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Lives of Dalits have improved: Minister

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Dr. Ambedkar National Awards presented

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AUSPICIOUS START: Union Minister of State for Agriculture K.V. Thomas inaugurating a meeting held in Thrissur on Sunday to present the Dr. Ambedkar National Awards.

Thrissur: Union Minister of State for Agriculture K.V. Thomas has said that Dalits are increasingly enjoying their rightful share of power in society. He was addressing a meeting here on Sunday to present the Dr. Ambedkar National Awards, instituted by the All-India Confederation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Organisations.

“The lives of Dalits have improved considerably. Still, a lot more remains to be done for the empowerment of Dalits,” he said.

K.V. Babu, preventive officer with the Excise Department; Anil Pottakattu, president of the Workers’ Cooperative Bank, Nadathara; Nandanam Kannattuparambil, agricultural assistant, Erumapetty; and A. Narayanankutty, vice-president of Thrikkur Grama Panchayat; received the awards.

P.C. Chacko, MP; Therambil Ramakrishnan, MLA; T.V. Chandramohan and M.K. Paulson, former MLAs; were present.

Earlier, Punnala Sreekumar, State general secretary of the Kerala Pulayar Maha Sabha, inaugurated a seminar on ‘Ambedkarism and Ranganath Misra Commission report’.

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