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**HON'BLE MINISTER SRI. NEELALOHITA DASAN NADAR
INAUGURATES THE TRAINING CAMP OF THE KANFED
KALAVEDI, WHICH WAS PRESIDED OVER BY SRI. P. N.
PANICKER. DR. N.A. KARIM AND SRI V.N. UNNI, STATION
DIRECTOR, AIR ARE, ALSO SEEN ON THE STAGE.**

PREFATORY NOTE

This quarterly report of the activities of KANFED/SRC reveals the widening horizon of the organisation in matters of adult/non-formal education and social work. It is no exaggerated claim to say that KANFED/SRC is a unique attempt at bringing all developmental programmes in their broadest sense under one banner.

In addition to the report of the activities of the quarter ending with 31st December 1987, you will find a comprehensive report of the committee entrusted with the task of evaluating the work of KANFED/SRC in the past. This will give the reader a general idea of the growth of the organisation and the State Resource Centre which it manages.

An excerpt from the write-up from the Hindu on KANFED and its presiding deity Sri. P. N. Panicker is also reproduced as appendix just to give an idea of the acclaim Sri. Panicker receives from all quarters.

Opinions and suggestions on the work of KANFED/SRC are always welcome.

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Quarterly Report of the Various Activities of SRC / KANFED for the Quarter Ending December 31-12-1987

1-10-'87 Contacted political leaders and IAS Officers for arranging programmes for celebration of October 2. Spoke to the N. S. S. students and the people about non-formal education and the necessity for propagating ideas, in a meeting held at St. Xavier's College, Vettuthura, Trivandrum. N. S. S. students were made to pledge for doing social work.

2-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker presided over a meeting organised by the State Adult Education Department on October 2 celebrating the Gandhi Jayanthi Day. A seminar of workers of the 150 literacy centres was also held under the chairmanship of Shri. P. N. Panicker. This seminar was inaugurated by Dr. K. S. Pillai. Shri. K. J. Mathew, DPI, Shri. K. Gopalakrishnan, Dy. Development Commissioner and others spoke. The DPI distributed awards to good workers. The wall News paper "Nattuvelicham" published for National Literacy Mission was also released in this meeting.

A seminar on how to go about reminding on misuse of drugs by students was conducted at Saksharatha Bhavan under the chairmanship of Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker. Dr. Gopalakrishnan, Superintendent of Mental Hospital and half a dozen of experts including Ayurvedic doctors took part. A plan of action was approved for conducting intensive propaganda on mental health in rural areas also.

In the afternoon a seminar of intellectuals and prominent people was conducted on the subject, how to bring about a change through Gandhian Philosophy. Shri. P. N. Panicker presided over the meeting. Shri. Gopal K. Pillai IAS, Smt. Sudha Pillai IAS, Shri. K. V. Nambiar IAS, Shri. Gopalakrishna Kurup, Chairman, Public Service Commission, Shri. A. K. Thomas, Member, P. S. C., Dr. Balaraman, Rtd. Director of Health Services, Shri. V.N. Unni, Station Director, AIR, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim, Shri. Kamaludeen Sahib and such other opinion leaders actively took part in the discussion. A committee was constituted to do follow-up work.

3-10-'87 A meeting of the library workers was held at Thiruvanchoor at Kottayam District under the chairmanship of Shri. P.N. Panicker which was inaugurated by Shri. Suresh Kurup M P. The origin, growth and present situation of the Grandhasala Movement and non-formal education were discussed at length. In the meeting held at the co-operative circle union office at Kanjirappalli, Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke about the necessity for conducting non-formal education through the co-operatives. Shri P.N. Panicker met Shri. K.R. Narayanan, Union Minister and discussed about non-formal education work in the State.

4-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker visited some of the literacy centres in Kottayam along with Shri. Thomas Abraham, N.S.S. Co-ordinator, Gandhi University. Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated a seminar at Kalamassery Rajagiri College on the topic 'social awareness and development.' Two colonies have been adopted by the N.S.S. Students of the Rajagiri college. A seminar was conducted in connection with the work in the adopted colonies in which Thomas Abraham and Prof-Paulose participated. The Library workers of Amballoor Reading Room were instructed how to go about the work. The N.S.S. students of Changanasery S.B.College have constructed a building in Papanchira Colony, Kurichy Kottayam. Shri P.N. Panicker presented the key of the

building and spoke to the students. He told the N.S.S. students and the people that illiteracy should be totally eradicated in Papanchira colony. In the evening Shri. P.N. Panicker participated in the annual celebrations of the Punnakkal Library at Manipuzha. He also switched on the T. V. recently obtained by the workers. Shri. Oommen Chandy MLA and Shri. C.G. Vasudevan Nair spoke.

5-10-'87 Shri P.N. Panicker inaugurated the two days orientation course of adult education workers of Kottayam District in the model School, Kottayam.

In the afternoon Shri. P.N. Panicker took part in the meeting of the palai Circle co-operative Union at the Co-operative College, Palai. The ways and means of conducting non-formal education through co-operative movement were discussed in detail.

6-10-'87 The regional Office workers were assembled at the Saksharatha Bhavan and two day training was imparted to them. Shri. P.N. Panicker and Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker took classes. Dr. N.A. Karim explained the salient features of National Literacy Mission.

7-10-'87 The training course for the field workers continued for the 2nd day. In the evening a meeting of the KANFED Kalavedi was held in which Shri. P.N. Panicker, Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker, and Dr. N.A. Karim spoke about the importance of art and art forms in the propagation of ideas. An action programme was also chalked out. Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke to Shri. Managathu Chandran, Member, Control Board, Grandhasala Sangham, about the early history of Grandhasala Movement.

8-10-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker visited Nayadi colony, Karamkode, Palghat and advised the people against drinking. He advised the women agricultural labourers of Thenary. He also wanted the weavers of Muthalithara, Thenary to devote one hour

for learning and wanted them to stop betel chewing, drinking and other vices. A committee was constituted for follow-up. Shri. P.N. Panicker visited the family welfare centre, Thenary and made the children shout slogans.

Shri. P.N. Panicker visited Mecry College and addressed 500 College students and exhorted them to teach at least 5 illiterates, work for women's emancipation, and to denounce dowry.

At night he gave away keys of four houses constructed by the Arangappallam Block. In the meeting chaired by Shri. K. A. Chandran he wanted the entire block to be made literate in the shortest possible time. Some youngmen took pledge before him for social work.

9-10-'87 The rift between some workers of Elappully Panchayat was removed and Shri. P. N. Panicker addressed a joint meeting of both groups. They agreed to work together sinking all differences.

A meeting of the Palghat Prohibition Committee was addressed by Shri. P. N. Panicker. The meeting was chaired by Shri. K. A. Chandran M L A. Shri. P. N. Panicker wanted the workers to go on with incessant work for propagating prohibition.

Shri. P. N. Panicker discussed the question of educating labourers with their leaders. Sri. P. R. Soman, Collector, Palghat also participated in the meeting. A plan of action was formulated.

The District Committee meeting was conducted during the night, and it was decided to work with added vigour.

10-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker condoled the death of Shri. Chenthamara's father. Visited Gurukulam High School Alathur and spoke to the students.

