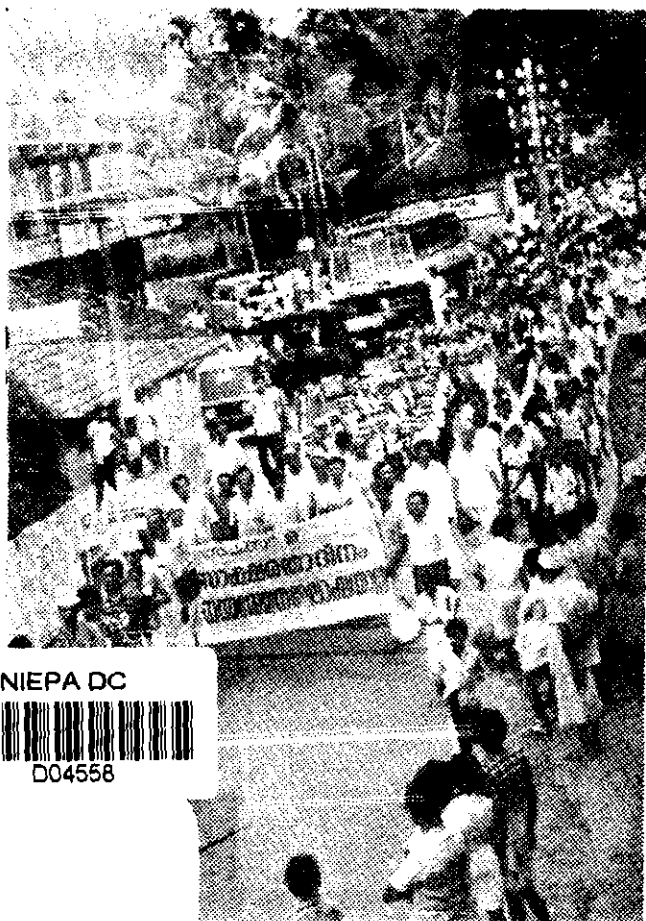


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"Akshara Jatha" at Tirur in Malappuram District
in Connection with International Literacy Day on
September 8.

Report on the various Activities of SRC/KANFED for the Quarter ending September 30, 1988

1-7-'88 The eleventh annual celebrations of KANFED were held at the Town Hall, Trichur. Seminars on NLM, Peoples Justice Movement, Women's Justice Movement etc were organised during the celebration period. Shri Justice Sivaraman Nair, Shri Justice Shumsudhin, Justice Janaki Amma, Shri. K. P. Nurudhin MLA, Shri. K. A. Chandran MLA, Shri. A. C. Shanmukha Das, Minister for Health, Shri. P. N. Panicker, Dr. Sivadasan Pillai, Dr. Raghu, Dr. N. A. Karim, Nirmalananda Yogi, and others participated in the Seminar. Dr. N. A. Karim presented the main paper on National Literacy Mission.

2-7-'88 On the third day of the annual celebrations, seminars on different subjects were held. The one on Panchayat and National Literacy Mission was inaugurated by Shri. V. J. Thankappan, Minister for Local Self Government. Shri. P. A. Antony presided over the function and Shri. A. M. Paraman MLA, and Shri. Sivapalan Unnithan spoke. Another one on Rural Development and Rural Technology was inaugurated by Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai, presided over by Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan. Shri. R. V. G. Menon presented a paper on 'Technical Education'. A third one was on NLM, and was inaugurated by Shri. K. Karunakaran Opposition Leader. Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan, and Shri. V. N. Unni spoke.

In the evening, Shri. Varkala Radhakrishnan, Speaker, Kerala Assembly inaugurated the valedictory function,

presided over by Shri. V. V. Raghavan Minister for Agriculture. The speaker also gave away awards to good social workers. The Family Assembly of KANFED workers was held at night.

3-7-'88 In Alleppey Rescue Home, the inmates were invited by Sri. P. N. Panicker to come to the path of righteous life.

4-7-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Dr. N. A. Karim took part in the training course of MPFL for the programme Officers of Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi and Calicut Universities.

Shri. P. N. Panicker met Shri. K. R. Rajan, District Collector, Ernakulam and discussed the cent percent Literacy programme in the District.

12-7-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to the BDO trainees in the SIRD (State Institute for Rural Development) Kottarakara.

