

## Sparsham '16 – A roof built by kindness:

A project aiming at development of rural area to make the life of rural people safe and secure. As an initiative a roof of house at Nalukettu was completely reconstructed which was under the verge of destruction. It was a house in ruins where a 55 year old women named Omana and her two daughters lived. It was the house of Velayudhan. After being bed ridden for a long time following neurological illnesses, he died in 2013. Since then, his wife Omana has been facing acute financial crisis brought by husband's treatment and daughter's marriage. Volunteers of H2O came to know about the situation of Omana and they understood that her house wouldn't withstand a monsoon. Volunteers also consulted carpenters and they recommended the urgent reconstruction of house. Volunteers arranged financial sources and the materials required for the renovation of house and did it as the first project under the rural development initiative "SPARSHAM". Nineteen volunteers took part in the initiative that was carried out on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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These days, everybody discusses on social media about Jisha's murder and the poor living conditions she had. But, how many of us have looked around to see if there is anybody in our neighbourhood who needs help? The volunteers of Helping Hands (H2O) of SCMS Engineering College, Karukutty, did, even before the harrowing incident came to light. And, their joy knew no bounds when they renovated the shabby home of the 55-year-old Omana, who lives close to the campus.

It was a house in ruins where a mother and two daughters lived. The family could not hide their poverty from the eyes of students, who decided to extend a helping hand. In order to know how much they had to collect, the students conducted a case study, which unravelled before them a heart-teaching story.

It was the house of Velayudhan, who owned a shop near the campus. Most of the staff and students of SCMS College were his customers. After being bed-ridden for a long time following neurological illnesses, he died in 2013. Since then, his wife Omana has been facing acute financial crisis brought by husband's treatment and daughter's marriage. Being ill, Omana herself can't go to work daily. She is a daily wage worker and finds it difficult to make both ends meet. Right now, Omana stays alone in the house.

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"When we consulted the carpenter Krishnan Nair, he told us that the house wouldn't withstand a monsoon. We prepared the project and submitted to other members; the response was overwhelming. We collected materials required for renovation and did it as the first project under our rural development initiative 'Sparsham'," he adds. Nineteen volunteers took part in the initiative that was carried out on April 29.

H2O volunteers of SCMS with Omana's family

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