providing a structured platform, the forum, with the backing of ESSSS, empowers tailoring workers, fostering greater economic security and social dignity within Kerala's labor landscape. KTWF has been instrumental in the enrollment of tailoring workers in the Kerala Tailoring Workers Welfare Fund Board, a testament to its impact.

Unorganized Workers Forum (UWF)

The Unorganized Workers Forum (UWF), a crucial initiative strongly supported by ESSSS, unites individuals from various informal and unregulated sectors who often lack basic labor rights and protections. Fully operational since 1991, UWF aims to empower these workers by advocating for their inclusion in welfare schemes, ensuring fair treatment, and building awareness of their rights.

Through collective action, skill-building programs, and policy engagement, UWF, with the dedicated backing of ESSSS, strives to enhance the visibility, dignity, and social security of unorganized workers across Kerala. This ensures no worker, especially those aged 18 to 50 who are ineligible for other welfare funds, is left behind in the development process.

Kerala Matsya Thozhilali Forum (KMTF)

ESSSS champions a dedicated platform for self-employed and unorganized workers across Kerala's vital fisheries sector. This includes traditional fishers, ice factory workers, and fish vendors, who often face unique challenges like income instability, occupational hazards, and climate change vulnerability.

With the crucial support of ESSSS, this forum strives to secure fair wages, access to social security schemes, robust safety measures, and vital livelihood protection for these communities. By organizing and empowering fisheries workers, ESSSS plays a pivotal role in promoting their rights, improving their quality of life, and preserving the cultural and economic significance of Kerala's fishing communities.

Unorganized Workers Forum (UWF)

Renewals: Significant membership renewals strengthened collective bargaining and solidarity.

Activities: Organized awareness sessions on workers' rights and welfare schemes.

Members were supported to access government entitlements and insurance schemes.



Kerala Tailoring Workers Forum (KTWF)

Renewals: Membership renewal ensured continuity of social security schemes for tailoring workers.

Awareness Programs: Conducted sessions on fair wages, welfare benefits, and legal protections for tailors.

Community Engagement: Tailoring workers were empowered through interactions with ESSSS staff and exposure visits.

Swathanthra Nirmana Thozhilali Union

Renewals: Construction workers renewed memberships, ensuring sustained access to welfare schemes.

Capacity Building: Union members received guidance on safety measures, fair pay, and social protections.



Awareness Class for Domestic Workers

Kerala Tailoring Workers Forum

Awareness Classes:

- At ESSS Hall (5 May 2024).
- At Cheranelloor (20 June 2024).

Meetings: Zonal and Parish-level meetings and awareness campaigns were organized, including a domestic workers' meet at Chittoor (12 May 2024).



On 16 June 2024, Domestic Workers' Day was celebrated at ESSS with cultural events and recognition of workers' contributions.



May Day Celebrations:

On 5 May 2024, ESSS proudly joined hands with workers' in celebrating their strength and solidarity with the theme: "Workplace safety and health amidst climate change."

Other Activities

Christmas Celebration: On 12 December 2024, a joyful Christmas gathering was organized with gift distribution for workers and their families.

Hope & Help

Hope & Help House Visits: Supported families under the Hope and Help program, including:

Aji Jose Moolampilly – petty shop.

Shani Peter Moolampilly – detergent powder business.



Key Highlights

Active functioning of four key forums: UWF, KTWF, SNTU, and KDWF.

Successful renewal of memberships across all forums.

Multiple awareness classes and meetings held at community level.

Celebration of Domestic Workers Day and May Day with wide participation.

Continued livelihood support through the Hope and Help project initiative

The Labour Department of ESSS continues to be the voice and strength of the marginalized working class. By organizing, educating, and empowering unorganized workers, the department affirms its commitment to social justice and dignity of labour. Through collective action and solidarity, ESSS remains steadfast in ensuring that no unorganized workers' are left behind, and all workers' are valued for their contributions to the well-being of the society.

