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## **REPORT ON ONAKAITHANGU – POTHICHORU DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (26 August 2025)**

### **( METS- Mercy Extension Activities )Introduction**

Onam is a festival that symbolizes happiness, unity, and the spirit of sharing. In line with these values, the Department of Zoology, Mercy College, Palakkad organized a social service initiative titled “Onakaithangu”. The program aimed to extend support to the needy by distributing *pothichoru* (packed meals), reflecting inclusiveness beyond barriers of caste, religion, or social status. Venue: Stadium Stand, KSRTC Stand, Town Stand, and Palakkad Fort, Palakkad. Participants: UG & PG Zoology Students (116 Nos.). This initiative also served as a platform to instill compassion, teamwork, and social responsibility among students.



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POSITIVE IMPACT AND CHANGE  
LIVES! JOIN OUR CAUSE,

**ON 26 AUGUST, 2025**

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### **Objectives of the Program**

- To celebrate Onam through acts of kindness and sharing
- To provide food support to the needy in public spaces
- To promote inclusiveness and social responsibility among students To encourage active student participation in community service

# ONAKAITHANGU



## Preparation and Contribution

The success of the program was made possible through the wholehearted participation of UG and PG Zoology students. Rice and other essential items for preparing the *pothichoru* were generously contributed by the students. With collective effort and proper hygiene, approximately **70 pothichoru packets** were prepared. The preparation process emphasized cleanliness, coordination, and teamwork.

## Distribution of Food Packets

The prepared food packets were distributed in various public locations where people in need could be reached easily. These locations included:

- Stadium Stand
- KSRTC Stand
- Town Stand
- Palakkad Fort area

Students personally visited these places and distributed the food packets with care and respect. Their active involvement ensured that the initiative reached the intended beneficiaries effectively.

## **Outcome of the Program**

- Provided food support to individuals in need during the festive season
- Strengthened the values of empathy, compassion, and sharing among students
- Encouraged teamwork and collective responsibility
- Promoted inclusiveness by serving people without discrimination

The **Onakaithangu – Pothichoru Distribution Program** was a meaningful and impactful initiative that truly reflected the essence of Onam. The active participation of students and their willingness to contribute made the event a success.

The experience was both enriching and memorable for the volunteers, as it highlighted the importance of helping others and serving society selflessly. The program successfully fostered a sense of unity, compassion, and social commitment among all participants.

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