

48-52 day Handicrafts Technical Training Programs inaugurated 40 SC and ST category artisans selected for 2 batches in each craft

Metal Engraving - Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, 3rd September 2020

A selection of 40 artisans (20 artisans in each batch) of metal craft (engraving) was organised for 2 batches of 48 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program on 3rd September 2020, at Katghar, Moradabad, for artisans of SC category. Mr. Ilyas Khan, Senior Assistant Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Bareilly, initiated the selection process and inaugurated the training program at Centre-1, Katghar and Centre-2, Dhimri, in the presence of Mr. Naveen Gaur, Assistant Director and Regional In charge - Central Region, EPCH and Master Trainers of the Technical Program namely, Mr. Shanti Prasad Yadav and Mr. Chandra Prakash Yadav for Centre at Katghar; and Mr. Mahaveer Singh and Mr. Liyaqat Hussain for Centre at Dhimri. The artisans were informed that after the training, they can start their own business or



can connect with manufacturing units so that trade and artisans can grow together. The training is designed in such a way that artisans can get skill up-gradation in new technology that can lead them from low skill to high skill. The Master Trainers shared their experience.

Hand Embroidery - Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, 16th September 2020



A selection of 40 artisans (20 artisans in each batch) was organised for 2 batches of 52 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program in Traditional Hand Embroidery on 16th September 2020, at Faridpur, Bareilly, for artisans of SC category. Mr. Ilyas Khan, Senior Assistant Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Bareilly, initiated the selection process of artisans at Centre-1, Mohalla Para, Faridpur and Centre-2, Near Sai Baba Mandir, Faridpur,

in the presence of Mr. Naveen Gaur, Assistant Director and Regional Incharge - Central Region, EPCH and 04 Master Trainers of the Technical Program, namely Ms. Neha and Ms. Samreen for the Centre at Mohalla Para; and Ms. Shikha Mishra and Ms. Yasmeen Bee for the Centre at Faridpur. The selected artisans were briefed about the program and encouraged to work sincerely along the program, in order to draw maximum benefit out of it.

Lambani Embroidery - Sandur, Bellary District, Karnataka, 22nd September 2020

EPCH Bangalore office inaugurated 2 batches with 20 artisans in each for Handicrafts Technical Training Program for the ST artisans at Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra, Sandur, Bellary District, Karnataka. The duration of the training would be 52 days. The Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony of this program was His Highness Shri. Bahirji Ghorpade, Royal family of Sandur and Managing Director of Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited (SMIORE), Sandur, which is a parent company of Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra.

Mr. DV Sreenatha, Senior Assistant Director and Mr. Aliaz Hasan HPO from O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Bangalore and Mangalore, respectively, Mr. K R Prakash, Commissioner of Sandur Municipality; Mr. Naveen Kumar N., Chief Manager of Lead Bank; and Mr. Ekambar Ghorpade, were the other dignitaries present on the occasion. Both the training programs will be conducted inside the Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra, in two different venues. Shri. Bahirji Ghorpade said, since the Royal family have multiple organisations and cluster projects, they would like to associate with the Council. Mr. Naveen Kumar elaborated on the various Central Government schemes like Mudra loan and other loan facilities available to the startups and entrepreneurs. After conclusion of the Inauguration ceremony, Tool Kits were distributed to the participants.



(L to R): Mr. Bahirji A Ghorpade, Managing Director-SMIORE; Mr. Naveen Kumar, Chief Manager, Lead Bank, Bellary; Mrs. P L Sreedevi, Regional officer, EPCH, Bangalore; Mr. Ekambar A Ghorpade from SMIORE and Mr. DV Sreenatha, Sr. Asst. Director, O/o. DC (Handicrafts), Bangalore