13-7-'88 Sarvasree P. N. Panicker and V. N. Unni held discussions with Dr. Narayanaswami of the UNICEF, Madras.

16-7-'88 At Kunnukuzhy, in Trivandrum City, a Mass Education Centre was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker.

17-7-'88 Shri. K. R. Rajan, District Collector Ernakulam Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker and Shri. P. N. Panicker held detailed discussions of the cent per cent Literacy programme in Ernakulam District.

20-7-'88 At Quilon, Shri. P. N. Panicker and Thengamom Balakrishnan attended a training programme of the Fisheries Development project.

21-7-'88 The sub committee of the Supervisory Committee was convened and Staff pattern was discussed. Shri. P. N.

Panicker attended a meeting of the representatives of the concerned Departments at the Rural Development Commissionerate and discussed the details of literacy survey. A form for the survey was finalised in the meeting.

Sarvasree VRV. Ezhome, P. T. John and J. Sasidharan Nair, attended the Mysore Conference.

In the evening Shri. P. N. Panicker and P. T. Bhaskara Panicker attended the Cultural Vigilance Conference at the the VJT Hall.

22-7-'88 A discussion on 'Rapid Literacy programme' was initiated at the Saksharatha Bhavan. Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker spoke.

Shri. V. N. Unni and Dr. N. A. Karim attended the three day Seminar on Rapid Literacy at Pune.

23-7-'88 Dr. C. Harischandran, Smt. T. Fatimakutty and Shri. C. Rajasekharan from the Planning Board, spoke in the seminar on the second day. Discussions were held with the above experts from the Planning Board on programmes for literacy in the State. Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai, P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, P. N. Panicker and Thengamom Balakrishnan, attended the seminar. In the evening Smt. Vilasini Ramachandran, Addl. Dev. Commissioner spoke to the participants.

24-7-'88 The participants of the Rapid Literacy Seminar were given suitable instructions to carry forward the programme.

29-7-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker attended the training programme for the N. S. S. Volunteers at the Loyola College.

- In the evening Shri. P. N. Panicker met Shri. K. Chandrasekharan, Education Minister and discussed NLM and allied matters.

2-7-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the women's camp at Maranad. The meeting was presided over by Shri. T. K. Madhavan, Penchayat president. He also visited the one Lakh Housing colony and spoke to the inhabitants.

31-7-'88 The Executive Committee met in the evening and took decisions on the items on the agenda.

1-8-'88 A refresher course for those who had undergone residential training was conducted at the Saksharatha Bhavan which was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker. Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim and Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai spoke to them.

A meeting of the Steering Committee for Adult/Non-Formal Education was held in the room of the Commissioner and Secretary, General Education Department. Shri. P. N. Panicker and Dr. N. A. Karim attended.

In the afternoon a meeting of the Organising Committee for the Workshop on 'Mother and Child' was held at the Saksharatha Bhavan.

2-8-'88 In the second day of the Refresher course, Shri. P. N. Panicker gave suitable instructions to the participants. Smt. Vilasini Ramachandran IAS, Addl. Development Commissioner also spoke.

3-8-'88 Refresher course continued for the third day. Smt. Valasala Kumari, Director of Social Welfare spoke.

4-8-'88 On the fourth day of the Refresher Course, Justice Shri. V. R. Krishna Iyer addressed the participants. Smt. Saramma Jacob, Chairman Social Welfare Board, Shri. Gopinath, Commissioner of Corporation, Trivandrum and Shri. Sukumaran Principal, Ayurveda College, took classes.

5-8-'88 Shri. A. C. Shanmugha Das, Minister for Health and Swami Chakrananda spoke to the trainees.

6-8-'88 Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan and Dr. Sivadasan Pillai took classes for the trainees.

Shri. P. N. Panicker attended the meeting held in the room of the Education Minister.

Dr. V. K. Sukumaran Nair took classes for the trainees.

7-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke in the valedictory function of the training course. He also held discussions with Shri. K. R. Rajan, Dt. Collector, Ernakulam, Dr. M. P. Parameswaran and Sri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, on the project for complete literacy programme in Ernakulam District.

In the afternoon Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated a meeting on Literacy programme at Moozhikode, Kottarakara, presided over by Shri. R. Balakrishnan Pillai MLA.