Community based Rehabilitation



THEMATIC AREA V

*"Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12*

Sayamprabha: Empowering Elders Through Self-Help Groups

Activity	Detail	Meaning for the Community
Sayamprabha Visit	42	Represents 42 direct interactions and support sessions with beneficiaries, ensuring continuous care, monitoring, and addressing individual needs within their homes or community.
Sayamprabha Federation Visit	9	Indicates 9 high-level meetings with the Federation. This shows a strong focus on collective decision-making, scaling the program, and fostering leadership among the members.
Sayamprabha Anniversary	5	Celebrated 5 anniversary events. These gatherings are crucial for social bonding, celebrating achievements, building morale, and reducing social isolation among participants.
Sayamprabha Boating	1	A unique recreational exposure trip was conducted. These singular events are vital for fun, breaking routine, creating shared memories, and encouraging outdoor social engagement.
Sayamprabha Digital Literacy Training	2	Two training sessions were held. In today's world, this is a critical component of empowerment, ensuring beneficiaries gain modern skills for communication, access to information, and potentially, livelihood.
Renewed	39	A total of 39 Sayamprabha Elders' groups were successfully renewed. This high retention rate demonstrates the strong, sustained engagement and worth that participants find in the Sayamprabha program.



Promoting Community Health



THEMATIC AREA VI

Ashakiranam Cancer Care Campaign: A Beacon of Hope and Holistic Support

Ashakiranam, the cancer care campaign of ESSS, has been a light of hope for cancer patients and their families across Ernakulam. Between April 2024 and March 2025, the campaign extended financial aid, mobilized community support, and created awareness through innovative initiatives. True to its name, Ashakiranam continues to bring rays of hope into the lives of those battling against cancer.

Financial Aid Distribution

- Financial aid was distributed monthly from May 2024 to February 2025, directly supporting hundreds of cancer patients and their families.
- Region-wise distribution ensured that every community under ESSS could access timely help.
- Total Assistance Provided: ₹8,99,000 was disbursed to 175 cancer patients during the year.

Fundraising & Donations

- **Maundy Thursday Collection 2024:** A remarkable ₹13,12,659 was raised across eight regions, reflecting the deep solidarity of the faithful.
- **SHG Federation Paper Collection:** An amount of ₹4,11,000 collected through paper recycling efforts of Women SHGs.
- **SHG Coin Box Collection:** ₹27,483 mobilized, demonstrating the power of small contributions.

Major Activities

- **Hair Donation Campaign:** The Infant Jesus Hall in Ernakulam was the site of heartwarming generosity on 8 March 2025. Thirty-five brave souls made an emotional sacrifice, donating their hair to be crafted into wigs for cancer patients.
- **Coin Box Campaigns:** Continued across the various zone, federations, parishes, and institutions, ensuring constant inflow of support.
- **Awareness Programs & Retreats:** Organized spiritual and motivational gatherings for patients and caregivers under the Realize & Retreat initiative.

Financial support worth ₹8.99 lakhs extended to 175 patients.

Over ₹13.12 lakhs mobilized through Maundy Thursday collections.

₹4.11 lakhs generated through SHG-led paper collection.

An Amount of ₹27,483 raised via coin boxes.

35 hair donors participated in the campaign, bringing dignity and confidence to cancer survivors.



The Ashakiranam Cancer Care Campaign continues to embody compassion, solidarity, and faith in action. By combining financial aid, awareness programs, and community-driven fundraising, the initiative stands as a model of holistic care for cancer patients. Moving forward, Ashakiranam would expand its reach and ensure that no patient faces their journey alone.

GLIMPSES OF ASHAKIRANAM CANCER CARE CAMPAIGN



Micro Insurance Schemes



THEMATIC AREA VII

*"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17*

The Insurance Department of ESSS has been instrumental in extending financial protection and social security to thousands of families. Through affordable insurance schemes, medical camps and benefit programs, and awareness initiatives, the department has ensured dignity, security, consolation and stability for the poor and marginalized. The reporting year April 2024 – March 2025 witnessed significant achievements in health coverage, pension enrollments, claims settlement, and health outreach.

