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Kolping India Speaks,

It is my pleasure speak to you once again through “Kolping India Connects - e News”. Our mind in the recent past has been filled with incredible memories of events. I am proud to share with all the sisters and brothers of Kolping family association in India that Kolping India has been accorded with fair acclamation for the ‘Kolping Work’ that continues to address the socio-economic concerns of the marginalized community groups beyond boundaries.

Our visit to Augsburg in Germany for tripartite partnership program that included Kolping Augsburg, Kolping India and Kolping South Africa was fruitful and beneficial for cross learning. The Participation of Kolping India in the Kolping International Convention at Bensberg, Germany was remarkably productive. The Kolping National Associations from 50 and more countries came together under the umbrella of Kolping International and reaffirmed our shared belief that Kolping is a *“One Global Family”* that elicits mutual support and solidarity among the members in the journey towards accomplishment of decent life for all.

The recent deluge in Greater Chennai and southern districts of Tamil Nadu, triggered by record breaking rain fall in a single day has once again exposed the vulnerability of both cities and villages to natural disasters. This is the wake-up call given to all us to initiate adequate measures that would mitigate the intensity of the disaster caused by climate change. Therefore, let us all come together to infuse new impetus among the Kolping families on the collective action of the community groups in sustaining and promoting healthy nature.

With Love and Regards

Dr.Mari

National Director

Kolping International New Executive Board

A Proud Moment for Kolping India!

Dr. Maria Soosai, the National Director of Kolping India, was unanimously elected to the International Executive Board of Kolping International in the Kolping International Board of Directors meeting, held on September 29, 2023, in Bensberg, Germany.

His presence in the Kolping International Executive Board will certainly bring new ideas and insights in development arena from Asian perspective to the Kolping global entity.

Congratulations Fr. Maria Soosai.



From left to right - Dr. Maria Soosai (Kolping India), Dr. Markus Demele - General Secretary, Ms.Dancille Mujawamariya (Kolping Rwanda), Ms.Karin Wollgarten,- Managing Director, Mr.Rufino Rodriguez (Kolping Honduras), Msgr. Christoph Huber - General Praeses, Mr.Erich Reischmann (Kolping Switzerland), Manual Hörmeyer (Kolping Germany) not in the picture.



Public Awareness & Tree Plantation Drive, Neyyattinkara



Distribution of handbills on Environment Protection, Madurai



Public sensitisation – Input session on Environment cleanliness, Chengalpattu



Public Announcement – Vehicle Campaign, Kurnool

Ecology Conservation Sensitisation Program

The uprooting of trees and deforestation on the pretext of development has inflicted heavy loss on life and livelihood of the humans. In the milieu of frequent occurrence of natural disasters induced by climate change, Kolping India has initiated concerted efforts to combat the effects of climate change. By appropriating the occasion of the World Nature Conservation Day, Kolping members across 30 Kolping Areas in India took up series of activities to sensitize the community on the need for Conserving Ecology. The Community Sensitization is part of the ongoing BMZ project aimed at promoting ecology and livelihood of the marginalised communities in South India. The project was implemented with the following objectives.

Raising Awareness among the traditional communities and individuals regarding the importance of environmental conservation for better wellbeing.

Motivating people to design a collective action plan for conserving the natural resources for sustainable living.

Fostering Collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including local communities, schools, colleges, NGOs, and government bodies, to work together for environmental conservation.

Kolping India promoted variety of activities to achieve the above set objectives.

Educational Activities were conducted in the form of workshops and seminars on a wide range of environmental topics, including biodiversity, climate change, waste management, and sustainable agriculture.

Tree Plantation Drive was undertaken as trees play a major role in the earth to fight against climate change. Life in the planet can never exist without the presence of trees. The studies have shown that the existing trees provide multiple advantage to the planet. It is said that the trees augment air quality, slow down heavy rains and reduce flooding, prevent excessive heat and remove carbon from the atmosphere. Realizing the importance of tree plantation, Kolping India initiated tree plantation campaign with the active participation of the community groups, Kolping family associations and collaborating partners.