8-8-'88 Shri. Satya Narayana Das, Collector, Cannanore inaugurated the complete Literacy Programme of Cannanore Municipality, which was presided over by Shri. P. N. Panicker. Shri. Sankaran Nambiar, Advocate, and Shri. Edakkad Narayanan spoke.

At the Regional Office, Cannanore, Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated a meeting of Folk artists and explained the features of the project for 'Mother and Child' Shri. V. V. Unni, dwelt at length on the method of operation of the project.

A leaders training camp was inaugurated at Panunda by Shri. P. N. Panicker presided over by Shri. Hamsa Thayyil, Co-ordinator, Nehru Yuvak Kendra.

At night Shri. P. N. Panicker visited Pottippalam Harijan Colony and gave instructions for the conduct of regular classes.

9-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker visited the Borstal School, Cannanore and enquired about the welfare of the inmates. Shri. Sankaran Nambiar, Advocate and Shri. Hameed, Superintendant also spoke.

The rapid literacy programme was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker at the Block Office, Payyannur. Shri. V. N. Unni, and Father Joseph Fernandes spoke.

In the afternoon the school club was inaugurated at the St. Mary's High School by Shri. P. N. Panicker. In the evening, he visited the Bar Association Hall and spoke to the lawyers about Neethimelas and requested for their unstinted support. He also exhorted the workers to adopt Payyanur Village for complete literacy.

10-8-'88 A meeting of the Folk artists was held at the Kasargode T. B. and Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Unni emphasised the role they can play in propagating the theme 'Mother and Child'. In the evening Shri. Prabhakaran District Collector inaugurated the Vanitha camp of Koragas, at Puhkkoor, Madhur Panchayat. Shri. P. N. Panicker Shri. V. N. Unni and Smt. Nalini spoke.

In the afternoon, Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to the students and teachers of Mayippally Basic Training School and emphasised the need for literacy work by them. Shri. V. N. Unni, Nirmal Kumar and Rehman spoke. At night the team visited the Fishing village and witnessed their traditional art-form "parichamuttukali, and instructed how the theme could be interposed.

11-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the training course of NSS volunteers at the S. N. Polytechnic, presided over by Shri. U. V. Ramakrishnan Nambiar, Principal. Shri. Panicker exhorted the students to do social work.

In the afternoon, Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the school club at Uppilikka Govt. High School. The Municipal Councillors and other leading citizens participated.

12-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. V. N. Unni participated in the Headmaster's Conference held at U. P. School, Kalpetta.

In the afternoon, Shri. P. N. Panicker proceeded to Ambalavayal and attended the tribal medicine camp, and spoke to the participants. He instructed them as to how to collect samples of medicines and to preserve them. The KANFED building of Ambalavayal was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker.

14-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker participated in the meeting of Sreenarayana Vicharavedi and spoke about the urgency in translating the teachings of Sreenarayana into practice. Swami Sarveswarananda praised the work of KANFED.

He spoke at the meeting held at Peringammala College and wanted the students to take note of the changes already taken place in the environment. The students took pledges.

15-8-'88 The Independence Day was celebrated at Saksharathabhavan, Shri. P. N. Panicker, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker and Dr. N. A. Karim spoke in the meeting

In the afternoon, Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the Block level meeting of the workers at Ithikkara. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Sankaran Nair, Director Ayurveda College, Trivandrum. Shri. V. K. B. Nair spoke

16-8-'88 A press conference was held to give publicity to the Mother and Child project assisted by the UNICEF. Shri.

P. N. Panicker, Shri. V. N. Unni, Shri. M. K. D. Warriar, Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan, Shri. Krishnamoorthy, Dr. Narayana Swami, etc took part.

17-8-'88 Shri. Varkala Radhakrishnan, Speaker of Kerala Assembly inaugurated the workshop on Mother and Child held at Mithraniketan, presided over by Shri. P. N. Panicker. Dr. Narayanaswami welcomed the gathering and Shri. V. N. Unni thanked the participants.

A meeting of the Supervisory Committee was held in the room of the General Education Secretary, presided over by the Commissioner and Secretary.

A team of World Bank Officials visited KANFED and Shri. P. N. Panicker and Dr R. S. Kurup discussed about IPP with the team.

18-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker held discussions with Shri. A. K. Antony K.P.C.C. President, Mr. David, Teacher Oxford University held discussions with Shri. P. N. Panicker and the work done by KANFED was explained to him.