Left: A commemorative photograph of the dignitaries during the inauguration - His Highness Shri Bahirji Ghorpade, Royal family of Sandur and Managing Director of Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited (SMIORE) and Mr. Ekambar A Ghorpade; Mr. DV Sreenatha, Senior Assistant Director and Mr. Aliaz Hasan HPO from O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Bangalore and Mangalore, respectively, Mr. K R Prakash, Commissioner of Sandur Municipality; and Mr. Naveen Kumar N., Chief Manager of Lead Bank

Right: Distribution of Tool Kits



Traditional Hand Embroidery - Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, 26th September 2020



The selection committee meeting represented by Mr. Pulkit Jain, Asst. Director and Mr. Yogesh Pathak, CTO from O/o DC (Handicrafts), Saharanpur



Mr. Yogesh Pathak, CTO from O/o DC (Handicrafts), Saharanpur, inaugurating the program at Damodarpuri, Saharanpur



Mr. Yogesh Pathak, CTO from O/o DC (Handicrafts), Saharanpur, inaugurating the program at Kota, Saharanpur



A group photo with some of the selected participants of the program

A selection of 40 artisans (20 artisans in each batch) was organised for 2 batches of 52 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program in Traditional Hand Embroidery on 26th September 2020, at Saharanpur, for artisans of SC category. To ensure timely commencement of the selection process, Mr. Pulkit Jain, Assistant Director and Mr. Yogesh Pathak, Carpet Training Officer from Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) had a selection committee meeting on 25th September 2020, at Centre-1, Damodarpuri, New Bhagat Singh Colony, Near D.M. Awas, Saharanpur and Centre-2, Village & Post Kota, Muzaffarnagar Road, Saharanpur.

Glimpses from the artisans' session with the Master Trainers



Mr. Yogesh Pathak addressed the participants and appreciated the efforts of the Council that would bring direct benefits to crafts persons and encourage them towards innovative and quality products. He also explained about Mudra Loans. Appreciating the craft of the region and its immense potential for catering to the international market at large in times to come, he encouraged the artisans to start their own business by getting Mudra Loans that will help them with the capital to procure raw material and improved tools. He also urged the artisans to nourish their skills and to come forward to avail other services of the O/o DC (Handicrafts) for seeking opportunities in the sector.

40 general category artisans selected for training in Woodware Engraving/Carving/Etching

Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, 22nd September 2020



The selection committee meeting represented by Mr. Pulkit Jain, Asst. Director and Mr. Yogesh Pathak, CTO from O/o DC (H), Saharanpur



Mr. Pulkit Jain, Asst. Director and Mr. Yogesh Pathak, CTO from O/o DC (H), Saharanpur, inaugurating the program



A glimpse of the program in progress with the Mastewr Trainers



Distribution of Tool Kits

A selection of 40 artisans (20 artisans in each batch) was organised for 2 batches of 52 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program in Woodware (Engraving / Carving / Etching) on 22nd September 2020, at Saharanpur, for artisans of general category. Mr. Pulkit Jain, Assistant Director and Mr. Yogesh Pathak, Carpet Training Officer from Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) had a selection committee meeting on 21st September 2020, at Gulafsha Wood Carving Centre, Khatakheri, Saharanpur to ensure timely commencement of the selection process. Tool Kits were also distributed to the artisans. While addressing artisans, Mr. Pulkit Jain, Assistant Director O/o. DC (H), explained about Mudra Loans and how artisans can start their own business.



51-57 day Handicrafts Technical Training Programs inaugurated

Batch of 20 ST category artisans selected for each craft

Thiba, Birbhum, West Bengal, 23rd September 2020

Metal Crafts - A 57 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program on Metal Crafts commenced at Thiba, Birbhum, West Bengal. A batch of 20 engraving artisans will be trained with an objective to address current limitations of the Birbhum based ST artisans in terms of lack of skilled manpower for production of high value added and diversified products. Standardised training will be imparted as per NSQF guidelines which also include various soft skills and entrepreneurship development, aimed at the overall capacity building of artisans. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Jan Roshan, CTO, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); Mr. Sanjay Karmakar, Master Trainer; Mr. Gangadhar Karmakar, Master Trainer; Mr. Rathindranath Mondol, Secretary, SHG Representative; and Ms. Firdous Afrin, Council Representative. The artisans were briefed about EPCH and its activities. They were also encouraged towards development and self-reliance to be able to upgrade themselves from artisan to exporter. Tool Kits were also distributed.