- 11-10-'87 Visited the ailing MLA Shri. K. K. N. Pariararam.
- 12-10-'87 A two-day seminar on Sthree Neethi Vedi was inaugurated by Smt. K. R. Gouri, Minister for Industries. The meeting was chaired by Smt. Lalithambika IAS, Secretary to Govt. Department of S. C. & S. T. Welfare. Shri. P. N. Panicker made the invocation address. Smt. R. Sridevi presented the papers on "Sthree Neethi", in the present context. Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N. A. Karim, Smt. Maheswari Amma, prominent social worker attended the meeting.
- 13-10-'87 The seminar on Sthree Neethi Vedi continued for the 2nd day. Smt. Sudha Pillai, District Collector, Trivandrum, Prof. Sugathakumari, Dr. Sivadasan Pillai, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker and Dr. N. A. Karim spoke about the relevance of the subject. A committee was constituted giving representation through all the Districts. Shri. N. D. Madhavan Nair, Additional Development Commissioner emphasised the necessity for co-ordinating the work of KANFED and his department.
- 14-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the study class started under the auspices of Renjini Arts and Sports Club, Panicanvila, Murrukkumpuzha, Dr. N. D. Joshi and V. J. Varghese spoke. A few social workers were identified and their pledges were taken.
- 15-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker took part in the deliberations of the temple entry proclamation memorial endowment committee in the room of the Minister Shri. P. K. Raghavan.
- 16-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker and Shri. V. K. Damodaran held discussion with the officers of the State Bank of Travancore. Prepared a project of conducting non-formal education by the bank. Afterwards Shri. P. N. Panicker met the Chief Minister and the Development Minister and discussed matters of mutual interest.

17-10-'87 A training class for 100 non-formal education workers was inaugurated by Shri. K. Chandrasekharan, Education Minister at the Fisheries Girls' High School, Madappally, Badagara under the auspices of the yuvakala Sahithi, under the chairmanship of Shri. P. N. Panicker. He emphasised the necessities of conducting house visits. Shri. Edathil Gangadharan, V.R.V.Ezhome, Adv. Narayanan and Maniyar Balan took classes.

18-10-'87 In the training course at Madappally School Shri. P. N. Panicker, P.R.K.Nair, Adv. Rajan, Adv.Sankaran and others took classes on different subjects. Shri. Mayakumar Collector, Calicut, delivered the valedictory speech. Shri. P. N. Panicker conducted a press conference in the evening at Badagara T.B. He discussed the conduct of Neethimela with the Advocates who came there to visit him. The district level workers meeting was conducted. It was decided to select Badagara Municipality for intensive awareness work. Shri. Krishnamoorthi, Municipal Commissioner agreed to fully co-operate with this programme.

19-10-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke to teachers and pupils of the L.P. School, Badagara. In the afternoon he spoke to 80 teacher trainees at Govt. Basic Training Sschool, Badagara about non-formal education. He then spoke to 40 teachers in the English language training centre at Badagara about non-formal education and the necessity for paying attention for this work. Then he met Shri. Kadathangttu Madhavi Amma and explained the work on non-formal education. He gave necessary instructions to the workers of Calicut Regional Office.

20-10-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker discussed matters with Dr. Soman and O.N.V. Kurup at Calicut University. He also met Shri. Balakrishna Kurup IAS, Managing Director, Kottakkal Aryavaidyasala. He visited the Rescue Home, Thavanoor and spoke to the inmates about good character.

21-10-'87 A meeting of the co-operators of Changanasserry Taluk was held at N.S.S. Training College Auditorium, Perunna. Shri. P.K. Narayana Panicker, General Secretary N.S.S. inaugurated the meeting and spoke about the invaluable services rendered by Shri. P.N. Panicker in the field of Library Movement and non-formal education. The meeting was presided over by Shri. P.N. Panicker. It was emphasised that each co-operative society should start one Janasakthi Nilayam and each worker should take charge of 10 houses for social work. Prof-Thrakkodithanam Gopinathan Nair, Smt, Padmavathi Amma, Shri. V.G. Bhaskaran Nair took classes. Shri P.N. Panicker discussed matters with Bishop Dr. Stephen Vattappara, Bishop of Sachivothampuram

22-10-'87 A training programme of plantation labourers of the plantation Corporation, Kottayam was inaugurated at the High School, Athirappally by Shri P.N. Panicker. Shri Gopalakrishnan, Managing Director, Shri, Unnikrishnan, CITU leader and Shri Krishnamoorthy, Manager spoke. The speakers emphasised that all should learn and should avoid drinking and cultivate the habit of saving.

23-10-'87 A meeting of the Stree Neethivedi was held at Jawahar Memorial Society, Thalayolaparambu, Kottayam and Shri. P.N. Panicker while inaugurating the meeting spoke on the basic things which should be made known to all women. Then he spoke to the teachers of A. J. John Memorial Girls H. S. and wanted them to devote at least half an hour a day for social work. At night, he spoke to a few youths who had no purpose in life and who are in despondency, in Vaikom T. B. and wanted them to be reformed and cultivate good habits.

24-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the KANFED Club at the Govt. Girls H. S. , Vaikom. He told the students that a student who could learn should teach

another who could not learn. At Ernakulam he met Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer and discussed matters under the auspices of the Stree Neethi Movement. A meeting of women was held at the women's Association Hall, Ernakulam. He exhorted the women to take up social work and devote a minimum of half an hour a day for that purpose. Shri. P.N. Panicker attended the meeting of the directors of the State Co-operative Union under the chairmanship of Shri. Thachadi Prabhakaran. Shri. P.N. Panicker explained the necessity for taking up non-formal education by the co-operatives.

25-10-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker took part in the meeting of library workers held in the Co-operative Hall, Malappuram. Shri. Manayathu Chandran inaugurated the meeting. All the participants acclaimed the work of Shri. P.N. Panicker. A meeting of the neo-literates was held at Marayoor G.N.L.P. School. This was chaired by Shri. P.N. Panicker and inaugurated by Shri. Vaikkom Mohammad Basheer. The necessity for taking up non-formal education was explained in the meeting. A meeting of poets was also held.

28-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker explained the work of non-formal education with Shri. P. K. Raghavan, Minister, and Shri. T. K. Raveendran, Vice Chancellor, Calicut University. A training of 40 social workers was held at Saksharatha Bhavan as required by the District Collector, Trivandrum. Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the course, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr.N.A. Karim, Ananda Swamikal of Ramakrishnansram, Sri. V. K. Damodaran, Smt. T. S. Ponnamma etc took classes. In the evening a meeting of social workers and local people was held at Aryanad. Shri. P. N. Panicker wanted every body to work unitedly for the country. Shri. B. S. Balachandran and Shri. Jayaram spoke at the meeting.