19-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker participated in the Workshop at Mithranikethan and Shri. P. N. Panicker, V. N. Unni, M. K. D. Warriar and Thengamom Balakrishnan addressed the gathering Certificates were distributed to the participants by Shri. P. N. Panicker.

A meeting was held in the DPI's Office to chalk out programmes for the celebration of International Literacy Day, September 8. Dr. N. A. Karim took part in the discussion.

In the evening, Shri. P. N. Panicker attended the 100th Anniversary of SMRV Association.

21-8-'88 The Taluk level meeting at Ottapalam was held at the NSS Training College. Shri. P. N. Panicker stressed the necessity for taking 10 neighbouring house for social work by each social worker.

22-8-'88 Discussions were held with Shri. Jiji Thompson, District Collector, Palghat and Shri. John, RDO, about the conduct of the Science and Technology Exhibition and construction of 100 houses. Shri. P. N. Panicker also held discussions with Shri. C. V. Padmarajan, Ex Minister.

At Kuzhalmannam, Shri. P. N. Panicker visited Kasturba Nursery School and Sreenarayana Book Binding Unit. He spoke to the participants about child rearing and social work.

At noon, a workers' meeting was held at Rotary Moyan School, presided over by Shri. Jiji Thompson, District Collector, and inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker.

Details of the functioning of SRC were discussed with Shri. K. J. Mathew, DPI.

23-8-'88 A Workers meeting was held at Tanur Sobhaparambu School. Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the meeting, presided over by Dr. C. M. Kutty. An IPP camp was also held, Dr. R. S. Kurup and Sekharan, Block Extension Educator took classes. In the afternoon a Panchayat level meeting was held, presided over by the Panchayat President, Shri. Ahamed Kutty Sahib. A photo of Shri. P. N. Panicker was unveiled by Shri. Karthak Balachandran and that of Thanur Parameswaran by Shri. P. N. Panicker in the Sanchara Grandhalaya.

24-8-'88 On the second day of the IPP Camp Shri. P. N. Panicker, Dr. R. S. Kurup and Shri. Mohamed Kunju, Dist. Mass Education Officer took classes.

A meeting of Kelappaji Memorial Committee was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker at 11 A. M.

Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the Tanur Vanitha Vidya Kendram. Majority are Muslim women and they were advised to learn.

At the Thavanur Rescue Home, Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to the inmates to lead a good life in future. Shri. C. Haridas Ex. MP, Welfare Officer Thavanur. Shri. Vijayan Panchayat President, Shri. Bavakutty, Chamber of Commerce President, Shri. Aravindakashan, Tahasildar took part in the discussions held for the celebration of September 8, as Literacy Day.

25-8-'88 Shri. Chowdhary, Director, Literacy House, Lucknow, held discussions with the SRC on Literacy Jathas. Dr. N. A. Karim, Shri. V. N. Unni and others took part in the discussion.

27-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker visited the Central Prison, Poojappura, and gave suitable advice to the inmates. Shri. P. N. Panicker, V. N. Unni and Dr. N. A. Karim, discussed SRC activities with Shri. Chowdhary, Director, Literacy House, Lucknow.

28-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the Cultural Meet at the Perumpuzha Quilon, presided over by Shri. V. N. Unni. Shri. P. N. Panicker wanted social workers to take charge of ten neighbouring houses, by each of them for social work.

29-8-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker discussed Population Education Programmes with Shri. A. C. Shanmugha Das, Minister for Health. A subcommittee of the Supervisory Committee was held and Shri. K. J. Mathew, DPI, and Dr. V. K. Sukumaran Nair were present.

30-8-'88 Training was imparted to the Instructors deputed by the Railways, by Shri. P. N. Panicker, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim, Shri. V. N. Unni and Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan.

A meeting of the representatives of Voluntary Agencies was held. Shri. P. N. Panicker, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim, Shri. V. N. Unni and Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan spoke.

31-8-'88 A Seminar on Rapid Literacy was held at Kadapuzha L. P. School, Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan spoke.

Shri. P. N. Panicker addressed the members of the Panchayat, Purakkad. Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Thengamom addressed the members.

1-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker held discussions with Justice Sivaraman Nair, and Shri. K. R. Rajan, District Collector, Ernakulam.