(L to R): Mr Gangadhar Karmakar, Master Trainer; Mr. Sanjay Karmakar, Master Trainer; Mr Ravi Jan Roshan, CTO - Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); and Ms. Firdous Afrin, EPCH Representative



Distribution of Tool Kits

Fashion Jewellery- A 51 days Handicrafts Technical Training Program on Fashion Jewellery commenced at the same location - Thiba, with a batch of 20 ST artisans. They will be trained as per NSQF guidelines. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Jan Roshan, CTO, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); Mr. Joydeep Patra, Master Trainer; Mr. Souvik Santra, Master Trainer; Mr. Rathindranath Mondol, Secretary, SHG Representative; and Ms. Firdous Afrin, Council Representative. The artisans were briefed about EPCH and its activities. They were also encouraged towards development and self-reliance to be able to upgrade themselves from artisan to exporter. They were urged to avail other services of the O/o DC (Handicrafts) for seeking opportunities in the sector.



15 days Skill Development Programs in Rajasthan conclude Certificate Distribution among highlights at closing ceremony

Leather Craft Cluster - Barmer, Rajasthan, 24th September 2020

A closing ceremony to mark the successful completion of the 3rd & 4th batch of Skill Development Training for leather craft in Barmer, was held on 24 September 2020 at Jeengar Mohalla and Tansingh Circle, Barmer, by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and District Industries Center (DIC),



Left : Mr. S R Dewasi, General Manager, DIC, Barmer and Mr. Gautam Pannu, Program Coordinator SBI, addressing the artisans/entrepreneurs; Right : Distribution of Certificates

Barmer. Certificates were also given to the artisans/entrepreneurs from these batches in a ceremony graced by Mr. S R Dewasi, General Manager, DIC, Barmer and Mr. Gautam Pannu, Program Coordinator SBI.

Mr. Dewasi briefed the entrepreneurs and artisans about the schemes of the State Government and Government of India like, currency subsidy & interest subsidy for small and domestic industries to increase production capacity. He praised the products made during the skill training and informed that after the skill training, there will also be a design development training program under leather craft cluster in the coming days. Besides, participation in fairs and exhibitions would also be organised

towards marketing and business development of the finished products. Mr. Gautam Pannu appreciated the cluster scheme and told the artisans that this approach would prove to be very significant for changing artisans' lives and elevating their livelihood as well as position in the value chain. Mr. Gopal Sharma, Representative EPCH, Jodhpur, informed about benefits of being part of a cluster scheme like, development of newer products through skill development and design intervention, participation in trade events, seminars, etc. He also said that the cluster will support the sustainability and growth of the business, by addressing common issues such as improvement of technology, skills and quality, market access, access to capital, etc.

Hand Embroidery Cluster - Chatrail Village, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, 24th September 2020

A closing ceremony to mark the successful completion of the 3rd & 4th batch of Skill Development Training for hand embroidery craft in Barmer, was held on 25 September 2020 at Chatrail Village, Jaisalmer, by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and District Industries Center (DIC), Barmer.

Certificates were also given to the artisans/entrepreneurs from these batches in a ceremony graced by Mr. Harish Vyas, General Manager, DIC, Jaisalmer and Mr. Laxmi Narayan Shrimali, Secretary, Jaisalmer Handicraft Association. They updated the entrepreneurs and artisans about the schemes of the State Government and



Government of India and informed of a design development training program that would commence soon as well as benefits of being part of a cluster.

Left : Mr. Harish Vyas, General Manager, DIC, Jaisalmer and Mr. Laxmi Narayan Shrimali, Secretary, Jaisalmer Handicraft Association, addressing the artisans/entrepreneurs; Right : Distribution of Certificates