29-10-'87 A meeting for the propagation of mental health was inaugurated at Saksharatha Bhavan, Vazhuthacaud by

- Shri. P. N. Panicker, Dr. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Mani, Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker and others took classes. At the valedictory function Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke about the mode of work of social workers. Dr. N. A. Karim, Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai and Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker also spoke.
- 30-10-'87 A meeting of conveners of School club was held at Nayanmarmoola H. S. Kasargode, in which nearly 100 teachers took part. Shri. Radhakrishnan DEO, Shri. Chacko Headmaster and Shri. P.N. Panicker explained the necessity of carrying out non-formal education to at least one in the neighbourhood. All the participants agreed for this and took pledges. Shri. P. N. Panicker took part in the meeting of Anganwadi teachers held in the Community Hall, Cherkula Panchayat. The School club at Govt, H. S. Cherkula was inaugurated. Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to the teachers. Another KANFED Club was also inaugurated at the High School Chettayil and Shri. P. N. Panicker wanted the teachers and students to work for unity and progress.
- 30-10-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to press persons and explained the work undertaken in non-formal education. A meeting for the awareness creation was held at the High School, Neerchalil Nada, Badiyadka. Shri. Prabhakaran, District Collector inaugurated the meeting and Shri. P.N. Panicker chaired it. He exhorted the adivasis not to drink and chew betel. At the Collectorate Conference Hall, Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the District Resource Unit. The District Collector chaired the meeting. A Committee was constituted for further works. A meeting of workers was held at the Co-operative Bank Hall in the evening and Shri. P.N. Panicker gave suitable instructions to the workers.
- 1-11-'87 Held discussions with Sri. M.A. John at the Rest House, Kasargode. A meeting for the conduct of Neethimela was held at Thaliparamba under the chairmanship of Raghavapothuval, Advocate. Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke about popular neethimelas and non-formal education. Decided to

conduct propaganda jathas in 10 Panchayats,. A meeting of the local public, majority of whom were Muslims, was held at Poyuthukadava, Azhikkode, Cannanore. Shri. P.N. Panicker emphasised the fact that Mohammed the prophet had given much importance to education. He made youngsters take pledge.

- 2-11-'87 A training course for the Girijan women workers was held at the service co-operative bank hall, Kalpatta. Shri. P.N. Panicker, Smt. Valsalakumari, Deputy Collector and Shri. V.R.V. Ezhome took classes.

Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke to about 250 students of the college of Commerce about non-formal education and the necessity for marking illiterates, literate. At night the inmates of the ladies hostel assembled in the hostel. Smt. Valsalakumari, Deputy Collector welcomed the gathering. Shri P.N. Panicker spoke to them about the social work to be undertaken by each one of them for a minimum period of half an hour a day.

- 3-11-'87 Visited the girijan women workers training class in the 2nd day and Shri P.N. Panicker, Shri. P.T. John, Shri Uthaman, Publicity Officer spoke. Afterwards a meeting of the district committee was held and a plan of action was chalked out.

- 4-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker discussed propagation of non-formal education work among coir workers with Shri. Ananda Bose IAS, Managing Director Coir Board. A workers' training course was held in the KANFED building, Puthiyakavu, Pattanaacadu. Shri. P.N. Panicker, Krishnankutty, Co-operative Society Secretary, Manilal, Extension Officer and others spoke. Corner meetings were held in different places in Pattanaacadu block in the course of a block level padayathra. Shri. Panicker inaugurated a KANFED Club in St. George H.S., Thankiyil.

- 5-11-'87 A meeting of the expert committee on tribal-medicine project was held in Saksharatha Bhavan. Dr. Madhavankutty, Dr. Sivarajan. Shri. P.N. Panicker, Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker and Shri. V.K. Damodaran took part in the discussion.
- 6-11-'87 A discussion was held by Shri. P.N. Panicker with Shri. Riyazuddeen, Rural Development Commissioner on the required coordination between different agencies implementing non-formal education, publication of books, training etc. The discussion continued in the afternoon also. Shri. P.N. Panicker, Dr. Sivadasan Pillai, Adult Education Officer etc took part.
- 7-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker took part in the deposit mobilisation meeting at Kangazha, Kottayam. A meeting of the Grandhasala Sangham, Kanjirappalli Taluk was held at St. Micles U.P. School, Pazhayidam in which Shri K.J. Thomas MLA, Rev. Fr. Joseph Thotta-puram and Shri. C.J. Davesya spoke. In the evening Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the KANFED Unit at Velloor.
- 8-11-'87 Visited the public Library Kadappor and gave instructions for improvement. A Seminar was inaugurated at the Govt. H.S., Kadappoor under the auspices of Meenachal Taluk Grandasala Sangham. In the evening a KANFED Centre was inaugurated by Shri. P. N. Panicker at Chandramala colony.
- 9-11-'87 A training course was inaugurated in the Regional Office, Thiruvalla in which Shri. P. N. Panicker, V. J. Varghese, Balappan Nair and Smt. T.S. Ponnamma took classes. In the afternoon Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated a KANFED Club at N. M. High School at Kumbanadu. In the evening a KANFED Unit was inaugurated at Ulluchira in Koyippuram Panchayat.

- 10-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker took part in the meeting of Dy. Directors and DEO's at Adhyapaka Bhavan. Trivandrum under the chairmanship of DPI.
- 11-11-'87 The Valedictory meeting of the training course at the regional centre, Thiruvalla was held and Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke along with Dr. Joshi, V.J. Varghese and others. A KANFED Club was inaugurated at Deveswom H.S., Manipuzha by Shri. P.N. Panicker. In the evening he held discussions with the teachers and held a meeting at the Harijan colony, pullad.
- 13-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker held discussions with Shri C.J. Mathew, Post Master General and requested him for affording cash facility. Shri. Sadasivan, Postal Service Director also took part at the discussion. Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke in the meeting held for the celebration of Temple Entry Proclamation Day and gave away awards to three harijan workers of KANFED.
- 14-11-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker took part in the meeting at Jawahar Balabhavan celebrating the children's day and in the meeting at KANFED Office under the auspices of Sri. Narayana Vichara Vedi. In the evening he attended the meeting held at Aryanad H.S. for celebrating Nehru Jayanti and Children's day.
- 15-11-'87 A training camp for social workers was conducted at Kuttampuzha High School, Idukki. District Collector Shahul Hameed and Shri. P. N. Panicker spoke to the trainees. A public meeting was held at Kuttampuzha under the chairmanship of the District Collector. Shri. Kuttachan Kakkad and Shri. Paroor Sreedharan spoke. At night Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated a KANFED Unit under the progressive Library, Puthuppadi. Prof. P.K.K. Nair, Shri. Kuttachan Kakkad and Paroor Sreedharan spoke. A meeting of the District Committee, Idukki was held and plan of action was finalised.

- 18-11-'87 A one day seminar on National Literacy Mission was held at Vazhuthoor. Shri. P.N. Panicker and Shri. Sasikumaran Nair, Addl. District Magistrate, Trivandrum and others took part.
- 19-11-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker held discussions with Shri. K.R.Rajan, District Collector, Ernakulam and Shri. Govindan about literacy work in Ernakulam District. A meeting of Kerala Popular Summit meeting was held at T.D.M. Hall, Ernakulam. Prof. Samuel Mathai chaired the meeting. Shri. P.N. Panicker also took part in the meeting and a plan of action was finalised.
- 20-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker held discussions with Shri. N. V. Madhavan, Director Social Welfare, Smt. A. S. Padmavathi, Additional Secretary and Shri. P.S. Soman, District Collector, Palghat about Literacy Programmes in general. He inaugurated the KANFED Unit at Kanjikkode and spoke to a few students of Victoria College and Shri. Suresh Babu, N.S.S. Programme Officer.
- 21-11-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker discussed the working of KANFED through the Rotary Club with Shri. Ajayan, President, Rotary Club, Palghat. He took part in the career masters training programme at Moyan School and wanted the teachers to do social work atleast half an hour a day. He also inaugurated the IPP training camp at the LP School, Pallatheri which was presided over by Nirmalanada Yogi. Dr. R.S. Kurup and Paroor Sreedharan, took classes.
- 22-11-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker attended the training camp of KANFED workers at Govt. L.P.S., Aluvasseri, Nennmara. At the valedictory meeting of the IPP Training course, Shri. P.N. Panicker, Shri. Ajayan, Rotary Club President and others spoke. At night he inaugurated the KANFED Centre at Karinganthodi, Kuzhalmannam.
- 23-11-'87 A KANFED Club was inaugurated by Shri. P.N. Panicker in the Girls H. S. Alwaye. Shri. Paroor Sreedharan

spoke. Shri. P.N. Panicker requested the teachers to take up non-formal education work at least for half an hour a day. He then visited the Women's Association, Alwaye and spoke to 60 women about how women should conduct themselves in the society.