Clean-Up Campaign was also initiated by Kolping India in polluted areas, focusing on beaches, water bodies and common spaces to emphasize the importance of clean environment for quality life.



Public Place Cleaning Campaign, Thanjavur

Community Outreach activities in the form of rally, vehicle campaign, and distribution of handbills were undertaken to sensitise communities and educational institutions on the need of enhancing green environment.



Public Awareness on Nature Conservation, Visakhapatnam

The Ecology Conservation Sensitization activities organized by Kolping India have successfully stimulated community awareness towards environmental conservation. Kolping India activities have aimed at promoting clean and green India with sustained multi stakeholders' collective promotional action to strengthen green environment.



Tree Sapling Plantation, Tirunelveli

"Strengthening Bonds and Fostering Collaboration: Kolping India's Visit to Kolping Augsburg" (September 22 – 27, 2023)



On invitation of Kolping Augsburg for tripartite partnership discussion in Augsburg, a five member Kolping India team comprising of Dr. Maria Soosai, the National Director, Mr. Cyril Thomas, the National President, Mr. Ronald Sabastian, Program Manager, Ms. Antony Sola, Program Coordinator cum Document, and Ms. Vino Priya, Program Support Officer visited Kolping Augsburg from September 22 – 27, 2023.

As a special gesture, Kolping Augsburg provided a program appraisal platform for their two major project partners - Kolping India and Kolping South Africa to present their activities sponsored by Kolping Augsburg and share the successful development models which could be emulated by others. This first initiative was found useful as each partner could share ideas, information, challenges and the problem-solving mechanisms devised to overcome the challenges. The partnership meeting revolved around the theme, *"Education is the key to development"* with series of discussions, project presentations, meeting with local Kolping Family Associations, project field visit and leisure time activities. Kolping India team enjoyed the warm reception and hospitality of Kolping Augsburg.



The five days schedule was loaded with programs that gave us the opportunity to know and experience the vibrant nature of Kolping Augsburg.

The joint meeting at Augsburg was useful for all three Kolping Associations to understand the Kolping works of each partner better and to develop deeper insights on the issues and challenges that each association attempts to address in their respective countries. Project presentations and interaction with Kolping Family Association at Marktoberdorf, Gundelfingen, Höchstädt was quite interesting. The efforts undertaken by the members of Kolping Augsburg to raise funds for supporting crucial development initiatives in both India and South Africa was amazing. The generosity and commitment of Kolping Augsburg to support the less privileged in the developing countries is praiseworthy.

The most touching moment was our visit to a Montessori school at Gundelfingen where the efforts of children in raising funds for sanitation project in India. In the season of Christmas, the kindergarten children prepared cookies on their own and sells them to the public. The funds collected from the sales are donated to Kolping India. Every year the school children support families in India to construct household toilets, which addresses the issue of open defecation.

Kolping India is thankful to altruistic gesture of Brigitte Knestel from the Marktoberdorf Kolping Family who invited her guests on her birthday and solicited donation to a social cause instead of gifts for her. Brigitte has been supporting women in India to build toilets.

International Youth exchange program planned by Kolping Augsburg in 2024 was presented to the delegates of Kolping India and Kolping South Africa. The concept, preparatory work, timeline to organise the Youth Exchange program involving the Kolping National Associations of India, South Africa, Hungary and Germany was discussed. The purpose of the exchange program is to build a “One World Family” through the exchange of cultures, ideas and knowledge on universal theme of ecology and Sustainability.

The team visited to Kolping Nursing School at Kempten and discussion with the school authorities and interaction with nursing students of the school provided a better understanding of the courses offered and

admission requirements and possibilities for Indian students.

Kolping Family Association - Kriegshaber, presented a cheque for 1,000.00 euros to Kolping India on celebrating 110th anniversary of the Association. The donation was handed over to the Indian delegation to be used to set up training rooms in Kolping India Home: Adolph Kolping Resource Centre at Kancheepuram.



