

# EPCH initiates Training Program at Narsapur with 29 batches and enthusiastic participation from 1250 lace artisans

9<sup>th</sup> December; Narsapur, Andhra Pradesh

As part of Narsapur Mega Cluster (CHCDS) Scheme, EPCH has planned 29 batches of training program with an objective to address current limitations of the cluster in terms of lack of skilled manpower for production of high value added and diversified products ranging from fashion garments and accessories to made-ups and novelties. As part of this, standardized training will be imparted in areas of crochet lace making, garmenting and production, and various soft skills and enterprise development, aimed at the overall capacity building of artisans.

This program was initiated from 9th December 2015, with 29 batches, comprising 20 batches of Value addition - Crochet; 5 batches of Stitching & Garmenting; 3 batches of EDP/Capacity Building; and 1 batch of Dyeing Process. 1250 lace artisans are participating in the ongoing training program.

All the training programs were conducted by experienced trainers with emphasis on developing new designs like jewellery, soft toys, cushion covers, bed covers, mats, etc. All artisans have appreciated the Council's initiative and look forward for more such programs.



Stakeholders Meeting in progress at Narsapur

Dr. K Srinivasulu, Project Director, DRDA, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh; Mr. G V K Rama Rao, President, Lace Exporters Association; and Ms. Baby, President, Lace Park have visited several training programs to



Project Director - DRDA - WG visiting training Program

monitor the proceedings as part of the Project Monitoring



Training on -Value Addition - Crochet



Committee. 14 artisans, who have completed the dyeing training formed one group and have started a dyeing facility with a hope for income generation. Many artisans from EDP training have shown interest to initiate a lace business of their own. By the end of December 2015, the Council trained 2,030 artisans in all four components. ■



Training on Stitching & Garmenting



Skill Development Program - Trainin on EDP



Mr. Srinivas- Area Coordinator - DRDA- WG Distributing Tools to Artisans