24.11-'87 A two-day workshop of KANFED Kaiavedi was inaugurated at the Museum Hall by NeelaLohithadasan Nadar, Sports Minister. Shri. P.N. Panicker presided over the meeting. Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N.A. Karim, Shri. V. N. Unni, Dr. Achuthan and others spoke. He participated in the farewell party of Dr. N. Balakrishnan Nair in the Aquatic Biology Hall. Dr. V.K. Sukumaran Nair, Dr. Sivadasan Pillai and others took part.

25.11-'87 The 2nd day of the workshop of KANFED Kalavedi. Dr. G. BalaMohan Thampi, Vice-chancellor Kerala University, Shri. P.K. Venukuttan Nair, Shri. E. Vasu, Smt. Kusuma Kumari and Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai participated.

26.11-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker discussed the revival of the MLA Forum with Shri. A. C. Shanmugha Das, Minister and Shri. V.M. Sudheeran MLA.

27.11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker discussed the working of SRC with Shri. K.L.N. Rao, Commissioner and Secretary, Education Department who is the chairman of the Supervisory Committee.

29.11-'87 A meeting of the state level physically disabled people was held at Kottarakara. Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke to them and wanted them to shed inferior complex if any. In the evening a meeting of the Librarian workers Surendran Memorial Library, Kottathala. In the meeting Shri. P.N. Panicker, Adv. Jayaprakash, Sreedevi, T. S. Ponnamma, Sulochana Pallisseri and others spoke.

28-11-'87 A prohibition propaganda meeting was held at Puthiyathura, Kaniyapuram. The meeting was attended by students and teachers of the 5 neighbouring schools and the public took part. Shri. P. N. Panicker and Smt. T. S. Ponnamma spoke.

30-11-'87 A meeting for testing blood group was held at Kachani School under the presidentship of Shri. P. N. Panicker. He spoke about the necessity for shouldering responsibilities by the teachers.

1-11-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke to Shri. Rose Shankar, Journalist about the Library Movement and non-formal education. In the afternoon Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke in the meeting of the planning forum at the Christian College, Kattakkada which was inaugurated by Smt. Sudha Pillai, District Collector, Trivandrum. In the evening, inaugurated mass education centre at Konniyoor. Shri Vishwanathan of Mithraniketan also spoke.

2-12-'87 The training course for RFLP instructors of Parasala block was held. Smt. T.S. Ponnamma and Smt Seethamoni took classes. Shri. P.N. Panicker discussed the question of drop-outs with Gopalan of NCERT and suggested some guide lines.

3-12-'87 A Seminar on consumer education was held at Saksharatha Bhavan which was inaugurated by Shri V.V. Raghavan, Minister for Agriculture, Shri. V.V. Vijayan IAS, Director, Civil Supplies, Shri K.V. Nambiar IAS Secretary, Planning Board, Shri. P.N. Panicker, and Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker took classes about consumer education and the role of social workers in resisting price increase and ensuring standard quality, and proper distribution

Discussion with the residential trainees was also held.

- 4-11-'87 -A training course for RFLP instructors was held at Athiyannoor block. Shri. Kochukrishnan Nair, Smt. Sreedevi, Smt. Vimala Devi and Shri. Sebastian took classes. A meeting of the workers of Chirainkeezh Taluk held at the Municipal Hall, Attingal was inaugurated by Shri. P.N. Panicker. The local Thahasildar and the Municipal Commissioner also took part. Shri. P.N. Panicker advised them to work for propagation of ideals such as taking up 10 houses for social work by each worker, the evils of smoking and drinking, dowry system, etc.
- 5-12-'87 An IPP training camp was inaugurated by Shri. P.N. Panicker at the West H. S. Ambalapuzha. Shri, Rajendran, District Collector, Smt. Radhamony, Mass Education Officer, Dr. R.S. Kurup, Shri. Chunakkara Janardhanan Nair and others took classes.
- 6-12-'87 Taking part on the 2nd day of the camp Shri. P.N. Panicker gave suitable instructions for doing social work and took pledges from the participants. He then congratulated Smt. Maheswary Amma, recipient of Sarada Iyer award. A photo of Shri. K.K. Kunju Pillai, the famous freedom fighter was unveiled by him, Shri. Devadat G. Purakkad, Dr. R.S. Kurup, Adv. M Asharaf, Ambalapuzha Gopakumar, Prof. Chandrasekharan Nair, K. Maheswari Amma, T.N. Kaman Nair and others spoke.
- 7-12-'87 A KANFED Club was inaugurated by Shri. P.N. Panicker at the West High School, Ambalapuzha. He advise the teachers to do social work at least half an hour a day. Visited the Rescue Home and talked to the inmates. A meeting of the workers who have adapted Ottappana village for intensive awareness was held at Shiny theatre, Pulluppuram and Shri, P.N. Panicker gave them suitable instructions.
- 8-12-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker Visited the Rescue Home, Thavannoor and advised the inmates. In the evening a public

meeting was held at Chokkad Girijan colony. He explained the importance of non-formal education and the work done by KANFED in the field of upliftment of Harijans and Girijans. The Girijan workers from Iritty also visited the Chokkad colony. Shri. P. M. Pallippad and the Girijan Welfare Officer spoke to the Girijans.

9-12-'87 A meeting of Adivasis was held in the Malappuram Collector's chamber under the chairmanship of the District Collector. Shri. P.N.Panicker explained the working. The Dist. Collector appreciated Shri. P.N.panicker's service. The D.A.E.O. and Shri. Ramanathan participated.

10-12-'87 Shri.P.N.panicker inaugurated the vehicle Jatha in 9 panchayats as a prelude to the Neethimela in Thaliparamba. Corner meetings were held at Vellavu, kuttiyeri, Vavincherry Nelliparambu and Thalora.

11-12-'87 Shri.P.N.panicker spoke at Mulloor. Kayyamthattam Thrichambaram, Kappamkadam, Poyyil, Payyeni, Chappara-ppadam, Kooveri, Kanjirabadu and Mukkodil through which the Jatha passed starting from Pattuvam.

12-12-'87 Thaliparambu vehicle progaganda Jatha - 3rd day. Sri.P.N.Panicker spoke in the meetings at Parassinikadavu, Ozathrom, Kalyasseri and Backalam.

Shri.P.N.Panicker inaugurated the population Education Training conference at Tellicherry training school. M/s. Mookorthu Ramunni, Sathyadevan (Municipai Commissioner) R.Prabhakaran (KANFED, Secretary) and Kunjurama-Kurup addressed the meeting. Dr. R.S. Kurup took classes.