The weeklong visit in Augsburg also included a special reception and meeting with Gerrit Maneth, the mayor of Höchstädt, Passion – a theatre play at Waal, guided tour to Augsburg. Kolping Augsburg teams deserves a big thanks from Kolping India.

"One World – One Family" - Highlights from the 34th Kolping International Convention



A twelve-member delegation from Kolping India participated in the 34th Kolping International Convention held from 28th to 30th September, 2023 in Bensberg, Germany. Under the motto of Kolping International Convention, ‘The World gets together- “Because by all means one person needs the other.”

(Adolph Kolping) around 150 delegates representing 43 countries from Asia, Europe, America, and Africa assembled together to strengthen the Kolping family bond beyond territories.

Kolping India was represented by twelve delegates consisted of Dr. Maria Soosai, Mr.Cyril Thomas, Ms.Jayarakini, Ms.Flora Anita, Mr.Sagayaraj, Ms.Pushpy, Mr.Savarimuthu, Fr. Samson, Fr, Abraham, Ms. Sola, Ms.Vino Priya and Mr.Ronald Sabastian.

Day 1: Grand Opening of International Convention

Dr. Ludwig Schick, Archbishop Emeritus and the Protector of Kolping International formally inaugurated the International Convention conveying the greetings of the German Bishops' Conference. As the flags of each country were displayed one by one on the wide screen, a cheerful welcome was given to all the participating Kolping National Associations. The Indian delegates showed up in their tradition attire - women in saree and men in dhoti. Among the 43 countries, Kolping India's was one of the largest delegations represented in the Convention. Msgr. Christoph Huber, General Praeses conveyed the greetings received from Pope Francis for the International Convention.

The first day of the International Convention featured the presentation of the International Executive Board's report, discussions on various motions and passage of amendments in the international constitution. This was followed by short presentations from a few Kolping National Associations who had significantly increased the membership in the recent years.

The "Kolping is sacred to me" campaign initiated in 2017 was concluded with a concelebrated Holy Mass



where Hans-Joachim Wahl, the President of Kolping Germany handed over the 60,000 signatures received from all over the world to elevate Blessed Adolph Kolping to Sainthood.

The meetings of Continental Associations took place where a common topic of establishing Continental formation teams was discussed. The meeting of Asian Kolping Association (AsiKA) was facilitated by Hildegard Hagemann, Consultant - AsiKA in the presence of Gregor Federhen, Desk Officer – Kolping International. After a round of participant's introduction, the group wished Dr. Maria Soosai for his election to the International Executive Board and thanked the outgoing member, Mr Paul for his service all through the last 6 years as a member of International Executive Board. Hildegard introduced the proposal pertaining to establishing of a Continental formation team whose primary role would be to reaching out to countries where Kolping doesn't exist to facilitate formation of Kolping Family Association and also to strengthen the existing Kolping Family Associations in countries where Kolping has its presence. The discussion elicited opinions from the participants on the size, composition, nature of work envisaged from the Continental teams. The discussion dwelt on possibilities and challenges for such team to operate in a diverse geo-socio-political environment like Asia. By and large, the AsiKA group appreciated the idea based on which the concept of Continental Team was developed. The group decided to continue the discussion in the next AsiKA virtual meeting in November 2023.

Day 2: Walking in the footsteps of Blessed Adolph Kolping

After a morning prayer, an exhibition was organised as an outdoor event that provided an ample space for the National Kolping Family Associations to display their



posters and products. Kolping India delegates took turns to explain the work of Kolping India to the large number of visitors who turned up to Kolping India Stall. It was a wonderful sight to have a large canvas of multi-colour posters for 43 countries, all working towards making this world a better place to live. The posters which attracted more curiosity points from the visitors were invited to explain the activities in a common forum. It is to be noted that Kolping India was one among the very few National Association which received the greatest number of curiosity points.