A meeting for organising the Literacy Day Celebrations was held in the room of the District Collector, Malappuram, under the chairmanship of the District Collector. Sri. P. N. Panicker explained the details of the proposed celebration. The meeting was attended by both officials and non-officials. Decisions for the conduct of the celebrations in the most appropriate way were taken.

3-9-'88 A meeting of the Directors of the SRC was held.

4-9-88 A meeting of the 'KANFED Kalavedi' was held at the Saksharatha Bhavan. Shri. P. N. Panicker, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker and others spoke to the artists.

5-9-'88 A Press Conference was held at the Saksharatha Bhavan, and the proposed programmes to be implemented

under the NLM were explained to the representatives of the press. A Panchayat Level Meeting of the workers was held at Purakkad, which was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker. Shri. Sudhakaran, Member, Kerala University Syndicate, Shri. Chunakkara Janardanan Nair, Devadath G. Purakkad, Smt. Lalitha, Social Welfare Officer, Shri. B. P. Panicker of Nehru Yuvak Kendra spoke. Shri. Panicker exhorted the workers to work for complete literacy in the Panchayat.

6-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan attended a meeting under the auspices of the Malappuram Ungungal University Library. Met important persons in Malappuram in connection with the celebration of September 8.

7-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the Aksharajatha from Thunchan Parambu, Tirur. Shri. Bharat Bhushan, District Collector presided over the function. The first letter of Malayalam was handed to Shri P. M. Pallippad, Jatha Captain, by Shri. P. N. Panicker. Receptions were held at ten Schools on the way, and Shri. Panicker spoke to the gatherings.

The Jatha was received at Kottakkal by Shri. U. A. Beeran, Ex. Minister and Shri. P. K. Warriar, Managing Trustee of Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala. Shri. P. N. Panicker explained the purpose of the Jatha to those assembled in the meeting held in the evening.

8-9-'88 A workers meeting in connection with the World Literacy Day was held at Malappuram, and was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker. In the public meeting, inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker, and presided over by Shri. Kunhali-kutty MLA, Shri. K. V. Madanan, Adol. DPI, Professor Sreedharan, Dr. Soman and others spoke. The 'Aksharajatha' was received at Malappuram with great popular

enthusiasm with the participation of the NCC, Scouts and Rural Folk arts performance.

In the evening the public meeting and pledge-taking were held with the Education Minister Shri K. Chandrasekharan inaugurating the function. The oath-taking was officiated by Shri. P. N. Panicker and he presided over the function. Shri. Bharat Bhushan, District Collector welcomed the gathering. Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan, Dr. N. A. Karim. Shri. K. V. Madanan and others spoke.

At night a public meeting was held at Ponnani, a fishing village. In his inaugural address, Shri.P.N.Panicker wanted the fishermen and the women folk to learn. Shri. K. V. Madanan, Shri. Thangamom Balakrishnan and others spoke.

9-9-'88 A meeting was held with the District Collector to finalise the accounts.

At Mukkom in Kozhikode, Shri. P. N. Panicker addressed the teacher-trainees in the Teachers Training Institute and wanted them to teach the illiterates also.

10-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the Mavoor Panchayat Convention. One hundred workers were got ready to take up complete literacy in that Panchayat. The Principal, M.A.M.O. College, Shri. Pankajakshan and Smt. Valsala spoke.

11-9-'88 An art-festival of tribal arts was held at S. K. M. J. College, Pazhassinagar, Wynad. Shri. P. N. Panicker advised the adivasis not to drink and to start learning. A float was arranged by KANFED. A book show was also conducted.

12-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker met the Panchayat President Thamarasseri and discussed identifying 100 workers to do social work.

He visited Edappad School and exhorted the teachers to do social work for a minimum time half an hour a day and take on literacy work wherever needed.

- 13-9-'88 Visited the regional office, Thiruvalla along with with Shri. Kunnuthara Thomas, and met the workers.
- 15-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker took a class for the NSS students of the Law College, Trivandrum. Dr. A. Sukmaran Nair, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai also took classes. Shri. P. N. Panicker held discussions with Shri. Malappuram Moosa and Vithura Baby, on how the working journalists could be made aware of the importance of the literacy programme.
- 16-9-'88 A meeting of the SRC Directors was held and administrative matters discussed.

Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke at length about the NLM to the participants of the Workshop for "Preparation of Training Designs". Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai also took part in the discussion.

