

# Design and Skill Development Programs conclude successfully

## 2 Months Design Development Workshop on Clay Toys Craft for 30 artisans at Ghurni Cluster, Krishnanagar, Nadia District, West Bengal, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

EPCH had organised a 2 months Design Development Workshop on Clay Toys Crafts from 27th December 2021 to 15th March 2022 at Ghurni Cluster in Krishnanagar, Nadia district of West Bengal, under the Design and Upgradation Scheme of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Asit Kr Raha, Designer and Mr. Subir Paul, National Awardee for Clay Crafts. This had the support and guidance of Mr. Ravi Jan Roshan, HPO, DC(H), Burdwan; Ms. Firdous Afrin Azhar, Office Incharge, EPCH; Mr. Anshuman Roy, IDO, DIC, Krishnanagar; and members of Ghurni Clay Doll & Terracotta Cluster. A total of 30 artisans were selected from the cluster on basis of their skill levels to come up with product ideas which are best suited for the latest trends. The program concluded with a ceremony and display of the product prototypes, at Mittika Bhawan, Ghurni, Krishnanagar, Nadia Dist, West Bengal, on 15th March 2022.

The entire workshop focused on making artisans aware of existing clay dolls & terracotta designs as well as latest product trend as per the prevalent market and client demands. During the 1 month product development phase of the workshop at the Ghurni Cluster, 25 prototypes of various kinds of clay toys and crafts with new designs were developed. These were put on display at the closing ceremony. ■



*Designers addressing the artisans for the Design Development Workshop*



*Exhibition of the prototypes developed during the workshop*

## 2 Months Design Development Workshop on Sital Patti Crafts for 30 artisans at Ghughumari Cluster, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022



*A glimpse of the workshop's inauguration ceremony*

EPCH had organised a 2 months Design Development Workshop on Sital Patti Crafts from 27th December 2021 to 15th March 2022 at Ghughumari Cluster in Cooch Behar, district of West Bengal, under the Design and Upgradation Scheme of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Chaturbhuj, DC (H) empanelled Designer and Smt Aruna Dutta, Master Craftsman. This had the support and guidance of Mr Sudarshan Das, Assistant Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts); Mr. Pradip Kumar Roy, Secretary, Cooch Behar Block Sitalpati Samity Ltd.; and Ms. Firdous Afrin Azhar, Office Incharge, EPCH. A total of 30 artisans

were selected from the cluster on basis of their skill levels to come up with product ideas which are best suited for the latest trends. The workshop focused on making artisans aware of existing designs as well as latest product trends. The program concluded with the display of the 10 product prototypes in sital patti bags, developed during the workshop. ■

## Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program for 40 artisans at Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022



*Mr.Sunil Kumar.K.S, Asst. Director (H),Mysore; Mr.K.L.Ramesh, Southern Regional Convenor-EPCH; Mrs. P.L. Sreedevi, Southern Regional Officer, EPCH; Mr.R.Maninaik, Gram Panchayat President, Chamarajanagar; Mr.P.Kumar, Thaluk Panchayat Member,Chamarajanagar; Mrs.Leelabai and Mr.Mahesh Naik - Members, Gram Panchayat, Kolipalya, with the artisans*

EPCH- Southern Regional Office, Bangalore concluded and distributed certificates of the Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program for 40 selected artisans, at Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. This project was sanctioned by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), New Delhi. Present on the occasion were, Mrs. P.L. Sreedevi, Southern Regional Officer, EPCH; Mr. Sunil Kumar K.S., Asst. Director (H), Mysore; Mr. K.L. Ramesh, Southern Regional Convenor-EPCH;

Mr. R. Maninaik, Gram Panchayat President, Chamarajanagar; Mr.P.Kumar, Thaluk Panchayat Member,Chamarajanagar; Mrs. Leelabai and Mr.Mahesh Naik, Members, Gram Panchayat, Kolipalya; along with Mastercrafts persons and the 40 artisans were present.

The Asst. Director, DC(H), Mysore, Mr. Sunil Kumar K.S. and Mr. K.L. Ramesh addressed and distributed the Certificates to the artisans. The prototypes were also displayed by the artisans. ■

## 2 months Design and Technology Development Workshop on Hand Embroidery Craft with 40 artisans; Kalburgi, Karnataka, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

EPCH- Southern Regional Office, Bangalore had inaugurated a two months Design and Technology Development Workshop for 40 selected artisans at Kalburgi, Karnataka on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2022. This project was sanctioned by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), New Delhi.



*L-R: Mr.Prem Kumar Singh, DCH empanelled Designer; Mr.Sushil Kumar, HPO, O/o DC(H), Dharwad; Mr.Basavaraj, Project Coordinator, Vishwabarathi; and Mrs.Sharada Yakapur, President, Vishwabarathi WORDSC. Right: The artisans with their Certificates*

This program concluded with a ceremony and Certificates distribution on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Present on the occasion were, Mr.Sushil Kumar, HPO, O/o DC(H), Dharwad; Mr.Prem Kumar Singh, DCH empanelled Designer; Mrs.Sharada Yakapur, President, Vishwabarathi

WORDSC; and Mr.Basavaraj, Project Coordinator, Vishwabarathi along with Mastercrafts person Mrs.Kamala Bai and the 40 artisans who also displayed their product prototypes. ■