Ancestral home of Bl. Adolph Kolping at Kerpen

In the afternoon, a trip to Kerpen, the birthplace of Father Adolph Kolping was arranged. Tour to the house of Adolph Kolping where he once lived, which is later converted into a museum was very informative and inspiring. The museum preserves personal items, shoe making tools, furniture and documents that remind the life and work of Adolph Kolping. The next destination was Minorite Church at Cologne, where Adolph Kolping is buried, for a Holy Mass presided over by Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburg, former General Praeses of Kolping International along with the current General Praeses Msgr. Christoph Huber who celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood. The ambience of the Minorite Church, the energetic choir, meaningful homily, and assembling of Kolping members across the Globe made the Holy Mass a memorable one.

Day 3: Day of Action



A soul stirring devotional song and prayer led by Fr. Samson set the tone for the day's program. Hildegard Hagemann presented her keynote address on the topic 'Kolping for globally decent work' explaining 30 years of Kolping International contribution as a member association in International Labour Organisation (ILO).

A stroll, less than a kilometre led us to Albertus Magnus Grammar School for the awaited Action Day. A live music band on the stage of a huge auditorium welcomed us. Around 400 participants were seated in the auditorium of Albertus-Magnus Grammar School in Bensberg to discuss the topics of One-World work.

Frank Schwabe, Federal Government Commissioner for Freedom of Religion and Belief, in his opening speech appreciated the work of Kolping Families across the globe and referred the work of Kolping Associations as "jewels of social structure support". Yvonne Willicks, a television anchor who also a Kolping member moderated a panel discussion that dealt with the topic, "Kolping works as an advocate for sustainable development". Dr. Markus Demele, General Secretary of Kolping International said that the socio-ecological transformation is all about distribution of justice. He added that, in order to improve the living conditions of the poorest, it is necessary for the Global North to support and act in favour of the Global South. The CEO of VENRO, Martina Schaub, commented that economic growth is not the only thing worth striving for. Rather, it is about quality of life, in which material



things are not inevitably the focus. Dr. Maria Soosai, National Director of Kolping India emphasized the need for equal opportunities for development in terms of gender participation. He cited that women in India are still discriminated in many ways and cannot fully participate in social and economic life. The role of women worldwide must be strengthened, as women are key drivers of development.



In the afternoon, workshop on different topics that Kolping worldwide works was organised. A range of topics including Climate Adaptation, Feminist Development Policy, Water, Disaster Management, the Synodal Church etc were on the menu for participants to attend the workshops of their choice and interest. The workshop on Disaster Management was conducted by Ronald Sabastian. The last program of the day was the grand Holy Mass in which Msgr. Christoph Huber, General Praeses of Kolping International, emphatically asked the Kolping community not to get overly concerned with the global challenges that were discussed at the day of action, but to do small things within their capacity to make the world a little better every day.



Day 4: Concluding Day

General Secretary Dr Markus Demele gave a keynote address on Synod 2023; thereafter, the delegates worked in small groups on the change they would like to see in a synodal church. Each group recorded a video, which was then presented in the plenary. The Kolping as a global community demonstrated that diversity is possible when there is a shared belief and values. The four days convention concluded with a thanks note from Msgr. Christoph Huber, General Praeses of Kolping International. For the delegates, the International Convention was a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and views on a wide range of topics that concerns Kolping Associations.

Kolping Family Day 2023



Kolping Families across the globe celebrates the beatification day of Blessed Adolph Kolping on 27th October as “World Day of Prayer” every year. Traditionally, Kolping Family Associations in India commemorates the beatification of Blessed Adolph Kolping as Kolping Family Day in the final week of October. This year too, the Kolping Family Associations celebrated the day with great fervour and devotion.



"Opening up Economic avenues to Youth from Irular Tribal Community"

Irular is one of the primitive tribal group, who live in isolation largely on the outskirts of cities and towns. They are predominantly known for hunting, rat-catching, snake-catching, selling herbal medicine and fishing in water bodies.