Flexi Floater Group Medi-Claim Policy for Critical Illness

Implemented in partnership with The New India Assurance Co.

Age Coverage: 3 months to 65 years with special provisions for children.

Coverage: Up to ₹2,00,000 per family, with a sub-limit of ₹1,00,000 per illness.

Membership: 343 families insured.

Premium Collected: ₹13,03,400.

Claims Settled: ₹9,00,000

Micro Insurance – LIC of India

Policies offered: Jeevan Madhur, Jeevan Mangal, Micro Bachat.

Age Limit: 18 to 55 years.

Sum Assured: ₹5,000 to ₹2,00,000.

Premium Collected: ₹4,96,434 from 1,613 members.

Claims Settled: 209 maturity claims and 11 death claims submitted.

Group Insurance Policy - LIC of India

Membership: 1,798 members insured.

Premium Collected: ₹4,56,800.

Claims Settled: ₹6,00,000



Swavalamban - National Pension System – LIC of India

Target group: Unorganized workers.

Age Eligibility: 18 – 40 years; pension begins at the age of 60.

Enrollment: 2,596 workers enrolled.

Premium Paid: ₹3,98,200 for 361 members.

Maturity Cases: 1,012 matured; forms submitted to WIF and LIC.

Ardram Medical Benefit Scheme

Coverage:

Single: ₹3,050.

Family of 5: ₹6,100.

Family of 7: ₹8,900.

Sum Insured: ₹1,00,000.

Claims: 638 submitted; 578 passed and an amount of ₹1,04,45,155 released.

Total Coverage: 2,974 families, 5,423 lives.



Glimpses of Medi-Claim Awareness Class at ESSS

Health & Community Programmes



Eye Camp

Edayakunnam - 17 April 2024

Dental Camp

Thottakkattukara & Edayakunnam.



Bo- First Programs

Conducted at Muttinakam, Vaduthala, Ponnarimangalam, and Puthuvype.

Cochlear Implant Camp

ESSS Hall - 27 October 2024



Nirnnayam Camp

Providence - 12 February 2025



All camps and awareness sessions were inaugurated by priests and supported by medical professionals from Lourdes Hospital, Amrita Institute, Aster Medcity, Eye Foundation and various other partners.

The Insurance Department of ESSS continues to be a safety net for the poor and marginalized. By promoting affordable and reliable insurance policies, conducting medical benefit programs, and linking communities with social security, the department has reaffirmed its mission of fostering dignity, resilience, and holistic well-being. With expanded outreach and stronger partnerships, ESSS envisions wider coverage and deeper impact in the years ahead.

GLIMPSES OF VARIOUS HEALTH CAMPS CONDUCTED BY ESSS





GLIMPSES OF VARIOUS HEALTH CAMPS CONDUCTED BY ESSS



Basic Infrastructure Development

THEMATIC AREA VIII



Archbishop's Snehabhavanam Project: Fulfilling the Dream of A Shelter

Recognizing shelter as a fundamental human right, the Archbishop's Snehabhavanam Project, a key initiative under ESSS's infrastructure development, empowers vulnerable and marginalized families, irrespective of caste or creed, to complete their house construction. This project is a testament to our commitment to achieve "shelter for all" on a self-sustainable basis, turning the dream of a safe home into reality for the poor and homeless.

The success of this project is a collaborative effort, generously supported by parishes, benevolent well-wishers, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). A total of ₹28,22,401/- was received through these contributions, out of which ESSS has effectively distributed ₹23,85,000/- to beneficiaries. We extend our deepest gratitude to His Grace Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Kalathiparambil for his profound support and humility in tirelessly raising funds for this vital cause.