- 17-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan took part in the meeting of Elanthoor Panchayat and spoke about the programme of ensuring complete literacy in the Panchayat.

At Thiruvalla, Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. Thengamom took part in the meeting held in the regional office to celebrate the 60th birthday of Smt. T. S. Ponnamma. Shri. P. N. Panicker met the Municipal Chairman and requested him to take up complete literacy work in Thiruvalla Municipality.

- 18-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker discussed the conduct of para-legal training with Justice Krishna Iyer. A meeting of the "Rashtra Sevana Samithi" was held at Bharat Tourist

Home, presided over by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer. Shri. P.N. Panicker and Dr. N. A. Karim took part in the discussion. Shri. Panicker discussed with Justice Sivaraman Nair, Justice Sukumaran and Justice Janaki Amma about 'Neethi Vedi'.

19-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. C. G. Vasudevan Nair met the Municipal Chairman and Commissioner and discussed Non-Formal Education. In the afternoon, Shri. P. N. Panicker visited Vaikom Satyagraha Memorial High School and spoke to the teachers about doing social work.

Shri. P. N. Panicker visited Kadikunnu Library and attended the annual meeting. He spoke about the necessity for attending the classes regularly. Shri. C. G. Vasudevan Nair also spoke.

23-9-'88 A Panchayat level meeting was held at Kozhippara Vadakarapathy Panchayat. Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the meeting. This is a very backward area inhabited by Tamilians. Arrangements were made to teach them. Shri. Thengamom also spoke.

A meeting of the NSS was held in the Victoria College, Palghat. Shri. P. N. Panicker emphasised the necessity for selfless work. Shri. Sivarama iyer, Principal and Shri Suresh Babu, Programme Officer spoke.

In the evening, a meeting of the Organising Committee of Science and Technology exhibition was conducted in the Collectorate Conference Hall. Officials and non-officials participated.

At night, Shri. P. N. Panicker laid the foundation stone of 25 houses in Eruthiyampathy Panchayat. Shri. K. A. Chandran MLA presided over the meeting. A sizable number of persons in the audience were drunkards. They took pledge before Shri. P. N. Panicker that they would

not drink in future. Sarvasree Thengamoin Balakrishnan, Viswanathan and Kinavallor Sasidharan spoke.

- 24-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker held discussions with Shri. V. J. Thankappan, Panchayat Minister, about the conduct of the survey. Shri. C. T. Krishnan, MLA was also present.

The Panchayat Convention, Ottappalam Panchayat was held at the Panchayat Conference Hall. Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Durgadas, Panchayat President, Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan also spoke.

A meeting of the Co-operators of Palghat was held in the Co-operative Bank Hall. The Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, presided. Shri. K.A. Chandran, MLA welcomed the gathering, Shri. P. N. Panicker wanted them to indentify ten houses by each and work for their overall development. Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan also spoke.

About the proposed exhibition, discussions were held with the District Planning Officer, Thengamom Balakrishnan and others, by Shri. P. N. Panicker.

- 25-9-'88 A workers meeting of the Elappully Panchayat was held and Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated it. He wanted the people to make the exhibition a success. Shri. Thengamom and Kinavallor Sasidharan spoke. Old time workers of KANFED were called together at the Rest House Palghat and spoke to them about future plans. He spoke about the Library Movement also. Later, he met Shri. Jiji Thompson and discussed the two projects of construction of Houses and Exhibition.

- 26-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Thengamom wanted the workers and those interested in Non-Formal Education to co-operate in the successful conduct of the survey in the

Panchayat, in Aroor Panchayat, Ernakulam District. Shri. Thengamom Balakrishnan also spoke. In Kodanthuruthu Panchayat meeting the members and others participated. Discussions were for the smooth conduct of the survey.

Shri. P. N. Panicker and Thengamom visited St. Raphael's High School and spoke to the teachers about literacy programmes.

In the evening a KANFED School Club was inaugurated in Thanka High School. Each one teach one was driven home to the students.

A workers meeting was held at Thuravoor Nalukulangara Devaswam Auditorium. Shri. P. N. Panicker and Thengamom spoke in the meeting.

27-9-'88 A Jatha was taken out from Aroor to Andhakara Azhi, and corner meetings were conducted at 15 points,

Shri. P. N. Panicker took part in the meeting held in Ezhupunna Panchayat for the successful conduct of the survey.