Kolping India has formed two self- help groups living in the outskirts of Chengalpattu town in collaboration with Chengalpattu Rural Development Society (CRDS). Having promoted two Kolping Family Associations and initiated development activities among the Irular community, Kolping India supported the interest of the youth from the community to use folk arts for economic benefits. Folk arts performance are preferred in public functions and special family occasions in rural areas. The Irular community possesses inherent talent in music, folk dance, and artistic forms that serve as integral components of their identity. Based on an idea floated by CRDS, Kolping India gifted musical instruments to the youth group and assured to support them with required training to further their knowledge and skill in folk art.

Dr. Maria Soosai, the National Director of Kolping India presented the musical instruments to the youth group at a meeting held on 17th October and wished them all the success in their endeavour.

Kolping Sri Lanka – Development Strategy discussed at delegates meeting" (October 11-13, 2023)



The Kolping family delegates from three dioceses in Sri Lanka gathered on 11th and 12th October 2023 at Kandy for the National Convention of Kolping Sri Lanka. The delegates representing over 700 Kolping members came together to approve a new constitution for Kolping National Association of Sri Lanka. Dr Markus Demele, General Secretary of Kolping International was instrumental in rejuvenating the Kolping Sri Lanka from slumber through series of meetings with various stakeholders of Kolping Sri Lanka. He introduced the new draft of the new constitution in the National convention. Dr. Mari, the

National Director of Kolping India was a special invitee for the National Convention of Kolping Sri Lanka. He chaired the meeting and facilitated the discussion on the draft of the new constitution. After extensive clarification on certain clauses, the new constitution was approved by the delegates. The national new executive committee was also elected after the approval of the constitution. On the second day, Dr.Markus and Dr.Mari facilitated the problem tree analysis workshop mapping the need of Kolping members in Sri Lanka on which a development project proposal could be developed for support from Kolping International. Kolping India was requested to provide the hand holding in coming years to Kolping Sri Lanka in development processes.

Kolping India – Field Interactions and Development Initiatives across Regions

It was an exciting experience to interact with Kolping members spread far and wide through our monitoring visits. Kolping India National Director and the Program Team visited Kannur, Calicut, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Kottar, Kuzhithurai, and Salem regions and the highlights of the visit is given below.

Kannur : The National Director with the program staff visited Kannur on request of KAIROS Director. The National office team interacted with the members of Kannur Kolping who gathered to celebrate Onam festival. Seed packets were distributed to the Kolping members to establish kitchen garden. Later that day, the National Director met Most Rev. Dr Alex Vadakumthala, Bishop of Kannur Diocese and President of KAIROS and discussed the development projects implemented in Kannur Diocese.



Calicut : The National Director with 2 program staff team visited Calicut Kolping area and interacted with the Director and federation members. During the field

visit, the team was shown 'Achus' Mess – a roadside food stall in Palikkunnu, Wayanad run by 3 members of Little Flower Kolping Family. Initially, the members started a small petty shop using the IIGP fund support provided by Kolping India. Over a period, the petty shop was gradually converted into a food stall using financial resources from Kolping India. The shop is now a thriving roadside food stall serving 3 meals a day to its customers. Ms. Bindu, one of the three beneficiaries recollected the multiple benefits she enjoyed being a Kolping member. The team also visited other projects supported by Kolping India.

Visakhapatnam : A one day orientation program was organised for the Chief functionaries of Collaborating Partner Organisations operating in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States on 6th September 2023 at Visakhapatnam Diocese Social Service Society (VDSSS). Fr. Singareddy Reddy, Warangal; Fr. Sivvam Sudhakar - Visakhapatnam; Fr. Pasala Jaipal – Srikakulam participated in Kolping India Orientation program. Fr. Maria Soosai presented the historical account of the life and work of blessed Adolph Kolping and growth & evolution of Kolping in India. He detailed-out the guiding principles based on which Kolping India has developed its social structures and activities.