Micro-Enterprise Development Program

THEMATIC AREA IX



The Credit Department of ESSS has continued to play a vital role in financial empowerment by linking self-help groups, joint liability groups, and individuals to accessible and fair credit facilities. This year, April 2024 – March 2025, marked strong collaborations with banks, loan facilitation for marginalized communities, skill development initiatives, and livelihood support programs. By fostering responsible borrowing and timely repayment, the department has nurtured financial inclusion and resilience across communities.

Credit Linkages

Strong partnerships with multiple banks and financial institutions, including:

- Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation (KSBCDC)
- People's Urban Co-operative Bank
- Canara Bank
- NABARD
- Bank of India
- State Bank of India

These linkages provided timely loans for education, healthcare, small businesses, and housing, benefiting hundreds of families.

KSBCDC Loans

- **Loan Distribution:** Multiple families of the SHGs accessed loans under KSBCDC, ensuring livelihood support for backward classes.
- **Loan Closures:** Several loans were successfully closed during the year, reflecting a culture of repayment and financial responsibility.
- **Defaulters' Management:** Continuous follow-up with defaulters and preparation of blacklists ensured better recovery and accountability.
- **Status Reports:** Regular KSBCDC loan status updates and reviews were conducted for transparency.



Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)

In collaboration with the Credit and SHG department, ESSS formed 255 JLG groups and guided them toward new entrepreneurship.

- JLGs consisting of 4–10 individuals engaged in common occupations were supported for collective loan access.
- This mutual guarantee system strengthened community solidarity and reduced default risks.
- Defaulter Management: Special efforts were made to address JLG loan defaulters, with ongoing communication and follow-ups.

Skill Development & Training

- Tailoring Courses: Conducted training programs in tailoring, followed by certificate distribution ceremonies (April & June 2024).



- Paper Bag Training: Organized at ESSS (14 March 2025) and S. Chittoor (17 March 2025), encouraging eco-friendly livelihood practices.



- Centre for Learning: Continued operations at the ESSS-DP World Centre, providing opportunities for community-based learning and skill enhancement.



Legal Services

THEMATIC AREA X



Community Mediation Centre

The ESSS Community Mediation Centre stands as a pivotal alternative dispute resolution mechanism, established with the support of the High Court of Kerala and the Kerala State Legal Service Authority. Inspired by the Supreme Court of India's vision for speedy grievance redressal, our center is dedicated to providing efficient and accessible justice for civil disputes.

The core principle of this program is to facilitate swift and amicable settlements through the collaborative efforts of the local community. Each center is staffed by trained mediators who expertly guide affected parties toward mutually agreeable resolutions, avoiding prolonged litigation. This initiative ensures that individuals receive timely justice, reinforcing community harmony and empowering neighbors to actively participate in peaceful conflict resolution. The Community Mediation Centre truly embodies our commitment to accessible and swift justice for all.

Internship 2024 - 2025

The ESSS Internship Programme in Ernakulam continues to offer college students a comprehensive and immersive opportunity to bridge theoretical social work knowledge with practical, hands-on experience, directly supporting the mission and vision of the Ernakulam Social Service Society.

All participating interns receive a thorough orientation and foundational training at the ESSS centre.

- **Community Organization:** Active engagement with community-based groups, including women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Men -SHGs, Kuttikootam (Children's Clubs), and Sayamprabha (Elderly Self Help Groups).
- **Clinical Intervention:** Gaining vital, supervised experience at the Aswas Counselling Centre, and provides various other experiences on Social work education including Geriatric Care and Palliative Care.

Throughout the 2024-25 period, interns were integral participants in practical projects, interactive workshops, impactful community engagement initiatives, and direct social action. The programme is a cornerstone in our commitment to equipping the next generation of highly competent and compassionate social work professionals.

