

BRINGING SMILES TO DRIVERS REACHING MILES:

For scores of auto-rickshaw drivers, the extended lockdown has not only deprived their daily earnings but also thrown up issues of repayment of loans taken for the vehicles.



These Auto drivers ferry passengers from local villages to Thiruvalanagadu and Kanakamachatram by charging Rs.15 per route but with increase of COVID-19 cases, amid the extended lockdown, are forced to give up their source of income and sit idle at home. With the vehicles off the road since the lockdown was clamped, owners and drivers of these vehicles are worried a lot about their daily struggles to make ends meet.

Drivers across the town were unprepared for this and are now finding themselves in deep financial trouble to sustain their livelihood and to retain Auto bought on financing. Highlighting driver's troubles, with the support of Optum, Inchara Foundation has provided the Auto Drivers with dry ration kits of 16Kgs each instilling hope for a fortnight among 71 families of drivers.





<u>Distribution of Dry Ration Kits to Auto Drivers of</u>
Thiruvalangadu