Srikakulam : The National Director and two Program staff visited Srikakulam Diocese to interact with Kolping families from tribal community. The National



Director with the Diocesan Social Service Society Director met the Bishop and apprised him of Kolping work in Srikakulam area. The visit to the tribal village in Srikakulam on 7th September was a unique experience for the National Director and two members from program team. The team was taken to journey through hilly terrains to reach the Kondavariguda village. The team was given the traditional reception by

the tribal at the entry point of the village. Traditional dance and songs continued until the team reached the program spot. Representatives from 11 Kolping Families in Dulikuppa & Kondavariguda clusters of Srikakulam Kolping Region shared their experience of being a Kolping members and the gradual progress they had gain from Kolping India development projects.

A group which was financially supported to start a business of renting out furniture, sound systems, carpets, stage decoration etc for family celebrations and public functions had displayed the products they purchased and stocked. The beneficiaries further added that during normal season they get 4 rental orders a month and during auspicious seasons the orders increase to 10. The beneficiaries said that the profit they earn from rentals are shared equally among members. Representatives of tribal community said their traditional knowledge on protecting their immediate ecosystem has been passed on from generation to generation. However, the expansion of town limits and increasing commercial activities is encroaching their habitat and pose a threat of shrinking spaces for the tribal communities to live and work.

Kuzhithurai : The performance of the Kolping India projects in Kuzhithurai Region and the prospects of promoting new ecological activities in the region was discussed at the meeting with Fr. M. John Michael Raj on October 27, 2023 at KIDSS office.

Salem : The project Monitoring visit to Salem was held on 9th and 10th November 2023. The National Director with Fr.David, the DSSS Director met the Bishop of Salem and briefed him of Kolping India activities at Salem Diocese. Fr. Maria Soosai, the National Director inaugurated the flour mill unit established by 5 Kolping



members of Nature Kolping Family at Pungavadi Village on November 10, 2023. The unit was started as a collective income generation with a financially supported of Rs. 1,00,000/- from Kolping India to purchase machineries to run a medium sized flour mill unit. The members were optimistic of operating the venture successfully as they appear to have a clear roadmap to develop the business gradually. After inaugurating the unit, the National Director and National staff team wished the group to make their venture, profitable and sustainable.

Promotion of Social Forestry



Social forestry model was experimented by Kolping India in collaboration with Pillaithopu coastal village in Kanniyakumari district. As this village is adjacent to Muttom fishing harbour, the beach has been polluted by unmanaged waste and plastic bottles. On the request of the village, Kolping India took up tree plantation activities in collaboration with Kottar Kolping and Pillaithopu village.

On November 28, 2023, the Kolping Family Associations mobilised the village community and performed a street play to sensitise public on the need for protecting the ecology. Over 350 tree saplings were planted on the coast of Pillaithopu village and the community leaders had taken up the responsibility to nurture the plants. Speaking at the public meeting Dr. Maria Soosai, the National Director appreciated the Kolping Family Associations and the village community for their concern to keep their coasts clean and green.

Campus Eco Club

Kolping India in collaboration with St. Devasahayam Institute of Fisheries Science & Technology, inaugurated the students eco-club to promote green eco-system in the campus and the community. Fruit

bearing trees were planted inside the campus after a motivation talk by Dr. Maria Soosai. He emphasised



the role of youth in making this world a better place to live for the present and future generation.

Fr. Kildos – Secretary and Prof. Felix – Dean of the Institute thanked Kolping India for entertaining Institutional collaboration for community wellbeing.

Kolping Cares

Representatives from Narikuravar Community from Pallavaram were invited for a meeting at Kolping India National Centre, Chennai to plan special development interventions for the community. Having accompanied them for over 3 years since the time of Covid pandemic, providing them with needed groceries and sanitary



items, Kolping India had decided to initiate a long-term development plan for the development of the tribal community. A few months back, the community underwent a training session on the concept of 'help for self-help' and they were introduced to the habit of saving. Kolping India had facilitated formation of two Kolping Family Associations among the Narikuravar Community. Having seen their determination of the 44 members in running the Kolping Family Associations

for the last 5 months, Kolping India came forward to assist a few members to improve their livelihood with financial support.