Facts & Figures

Income and Expenditure

ERNAKULAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY PROVIDENCE ROAD, ERNAKULAM - 682 018

Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

EXPENDITURE	₹	INCOME	₹
To Opening Stock		By Receipts from Main Objects	
LED Material 73,337.00		Donation - Sanksharavaram 26,22,401.00	
Paper Bag Material 18,100.00	92,473.00	Maindy Therapy 13,24,307.00	
* Repairs & Maintenance		Donations received 10,97,025.00	
Repairs & Maintenance 49,022.00	49,022.00	Internal Verification Fee 1,73,825.00	
* Compensation to Employees		Service Charge 67,095.00	
Salary & Allowance 10,97,834.00		Coin Box 26,543.00	
Gratuity 25,000.00		Insurance Co. Commission 46,693.25	
Festival Allowance 50,500.00	11,63,334.00	Registration Fee 1,29,100.00	
* Expenses For Programme Aims & Object		Processing Charge 43,750.00	
D.P.Wold C.S.R Fund		Donation for Cancer Care 38,688.00	
Vallapattam Dhe Toilet 3,00,000.00		Donation From Parish 1,47,800.00	
D.P.Wold C.S.R Fund		Issues of Ledger 120.00	
Providence Lift 7,38,000.00		Paper Collection 1,000.00	
Cochin shipyard CSR Fund Harbour 30,00,000.00		Donation - Sanksharavaram 35,000.00	
Kent Construction C.S.R Fund		Voluntarism From Catholics	
St Antony's Elbow 1,00,000.00		Commission 2,15,000.00	
Assistance For House 3,75,000.00	42,13,000.00	Cochin Shipped C.S.R Fund	
* Entertainment & Hospitality		Harbour 27,00,000.00	
Celebration Expenses 4,720.00	4,720.00	D.P.Wold C.S.R Fund	
* Staff Welfare Expenses		Providence Lift 15,00,000.00	
PF - Contribution 1,69,791.00		Kent Construction C.S.R Fund	
ESI Contribution 4,606.50	1,73,397.50	St. Antony's Church Elbow 3,68,210.00	1,07,33,836.26
* Conveyance & Travelling Expenses		* RENT	
Travelling Expenses 3,17,470.00	3,17,470.00	Building rent 73,12,750.00	
* Agriculture Expenses		Hall Rent 12,000.00	73,24,750.00
Agriculture Expenses 52,750.00	52,750.00	* Interest Income	
* Donation		Interest on Loan 8,75,868.00	
Sanksharavaram (House for Poor) 23,80,000.00		Interest - Savings Bank 3,81,301.00	
Donation 36,900.00		Interest - FD 5,58,202.01	
Food Kit Expense 25,337.00		Interest on Electricity Debt 47,880.00	
Gift to Beneficiaries 24,864.00	34,71,201.00	Interest on Housing Project 5,250.00	20,08,557.01
* Medical Help		* Other Income	
Donation for Cancer Care 8,31,500.00		GST and Other Charge	
Medical Camp 3,477.00		Reversal 66,613.48	
Medical Help 13,660.00	9,48,577.00	For Facilities Used 3,500.00	
Clc	1,06,05,934.56	Clc	90,113.48
			2,00,67,146.27