13-12-'87 Thaliparamba vehicle Propaganda Jatha - 4th day. At Eranavu, Mottammal, Cherukunnu, Punnasserl and Koovapuram Shri.P N.Panicker spoke. Shri.P.N.Panicker partrcipated in the population education meeting at Tellichery and made the trainees take an oath. Dr. Sivakumaran, DMO and Dr.R.S,Kurup took classes.

14-12-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the Edakkad block convention. M/s. Edakkad Narayanan and Balan Nambiar (BDO) spoke. In the afternoon, at the worker's meeting at Mattannur M/s. Balan (ADC) P.N. Panicker and Kunjurama Kurup took classes. Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke at length about the activities to the Cannanore District Collector,

15-12-'87 Shri. P. N. Panicker inaugurated the population education training conference at Kasargod Town Bank Hall - M/s. Srinivasan (PRO) P. K. Kumaran. Advocate Madhavan, Malankad and V.R.V. Ezhome spoke. Dr. R.S. Kurup took classes.

In the afternoon at the Kanjangad Polytechnic, P. N. Panicker spoke to the students and staff on the various aspects of education.

In the evening, at N. Neelaswaram Sri. Narayanan, Teacher's Training institute Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the meeting of the Forum for Justice to women. Advocate Alice Krishnan and Kookanam Rehman spoke.

16-12-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the meeting of the Neethimela at Kasargod. The meeting of Co-opertive personnel took place immediately after. The Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Shri. P.N. Panicker spoke. The District Collector, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Shri. Raveendran) participated and conducted discussions. The Participants of population educaion training conferences were made to take an oath. Dr. R.S. Kurup took classes.

17-12-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker and Fr. Zukola visited Pettippalam colony and gave the necessary instructions to the people. Arrangements were made to provide a shed. The District Collector inaugurated the tribal madicine training confere-
nce at Kalpetta Coffee Grower's Association Hall (Wyand

Dist.) The Deputy Director of education Sri. Raveendran, the Medical Officers of Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala, Sri P.N. Panicker and Sri. V.K. Danmodaran explained the various tribal medicines and their utilisation.

Sri. P.N. Panicker inaugurated the Wynad Hostel Day celebrations and gave necessary advice to the inmates.

18-12-'87 At the Kalpetta camp on tribal medicine, M/s. P.N. Panicker and Sukumaran Nair (ANERT) and Smt. Valsala Kumari (Deputy Collector) spoke. P.N. Panicker and Hon'ble District Judge Sri. Nissar took part in the meeting of the Neethimela at the Collectorate Conference Hall. On the 2nd day of the tribal medicine camp classes were handled by Ayurveda doctors.

19-12-'87 At the Nanthiadukunnam Gandhi Smaraka Grama Seva Kendra, Alwaye, P,N. Panicker took classes for N.S.S. students of Gandhiji University in their 10 day camp. The students took an oath on national intergration.

21-12-'87 P.N. Panicker participated in the meeting of Yojana Editors and literatures at Kalabhavan, Trivandrum.

23-12-'87 At the first anniversary of the Othara KANFED Unit, Thiruvalla, P.N. Panicker presided. Sri. C.A. Mathew MLA, inaugurated and Sri Thomas Kuthiravattom MP spoke.

24-12-'87 Social workers camp at Trivandrum - The meeting condoled MGR'S demise and the demise of the Dr. S.C. Dutta (Indian Adult Education President) Condolence messages were sent to the families of the bereaved.

25-12-'87 Shri. P.N. Panicker took part in the meeting of the NSS volunteers of the Devaswam Board College at Patharam. He took pledges from the students.

- 26-12-'87 Attended the meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 27-12-'87 Schemes were formulated for propagating non-formal education through the medium of art. A plan was formulated for conducting a meeting of art forms on 26th January.
- 29-12-'87 } An orientation course for 50 trained social workers
30-12-'87 } was held at Saksharatha Bhavan in which a plan of action was formulated. According to this, they should do social work for the betterment of the neighbouring houses. Shri. P. T. Bhaskara Panicker, Dr. N.A. Karim, Dr. Sivadasan Pillai, Dr. Madhavankutty and others took classes. Shri. Shanmugha Das, Minister and Shri. Krishna Kurup also addressed the participants.
- 31-12-'87 Meetings of the General Body Governing Council and Executive Committee were held and got the accounts passed.

APPENDIX—I

State Resource Centre

Report of the review of the work done during the year 1978-86

The decision to evaluate the work done by the State Resource Centre is quite welcome. According to Do. No. F-630/86-AE.i dated 18th August 1986 of the Govt. of India (Human Resource Development) State Resource Centre (KANFED) entrusted the work of evaluation to a top-level Committee consisting of the following persons who are at present Directors of SRC (KANFED).

Shri. P.N. Panicker

Dr. N.A. Karim

Shri. P.T. Bhaskara Panicker

On 12-9-1986 the Group met under the chaimanship of Shri. P.N. Panicker and discussed and finalised the format for the evaluation report. Among other things the group thought that the following aspects should be highlighted :—

1. The special features of the SRC (KANFED)
2. Regional and District Resource Centres.
3. Technical, educational and social perspective.
4. How functionaries are trained and how their quality is improved.
5. How action oriented research (to make the literacy process effective and interesting) can be conducted.
6. Evaluate the materials for literacy, post literacy and continuing education already produced and the technical books that have been prepared.
7. In-built monitoring and evaluation.
8. Audlo-visual teaching/learning aids to be prepared.
9. Linkages with Govt., Universities and other agencies in the field.

State Resource Centre (KANFED)

Early in 1978 the Govt. of India announced that within a period of 5 years, it would make 10 crores of illiterates in the age group of 15-35 literate. The National Adult Education Programme (NAEP) was announced for this purpose. It envisaged the setting up of State Resource Centres in every State for providing resource support to the programme.

It was in this context that the State Resource Centre in Kerala was started in July 1978. The functions of the SRC are:

1. Organisation of workshops, seminars and conferences, and publication of books and pamphlets for the proper appreciation of the concept and significance of Non-formal Education.
2. Training of key personal and assistance in training programmes organised for field functionaries by different agencies engaged in adult education.
3. Preparation of curriculum and teaching/learning materials for the State as a whole and the training of district and local level workers to prepare such materials of use in different areas of the State.
4. Evaluation of the progress of literacy work and giving technical guidance to those engaged in it.
5. Such other activities as may appear appropriate to the State Govt. or the agency entrusted with the SRC.

As the objectives of KANFED are more or less the same and as KANFED had already begun some work in various fields, the starting of SRC did not pose any new problems. Moreover it is noted, this helped to provide a Popular base and non-formal nature for the work of SRC without in any way diluting the main objectives listed above.

It is also seen that SRC personnel have actively participated not only as Resource Persons in all training programmes of

workers of the project organised by the different voluntary agencies to which they were invited, but also provided practical and field leadership to the agencies. This voluntary approach has made the work of SRC (KANFED) peculiar in many ways.

The Directors of SRC, present or past, have been part and parcel of the new educational movement that has started in Kerala after Indian independence. They have also actively associated with the cultural and social movements in Kerala during the last few decades. Many of the primers that were written by specialists were published by KANFED for the SRC as the SRC did not have adequate funds to publish so many primers. KANFED has been useful to SRC and SRC has benefited from the mass-base that KANFED has established, particularly in the most backward villages.