At an input session organised on November 24, 2023 at Pallavaram, Dr. Maria Soosai, National Director distributed financial assistance to 5 members of Narikuravar community to invest in their livelihood activities. The representatives were overwhelmed with the continuous accompaniment of Kolping India in building their lives.

Cyclone Michaung - Emergency Relief

Unprecedented rain triggered by Cyclone Michaung lashed Chennai and its neighbouring districts severely crippling people's life and livelihood. Unable to withstand the continuous rain, Houses in low lying areas were flooded and people were moved to relief camps using boats and helicopters. The most affected were the slum dwellers who lost their property to flood water. Kolping India identified poorest of the poor communities and so far supported 935 families at Pallavaram, Little Mount, Saidapet, Meenambakkam, Velacherry and Nesapakkam areas with relief kit that comprise of Bedsheets, a pair of Towels, Lungies for Men and Sarees for Women worth Rs.1,200/- per kit. Responding to the request from various areas, Kolping India is in the process of identifying most affected communities and plan to extend the support to 1000 more families.

It is worth mentioning the conduct of Narikuravar Community during the relief distribution at Pallavaram. Having experienced challenges in organising the relief distribution in other areas, the scenario that Kolping India witnessed at Narikuravar community was quite different. The community exhibited great degree of self-disciplined and good organisation skills when Kolping India went for relief

distribution in their area. The leaders in the community pre-arranged the area and people before Kolping India team reached the distribution spot. The community leaders allowed people to follow a queue forming temporary barricades using ropes available with the community. Everyone patiently waited for their turn and received the relief materials. It is to be noted that Kolping India had facilitated two Kolping Family Associations in the community and continue to support them in their socio-economic development.



Homeless Individuals on the streets of Chennai City received blankets for Protection Against Cold weather condition

Kolping India continued to support homeless pavement dwellers this year too with a set of blanket, towel and hot cooked food as the temperature set to dip in the winter season. Kolping India National Office team visited the people on the busy roads and handed over the kit to protect them from harsh weather condition.



Field Exposure Visit to Ooty

A training cum exposure visit to a tea and chocolate factory was organised for the Kolping Project Coordinators on 17th and 18th November 2023. Twenty-Seven Project Coordinators from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka observed the entire process of tea and chocolate production, packaging and marketing.

Inside the tea factory, participants gained insights into every stage of tea production. The emphasis on quality control measures and the significance of maintaining flavour profiles were notable aspects. Visit to the chocolate factory exposed the participants into the complete process from cocoa bean to chocolate bar. The exposure visits to the two factories also highlighted the employment opportunities it generates in the local community.



Virtual meeting with Kolping Paderborn

Kolping India is exploring new avenues in the field of training and placement of Health Care Workers for Overseas jobs. A discussion was initiated with Kolping Recruiting & Integration GmbH, Germany through a virtual meeting on 8th November and 14th December 2023. The scope and opportunities for nursing education and employment opportunities in Germany was discussed in the meeting. The first and second round of discussion attempted at exploring possibilities to match the skilled manpower in India to the increasing demand for care workers in Germany and the possible role that Kolping India could play in this venture.

Donations from Kolping India Partners for Kolping India Disaster Relief Fund

Kolping India thank for the following Kolping Regions for their contribution to Kolping India Disaster Emergency Relief Fund. The funds collected from Kolping members in commemoration of Beatification Day of Blessed Adolph Kolping (Kolping Family Day) is used to support people affected by Disaster.

S.No	Name of the Regions	Amount in INR
1	Udhagamandalam Kolping	1,00,000/-
2	Kottar Kolping	20,625/-
3	Kuzhithurai Kolping	30,090/-
4	Sultanpet Kolping	31,300/-
5	Trichy Kolping	6,280/-
6	Neyattinkara Kolping	3,000/-
7	Alleppey Kolping	10,000/-
8	Quilon Kolping	15,000/-
9	Chengalpattu Kolping	8,000/-
10	Kumbakonam Kolping	15,000/-
11	Perambalur Kolping	13,450/-
12	Bangalore Kolping	2,000/-
13	Tuticorin Kolping	50,000/-

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