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Facts & Figures

Income and Expenditure

BT	1,88,25,954.59	BT	10,113.48	2,00,67,546.27
To Rates & Taxes		By Other Income		
Building Tax	5,51,644.00	DDT Collection	92,134.00	
Insurance		Penal Interest	12,572.00	1,35,005.48
Building Insurance	55,168.00	* Other Collection		
Vehicle Insurance	20,148.00	Rebate on Repaid	1,01,588.00	
* Other Expenses		Bad Debts Recovered	20,000.00	1,21,590.00
Electricity Charges	2,38,838.44	Closing Stock		
Account Renewal Charges	1,52,412.00	LED Material	73,507.00	
Printing & Stationery	1,31,902.00	Paper Bag Material	18,188.00	92,475.00
Residency Charges	1,30,000.00			
Office Expenses	1,22,949.00			
Meetings & Seminars	72,412.00			
Vehicle Maintenance	51,945.00			
Bank charges	50,143.17			
Service Charge	36,000.00			
Computer & Printer Maintenance	28,935.00			
Water Charge	28,185.00			
Mother's Day Celebration	26,590.00			
Subscription & Periodicals	25,250.00			
Internal Verification Fee	20,700.00			
Gift & Presents	18,483.00			
Generator Maintenance	12,640.00			
Women's Day Celebration	9,300.00			
Migrants Day Observation	7,238.00			
Accounting Charge	5,300.00			
Website Redesigning Charge	5,100.00			
Telephone Charges	4,690.00			
Registration Fee	3,500.00			
Donation	2,400.00			
Administration Expense (F.D.P)	1,250.00			
Postage & Courier	191.00			
* Other Payments				
Interest on Bank Loan	17,94,244.00			
Interest Paid	7,43,588.00			
Non Financial Penal Charge	67,814.95			
Penal Charge	18,882.00			
TDS Interest	953.00			
C/o	1,44,88,812.08	C/o		2,04,76,976.79

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Income and Expenditure

BT	1,44,61,012.00	BT	2,04,76,978.75
* Depreciation	9,48,596.00		
* Excess of Income over Expenditure	52,73,370.00		
Cl	2,04,76,978.75	Cl	2,04,76,978.75

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12/09/2025


MR. ANTONY SAJAN MANIVELPARAMBIL
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Subject to our report of even date
Per C. B. JOSEPH & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Roll No
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IVAN JOSEPH
(Partner)

Facts & Figures

Balance Sheet

ERNAKULAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY
PROVIDENCE ROAD, ERNAKULAM, KOCHI - 682 018
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

LIABILITIES	₹	ASSETS	₹
Corpus Fund as per last B/s.	15,40,420.55	Fixed Assets as per Schedule 'A'	2,21,01,438.96
Capital Fund as per last B/s.	2,97,22,514.57	Telephone Deposit as per last B/s.	23,796.00
Add: Excess of Income		Less: Refund Telephone Deposit	2,824.00
Over Expenditure	50,75,370.05		20,972.00
Reserving Fund as per last B/s.	7,50,000.00	Rural Mobile Deposit as per last B/s.	500.00
GST Payable	1,01,253.00	National Saving Certificate as per last B/s.	100.00
Welfare Fund as per last B/s.	25,309.00	KSEB Power Allocation Deposit	
TDS Payable on Contract	17,232.00	as per last B/s.	3,00,142.00
Secured Loan as per Schedule 'F'	2,18,11,294.00	KSEB Security Deposit	
OD and Loan A/c Balances Schedule 'G'	1,21,16,912.98	HT Connection as per last B/s.	8,35,100.00
Unsecured Loan as per Schedule 'H'	81,61,828.25	TDS on Rent as per last B/s.	10,02,265.98
		Add: Addition	7,31,279.84
			22,33,545.82
		TDS on Commission as last B/s.	8,37,060.00
		Add: Addition	4,660.16
			8,41,720.16
		TDS on FD as last B/s.	8,82,043.03
		Add: Addition	41,204.00
			9,23,247.03
		TDS on Eln. Dep. as last B/s.	14,200.00
		Add: Addition	5,321.00
			10,530.00
		Closing Stock:	
		LED Material	73,307.00
		Paper Bag Material	19,195.00
			92,472.00
		Loans & Advances as per Schedule 'E'	2,19,90,568.00
		Closing Balance:	
		Fixed Deposits as per Schedule 'D'	65,50,707.00
		Bank as per Schedule 'C'	1,14,81,021.27
		Cash as per Schedule 'B'	50,862.00
Total:	7,75,21,835.14	Total:	7,75,21,835.14

Ernakulam
12/09/2025



FR. ANTONY SUAN MANUEL PARAMBIL
(Director)

Subject to our report of even date
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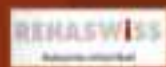
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