In Kerala, working of SRC is not bureaucratic. It is functioning as the spearhead of a big movement for social and cultural transformation.

SRC (KANFED) has published its quarterly reports most regularly and this evaluation was done perusing these reports. It is interesting to see that the reports of the KANFED and of the SRC are very similar in scope and content. That may be because Kerala Association for Non-formal Education and Development (KANFED) is working as the nerve centre of SRC. An inseparability between the KANFED and SRC is visible in these reports.

As (KANFED) has a mass base of its own, the work of the SRC too has naturally gained a popular base. Along with professional efficiency, this has helped to give greater appeal and effectiveness to the activities of SRC in Kerala. Instead of merely disseminating technical help in a mechanical way SRC has been trying to create a favourable climate for all kinds of adult (non-formal) education activities. There is also meaningful collaboration with the Directorate of Adult Education at the

National and State levels. Its relations with other voluntary organizations and agencies of Kerala have been developed in a mutually advantageous way.

During the first few years the main area of work by SRC was obviously creating awareness, training, production of teaching/learning materials and monitoring and evaluation. This remains so even now. In addition to this, a number of significant and imaginative programmes were organised to enthuse KANFED workers at the village level and make the people at the grass-root level conscious of the need for change and advancement. Various sectors of society like women, students and non-student youth, scheduled castes and tribes, backward sections, workers engaged in traditional and modern industries were all covered by these activities. SRC is actively linked with their life and activities also.

The Executive Director, and the Directors and the members of the technical staff of the SRC are long involved in educational and social service work and they are sought as speakers in various functions. This gives them an opportunity to take the ideas of SRC to wider sections of society. They write and publish articles in news papers, periodicals and in scholarly journals. Thus the SRC in Kerala is at the Centre of the educational and cultural life of the State. The word KANFED has become a by-word for adult education and social uplift work in the State.

Administration:

The administration of SRC is done by the KANFED and by the Supervisory Committee chaired by the Govt. Secretary for General education. This Committee meets often and takes decisions. The work of the SRC is reviewed and plans are formulated by this committee. KANFED is also monitoring the activities of the SRC.

The SRC tries to co-ordinate the activities of all agencies in the field and every year, two or three high level conferences

are held, where representatives of the Universities, various Departments of Govt. and also voluntary organizations take part.

Department of Adult Education, Development Department, Kerala, Calicut and Gandhiji Universities, Matsyafed, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, Development Department, etc. have their own non-formal (adult) education programmes. In 1986 a vigorous nation-wide programme of mass functional literacy by the college students (NSS and Non-NSS) has been launched and SRC had to undertake the training of the master trainers. When the NAEP was launched in 1977, training had to be done on a mass basis by the SRC.

Kerala is a State with 70% literacy. The enrolment of children in schools is nearly 100%. The non-formal (adult) education programme in Kerala should therefore be streamlined. Literacy is important but creation of awareness and conscientisation are more so and these are the two most important functions which the SRC had to undertake. It was with this perspective that SRC worked in Kerala.

Creating Awareness:

For creating awareness among the people SRC had to do a lot of propaganda work along with KANFED and other agencies. For this different newer and newer methods of propaganda and publicity had been tried. The most common is the *jatha* (*morcha*) where the workers and learners march in a procession chanting thoughtprovoking slogans and singing inspiring songs. In fact, the literacy cultural *Jatha* which started from Manjeshwar in the North on October 2, 1978 was the harbinger of the new mass Adult Education Movement in Kerala. The *Jatha* reached Parssala, the Southern most village of Kerala in 37 days, covering villages and towns and spreading the message of NAEP at least among 5 lakhs of people.

Without creating such an environment, the work of the SRC in Kerala cannot be pushed through. A large number of mass

meetings are held in villages and towns and small *jathas* are organised. The SRC is undertaking such programmes also. The result is that the SRC does not live in a secluded atmosphere. This is something peculiar to Kerala where a new people's education movement is slowly growing and getting strong.

NATTUVELICHAM is artistically designed and colourfully printed illustrated monthly wall paper published by the SRC for creating awareness and for conscientisation. More than 80 issues of the wall paper has been published. An evaluation of this has been done.

Training

Training and orientation courses are organised for the animators, supervisors, college teachers, NSS volunteers, Project Officers of the various adult education programmes of the several agencies in the field. Duration of their training varied from one-day to ten days. They were held at the headquarters, at the District centers and right at the project areas. Models of these training programmes were evolved through workshops of the experts and field workers and they are revised from time to time on the basis of new ideas and experience. The SRC had the benefit of resource personnel drawn from various Departments of the State. Non-formal education is no longer the monopoly of the formal educational experts alone.

Academics from the Centers of Adult and Continuing Education in Universities, Departments of Social Sciences, Departments of Mass Communication and Social work and others have joined as partners in training programmes. Their co-operation and help have resulted in greater refinement of the training programmes the SRC.

From the very beginning the SRC concentrated its attention on identifying social workers to start adult education centers and giving them training for the task. The long experience of the Directors in the field of social work and the acquaintance

they had with the rural youth enabled SRC in finding out the proper human resource necessary for this. In fact it is this rich human material that SRC is utilizing most advantageously.

Training was given in a congenial atmosphere. Regular training camps were held in all districts, the duration of which varied from one to five days normally. The resource personnel available in each place were invited to these training camps.

From the records maintained and from the Quarterly SRC Reports we could gather that so far orientation and training have been imparted as given below.

TABLE I
Number of Orientation and Training Camps held till September 15, 1986

District	Orientalion(1 day)	Train- ing(1-2 days)	Train- ing(3-5 days)	Train- ing(10 days) & more)	Total
1. Trivandrum	90	30	33	1	134
2. Quilon	50	25	11	—	86
3. Alleppey	22	16	7	—	45
4. Kottayam	18	7	6	—	31
5. Idikki	16	15	12	—	43
6. Pathanamthitta	10	9	9	—	28
7. Ernakulam	32	24	5	—	61
8. Trichur	24	14	6	—	44
9. Palghat	22	33	5	—	60
10. Malappuram	29	23	6	—	58
11. Calicut	20	28	9	—	57
12. Cannanore	24	20	10	—	54
13. Wynad	12	12	12	—	36
14. Kasargod	12	14	12	—	38
Inter District Camps	—	35	20	—	55
Total	361	305	163	1	830

· Eventhough Laccadive Islands are a Union Territory, taking into consideration the fact that the islanders speak Malayalam the SRC extended its adult (non-formal) education activities to the Island. Workers were given training by the SRC personal giving them and later bringing the workers in Trivandrum.

We reckoned the number of persons in the training and the District-wise figures are given below :

TABLE II

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of participants</u>
1. Trivandrum	3618
2. Quilon	2705
3. Kottayam	1218
4. Ernakulam	1354
5. Alleppey	1678
6. Palghat	1105
7. Idikki	985
8. Malappuram	1029
9. Cannanore	1682
10. Trichur	902
11. Calicut	1497
12. Wynad	759
13. Pathanamthitta	765
14. Kasargod	732
Total	<u>20029</u>

Out of these nearly 5000 may be doing some work as organisers or instructors or volunteers. The services of others should also be utilised.