28-9-'88 Shri. P. N. Panicker attended the meeting of the Advisory Committee for the complete literacy programme in Kottayam Municipality under the auspices of the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

29-9-'88 A workshop on learning materials was held in the Saksharatha Bhavan, in which, Shri. P. N. Panicker, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim, V. N. Unni and Thengamom spoke. The representatives of the AIR and the District level office bearers of KANFED were present. In the evening a meeting of the Executive Committee of KANFED was held.

30-9-'88 The second day of the Workshop on learning materials, finalised the recording of a few literacy songs, composed in the workshop.

A meeting of the Directors of the SRC was held in Saksharatha Bhavan.

APPENDIX I

Following is the report of the Staff Correspondent of the Hindu
on our Tribal Medicine Project

Tribal medicines: simple to use, great in effect

From our Staff Reporter

PALGHAT, September, 28

The Centre has been urged to take up a number of Projects now being implemented in the State, at the national level.

The suggestion was made at a two-day group monitoring workshop of the Department of Science and Technology funded projects under the scheme for promotion and development of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and other weaker sections, at Mundoor near here.

The subjects mentioned in the regard include tribal medicine, cost reduction techniques in housing, fish aggregation devices in the Bay of Bengal and viable package of textile technologies for the weaker sections. The workshop also suggested that the eye ailments of pottery workers especially in Kumberwada of Maharashtra, be studied, relating them to to their working conditions.

The workshop, hosted by the Kerala Sastra Sahithya Parishat, was attended by scientists from 14 States, and 33 projects were reviewed. It wanted the Government to lay more stress on occupational health of industrial workers.

Prof. Rajeswar Prasad of the Science and Technology Department, told newsmen that 400 craftsmen were trained in various projects, which would benefit a targetted one lakh people. Compilation of the medicinal herbs used by the tribals and its publications in suitable forums was also being contemplated.

Presenting a technical paper on "Tribal medicines in Kerala" Dr. K. Madhavankutty, representing the Kerala Association for Non-Formal Education (KANFED), said a total number of 76 ailments common among the Adivasis were identified in Wynad and Palghat districts. For curing these, the tribals use nearly 536 items of medicine. For body-building and beautification, 41 methods and medicines have come to light. For six kinds of diseases among animals seven types of treatments, are in vogue among the tribals.

The aim of the project, is to study the indigenous system of medicines inherited by the tribals in Wynad and Attappady areas, and finding out and preserving the common and specific herbs. It also seeks to identify the common ailments and the environment, etc. of the tribals in these areas. All these will help bring out the rudiments of scientific and medical knowledge existing in these tribal villages.

The study is being undertaken by a team of tribal workers. The services of botanists are also being utilised. The investigators were given training and questionnaires distributed among the workers, who collected details from 3000 tribal families in Wynad and 1000 families in Attappady.

A garden of medicinal plants has been developed in a school compound in Karichal in Wynad district. Nearly 100 medicinal plants of the tribals are being grown.

No access: The study paper notes that except the old generation of Adivasis, a majority of the new generation does not have access to the history, culture and heredity of the community. Nor do they have any knowledge or pride about the past. Though many follow the tribal system of medicine, wherever modern systems are at hand, the tendency is to make use of them.

It has been noted that poor tribals are being exploited in this field as they are done in the case of other areas. The study

has also helped the younger generation of tribals to know more about their medicinal system.

There have been many bottlenecks in the working of the project Problems, and in a few cases, resistance did crop up. Tribal physicians are reluctant to share their knowledge with others. A few of them feel it would be a sin to share the secret with others.

The Adivasis use the medicines obtained from nature, raw and fresh. The practice of preparing mixtures, pastes or oils by adding several items as is the practice in Ayurveda is rare. Due to this reason, their system is simple in application but great in effect. The expense is also negligible.

But the real problem is the availability and identification of the plants and herbs. The details of their medicines are now being compiled separately. Here again different names are used in different places for the same plant or herb. As such attempts are being made to find out the botanical names.

APPENDIX II

No. F 9-9/87—AE. I
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Education)

New Delhi, the 24th October 1988

To
All Education Secretaries
States / UTs.

Sir/Madam,

I am desired to say that detailed instructions and guidelines were issued to all State Governments, Directorates of Adult Education and State Resource Centres regarding the celebration of International Literacy Day on 8th September, 1988.