Three Months' Training:

In 1985, the SRC launched a new programme of training intensively hard-core social (non-formal education) workers who will go to various parts of the State for full-time work. The first batch of twenty five trainees passed out in the month.

of March 1986. This is in every way an innovative endeavour. Selection for this training is made on the basis of the social work carried out, educational attainments, etc and more than anything else, commitment to community work. In addition to regular classes the trainees have to do field work of short duration.

Persons belonging to all sectors of life starting from the Chief Minister of Kerala to field workers were invited (as resource persons) to speak to the trainees. The work carried on by this newly created cadre, is being reviewed.

This training programme has taught the SRC some lessons.

1. Care has to be taken to upgrade the quality of the workers.
2. At least a few should be given training for a long duration.
3. Residential training has its own advantages.

But, for that, there should be some minimum convenience. The SRC (KANFED) has requested the State Govt. to provide some accomodation where such residential training can be given continually.

This does not mean that short-term training should be discontinued. The best among them should be provided with a higher training of longer duration which is vaster in scope and deeper in content.

Awards are given to select adult (non-formal) education workers annually in Connection with the celebration of Literacy Day and the annual State Convention of KANFED. The work of the awardees are monitored and evaluated. They are in constant touch with the SRC headquarters.

Correspondence Training:

In September 1980 , a Certificate Course in Non-formal Education by correspondence was started. The two courses were:

1. Janavidya Pracharak (Certificate Course)
2. Jana Vidya Visarad (Diploma Course)

An exhaustive curriculam was framed with 10 subjects with 18 units

The response to this was very good as 83 workers registered for the Diploma Course and 150 for the Certificate Course. After an year's course, 57 persons got their Certificates and 17 persons got their diploma. The Course is now being Continued.

Seminars, Conferences and Workshops:

In addition to the training programmes, seminars, conferences and workshops are organised on themes of special and topical concern. Some of the problems that engaged the attention of the SRC were *gender justice, social forestry, distance learning, health for all, neethimelas (Peoples' justice) prohibition, communal harmony, national policy on Education, contribution of Vivekananda, Gandhiji, Nehru, indira Gandhi, World Peace, etc, etc.* In all 75 district wise seminars and hundreds of local seminars were held during this period. This is in addition to the celebration of various days and weeks to highlight matters related to them, for example, Forestry Day, Literacy Day, Human Rights Day, etc. Functions held in different places in connection with them during the period number more than 300.

The main thrust of the seminars was conscientisation and linking non-formal education development. Most of the seminars turned out to be workshops where special programmes were formulated for the particular areas around. For example, in a costal village, the problems faced by fisherman were highlighted in a seminar while in a village near a town the question of self employment was discussed in detail.

Workshops were also held for different purpose.

1. For writing books for neo-literates
2. For identifying themes for street dramas
3. For coining new slogans and composing songs
4. For developing curricula
5. For writing new primers
6. For Preparing modules for different training programmes etc.

During the past 8 years, about 35 workshops have been conducted not only in Trivandrum but in the Districts also with the active involvement of the experts in the field and with the help of the District Resource Centres. In fact most of the literature produced by the SRC (KANFED) are the products of such workshops for the creation of books for neo-literates.

Materials:

SRC has been trying to encourage young progressive writers to write on themes which would be of interest to neo-liferates. For this, workshops extending to three days were held at Trivandrum, Calicut and Canannore. Authors who have considerable standing were requested to write for neo-literates. Altogether 271 books have been published. There is a large number of manuscripts which have not been published. The contents of the books range over a wide field of human activity like agriculture, animal husbandry, poultry, bee-keeping, health, hygiene and nutrition, child care, mothers' health and family welfare, handicrafts and cottage industries, popular science, civics, rural economics and democratic, public institutions, education and development, problems of the weaker sections of society; biographies, history and culture of India and Kerala stressing national integration, heroes of the freedom-struggle and the high ideals of secularism and socialism envisaged in our constitution. A series on land and people give elementary geographical information. Many books are on eradication of untouchability and dowry system. Social evils like alcoholism and smoking and religious bigotry are attacked through stories, poems, songs and drama.

Population education is a very important component of adult (non-formal) education of SRC. In the training of front-line workers this theme is adequately emphasised.

These books were written by experts in education, communication and the authors include University teachers, college and school teachers, psychologists and social workers.

Books for training of adult (non-formal) education functionaries were prepared by specialists. Some books prepared by the Directorate of Adult Education have been translated into Malayalam. Guide books for instructors and work books for learners have also been specially prepared.

Materials on curricula have also been prepared in special workshops for women's literacy centres, for *adivasi* centres and for drop-out children.

The books so far published are categorised and listed below.

TABLE III

Books published upto 15-9-1986.

<u>Category</u>	<u>No.</u>
1. Primers and Readers	17
2. Work books/guide books	8
3. Technical (for training)	42
4. Evaluation Reports	10
5. Agriculture, Fisheries and Vocational	57
6. Health, Hygiene & Nutrition	11
7. Biography	33
8. History, land and people	13
9. Song books	10
10. Plays and stories	8
11. Rural life problems	25
12. Civics, government, citizenship	12
13. Popular science, general information	25
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Small booklets, leaflets and brochures on various topics have been prepared. Written in simple, people's language these leaflets are widely distributed among learners and workers. These are good reading materials for neo-literates. In the literacy centers these are read and discussed. Broadly, these may be classified like this:

1. On Health topics	13
2. On agriculture	17
3. On Literacy	30
4. On general topics	16
5. For conscientisation	52
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We made a special study of the books and it is seen that they can be broadly brought under four heads:

1. For literacy
2. For post literacy
3. For continuing education
4. Technical books for functionaries.

If the books so far produced are brought under these heads, the number will be :

Literacy	30
Post Literacy	98
Continuing Education	101
Technical	42
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Flash and picture cards have been produced as also a pictorial calendar as pre-literacy materials.

These books have to be evaluated by specialist teams. Literacy materials should be more in number. Books for neo-literates have to be graded. Books for continuing education have to be widely distributed and for these mini-libraries may be established in even the remotest part of the State.

Technical books have to be revised as often as possible and new books have to be prepared.

It is seen that some of the Readers and Primers have gone into six to seven editions. At the time of preparation of some of these, discussions might have taken place. That is not sufficient. Every Primer and Reader which is going in 1000s should be reviewed and the contents revised if necessary and new lessons added omitting those that are not needed.

As the Primers and Readers are not merely books for Literacy but also tools for conscientisation, care should be taken to see that topical changes are also made occasionally.

For example, when these books were first designed, national unity was not so threatened and fissiparous tendencies had not grown so alarming as it has now. Naturally these are not dealt with seriously in those books. But now, we have to see that all the primers and readers and other books should have concealed curricula for national integration.

More audio-visual materials have to be produced.

A film (Lead kindly Light) has been produced. More such films should be made and shown to people.

Slides, cassettes and videos should also be produced.

Folk art media have to be fully made use of as Kerala is rich in this.

Regional and District Resource Centres

The SRC has been striving to spot out resource persons in all the districts of Kerala. The SRC has three regional centres, one in Thiruvalla, one in Cochin and another in Calicut. These centres are in touch with the literacy, post-literacy and other activities of all the agencies in these areas. The SRC has also formed nuclei of District Resource Centres in most of the Districts.

While these District Resource Centres are formed, care has been taken to see that all the technical educational and social resources available are brought together. The District Collector and his development staff, the expertise in colleges and High Schools, the medical and engineering personnel, the lawyers and social and political leaders in the districts are attracted towards the working of the District Resource Centres.

In various places *Vidya bhavans* have been established. For example, in Ezhome a permanent building has been constructed for undertaking the developmental activities in the village. It is a new centre of all forms of social work. Another *vidya bhavan* in Pariyaram has become the focal point of all social activities in the area. These *vidya bhavans* are in remote areas where the most backward persons live

Nattuvelicham (wall paper) and other posters are pasted on the walls. There is a small reading room. The Govt. has given a Television set to this *vidya bhavan*.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Evaluation, monitoring and research go hand in hand. Some detailed evaluation has been done particularly in the *adivasi* areas. In fact, before SRC entered this field, the life pattern of the *adivasis* has not at all been taken into consideration while framing curricula for them. Some success stories (as at Ezhome, a village in Canannore district) are also specially studied.

Here are some of the evaluation work done :

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| 1. Liberation is not far away | V.R.V. Ezhome |
| 2. Conscientisation of Girljans | P.T. Bhaskara Panicker |
| 3. KANFED activities in Calicut | Dr. P. Balan |
| 4. Adivasis of Wyand | V.R.V. Ezhome |
| 5. Literacy Centers & Learners | P.N. Panicker |
| 6. Conscientisation of Adivasis | P.N. Panicker |
| 7. Achievements of Learners | Dr. Reghu |

8. Drop-out of Learners	Dr. Reghu
9. Role of Instructors and supervisors	Dr. N.D. Joshi
10. Neo-literates' Interest	Dr. N.D. Joshi
11. Curriculam for NFE of Advasis	V.R.V. Ezhome
12. Results of Functional Literacy Programme	V. J. Varghese
13. Evaluation of women's Literacy Centers	P.T.B. Panicker
14. Literacy Centers & IRDP	M.K.S. Palakkattumala
15. Study on Nattuvelicham	Dr. C.P. Aravindakshan
16. Problems of Fishermen	Dr. N.P. Pillai
17. Functional Literacy Centers	Dr. N.P. Pillai
18. Survey of Chengalchula	Dr. Swarnamma

The SRC has prepared various survey forms and evaluation questionnaires after a series of trials in the NAEP literacy centres. Sixteen such questionnaires have been made.

Linkages

SRC has established strong linkages with the Govt. and Ministries as far as literacy and development work is concerned.

Various Depts. of Govt. are actively involved in carrying out their programme of non-formal education

A number of KANFED Clubs have been organised in schools to create social awareness in the coming generations.

The SRC has also been helping the KANFED and other agencies in the implementation of the following projects.

1. UNICEF Project for Non-formal Education among the drop-outs.

2. Work in Rescue Homes (Non-formal)
3. Work in Mental Hospital —do—
4. Work in Jails —do—
5. Work in the ICDS Sector —do—
6. In the field of co-operation (co-operation non-formal)
7. In bring-out primers and readers
8. In bring-out books and pamphlets (Agricultural University)
9. Work among *adivasis* (Conscientisation and Literacy)
10. Work among Fishermen —do—
11. Work among women (against social evils)
12. Work among Harijan (Conscientisation and Literacy)
13. Special classes for Auto-Riksha Drivers
14. Special classes for Hotel workers
15. Special classes for domestic workers
16. Special classes for hospital workers.
17. For social justice.
18. Art for Literacy (Painting, music, drama, etc.)
19. Literacy & Peace
20. Adult Education Conferences (IAE Conference at Trivandrum)
21. For Health (Blood Donation. Against Leprosy etc)
22. Social Welfare Department
23. Social Forestry
24. Libraries
25. Local Self Govt.—Panchayat, Municipality

Research

The State Resource Centre has been always striving to find out better and more effective means for attaining literacy, including reading, writing and reckoning. While a systematic work has not been attempted, it is seen that confidence has been created among the learners and also instructors that literacy can

be imparted at a fast rate if only methods evolved by latest-educational research are made use of. Adult learning is different from child-learning and the readers and primers and other supplementary reading materials and work books have been designed bearing this in mind.

Every time a curriculum is framed or a reader or primer designed, hours are spent on the psychological and methodological issues involved along with the social situation.

Research methodology is made use of in evaluating centres, workers and books published.

A field work with considerable research experience and aptitude has been entrusted with a research project to find out effective and economical methods for imparting the minimum level of attainments in Reading, writing and Numeracy.

Suggestions and Recommendations:

The foregoing details on the SRC (KANFED) make us offer some suggestions and make some recommendations. These may have to be put into practice without delay so that the money and effort spent are most-productively utilised.

1. Though a large number of books have been produced, it is seen that they are not distributed uniformly. Only some titles are sold. We recommend that book exhibitions are held in all the districts of Kerala where these books can be sold at a concession rate. Such exhibitions can be held along with festivals in different parts of the State.

2. We see that at least 20,000 persons have participated in the training programmes. But hardly 5000 are active in the field. We have to make use of these trained personnel in some kind of rural reconstruction work. We recommend that a People's Social Volunter Co-operatives may be organised on a voluntary basis and the trained persons are given opportunities for doing social service. The cadres should be qualitatively upgraded.

3. Every Harijan/Adivasi colony in Kerala should have an SRC (KANFED) Library where the books (Post-Literacy and continuing Education) are Collected and read. The periodicals can also be sent to these Mini Libraries.
4. The books published so far should be evaluated. The Primers and Readers should be revised.
5. Training curricula and programmes should be revised. As far as possible residential training has to be given. Training programmes should be monitored and evaluated then and there.
6. Three months training is an innovative idea and it should be continued every year. Women should also be enlisted for this training.
7. Audio-visual equipments should be made use of. A new film may be produced. Videos and cassettes should be made more popular.
8. District Resource Centres should be established in all districts. We should see that Resource Units are established in the NEA Blocks and in Panchayats which have been selected for intensive work.
9. State Resource Centre should evaluate its work every year and necessary changes made in the programmes.
10. Correspondence Training Course should be strengthened and continued.
11. More evaluation studies may be done and the results published.
12. The SRC Library has to be enriched with new books and other materials published throughout the world.
13. A SRC news letter may be published periodically.
14. AIR and TV have to be more purposefully used for the mass literacy programmes.

APPENDIX II

P. N. PANICKER — FATHER FIGURE OF KANFED
Tribute to his tireless work in THE HINDU

Non—formal Education

A one day training camp for about 150 women workers of the Kerala Association for Non-formal Education and Development (KANFED) was attended by this writer and details given about its aims and objectives and its achievements. At a recent camp, training was given to young girls who were to their villages all over the district to spread the gospel of education and development. They were being addressed by the organiser and father figure of this organisation, Mr.P.N. panicker. The girls were all dressed in blue saris. They were keenly interested in all that was being said, and many of them were seen taking down notes.

They were told to love India, to know India and to be secular-minded. To help eradicate illiteracy, propagate family welfare, to fight alcoholism and to stand for equal rights and dignity of women were the other instructions given to them. Mr.Panicker asked them to stand up and repeat aloud an oath that they will not allow their parents to offer dowry. Each girl was asked to adopt ten houses and concentrate her efforts on improving the lifestyle of the people. The foundation of solid education at the grassroot level was thus laid.

It is difficult to find persons as dedicated to the cause they hold dear to their heart as Mr. Panicker. He feels that he has "miles to go" before he "sleeps".

May he be awake for many a summer to come.

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