2. Reports received from different states, Directorates, State Resource Centres (SRCs), University Departments of Adult & Continuing Education and other voluntary Agencies go to show that International Literacy Day has been celebrated by them in a variety of ways. In some, the emphasis has been on institution building while in some others the emphasis has been on environment building. It is heartening to note that involvement of teachers and students in this celebration has been on a very large scale which gives hope for their increasing involvement in National Literacy Mission (NLM) in future.

3. The Report received from State Resource Centre, KANFED, Trivandrum shows that undertaking 'Akshara Jatha', was one of the novel features of this year's celebration of International Literacy Day in Kerala. The 'Akshara Jatha' was conceptualised and executed under the leadership of one Shri. P. N. Pallippad, an expert in making learning and teaching materials, a poet of repute and a prominent KANFED worker. He held aloft one placard each with 51 Malayalam letters which are beautifully displayed. This presented a novel and attractive sight and conveyed fully the philosophy embodied in the NLM. The Jatha started from the birthplace

of Shri. "Thunchath Ezhuthassan" loved and respected as the father of modern Malayalam. This was inaugurated by lighting the wick by Shri. P. N. Panicker, General Secretary of KANFED and the Executive Director of the SRC. Shri. Panicker is regarded as the originator or the Grandhasala movement in Kerala. The District Collector, Municipal Chairman, leading citizens, teachers, students and KANFED workers, etc. had whole-heartedly participated in the Jatha. It was accompanied by a large following of teachers, students and members of the public at Tirur which is a railway station in Malapuram District, Hundreds of people thronged to receive the Jatha. Throughout the entire course of Jatha, the pupils of all schools had lined up by the road-side along with their teachers and whole-heartedly greeted the Jatha members. At the front and rear, literacy songs were sung and slogans shouted which helped in generating awareness amongst the people about the need for spreading the message of literacy through such Jathas.

4. I am sharing the above information with you, with the hope that you would also take initiative in organising similar Jathas through your respective State Resource Centres and other leading Voluntary Agencies. You would agree with me that this could act as a powerful tool of conscientisation, and also for spreading the message of literacy all over the country.

5. I would be grateful for your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Directors of Adult Education in States/UTs.
2. All Directors, State Resource Centres.

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APPENDIX III

No. F. 9-73/88—AE. I

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Education)

New Delhi, the 17th October, 1988

To

The Education Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, motivation is the key issue in the National Literacy Mission. Motivation is many—fold namely—*motivation of learner, motivation of instructors and motivation of the whole community.*

2. Keeping the importance of motivation in view, a detailed design for motivation centred programme has been presented on page 23 of the National Literacy Mission document. It has two parts namely the content related inputs and *form-related inputs*. *In the content related inputs recreation cultural activities and entertainment have been shown as one of the important inputs of the motivation centred programme.* This means that an adult education centre is not merely a centre of learning but also a centre of rest and relaxation from the dredgery and monotony of the day to day life of the learner. Motivation will also be generated if we convey a message in such manner as would appeal to the psyche of the learner.

3. The KANFED, Trivandrum which is the State Resource Centre for the Kerala State has designed a special greetings card for *distribution to thousands of parents who bring their children to Tunchan Parambu which is the birth place of Tunchath Ezhuthassan, the author of Adhyatma Ramayan and*

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Bharata in Malayalam. On one side of the card the Malayalam Alphabets are printed and on the other side the slogan 'LEARN TO WRITE AND BE STRONG' is given along with the four lines of a poem which wishes the readers all success in learning. The card is being distributed in large number and it has helped in motivating and generating awareness amongst the people on the need for literacy and relevance of literacy. A photocopy of this card is enclosed.

4. I would request you to consider if similar messages can be designed and printed in large number by the Directorate of Adult Education, State Resource Centres and other institutions in the Regional languages/State Standard Language for distribution, amongst the parents at the time of fairs and festivals and the State Public Relation Department could utilise such occasions for explaining to people the various implications of being literate and not being literate, as given at page 10 and 11 of the National Literacy Mission captioned "Relevance of Literacy".

5. I would be grateful for your early and positive response.

Yours faithfully

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They are requested to explore similar avenues as the State Resource Centre, Kerala, for motivating the parents and the learners and also for generating the awareness amongst the people about need for and relevance of literacy.

