

Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program

Completion of 48 Days Training for 40 General Artisans in Lacquer craft (woodware)

Nagina, Uttar Pradesh; 4th January 2023 to 2nd March 2023



Selected artisans, Tool Kits distribution and training in progress

EPCH Saharanpur Office conducted two Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan programs for 40 selected Lacquerer craft (woodware) general artisans in Nagina, Uttar Pradesh. This was a 48 days training under NHDP-Skill Development Program of O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), New Delhi.

On completion of the program, a certificate distribution ceremony was organised on 10th March 2023 to distribute the certificates and brief the artisans on their way ahead.

The main aim of the training was to form the knowledge among participating artisans to achieve quality in lacquerer

work, also to maintain their work area and tools with health, safety and security measures for all at their respective workplace. The training involved basic to high range of product as per market demand, importance of market trends and product diversification. The 4 Master trainers for the programs provided market oriented designs concepts to these artisans/ craft persons and helped in product development of 30 prototypes, which can be further showcased to provide the market linkage.

This training has helped artisans update their skills & knowledge as well as develop new techniques & designs, resulting in confidence building. ■



Prototypes developed during the program and distribution of certificates

Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program inaugurated

20 Artisans selected for 3 months Training in Wooden Toy Maker-Artisan (Kondapalli Toys)

Kondapalli, Andhra Pradesh; 9th March 2023

EPCH- Southern Regional Office, Narsapur, inaugurated a Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan program for 20 selected wooden toy maker-artisans of Kondapalli Toys in Kondapalli, Andhra Pradesh. This is under NHDP- Skill Development Program of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), New Delhi.



Inauguration and distribution of Tool Kits to the artisans

The program was inaugurated at Kondapalli Society, Kondapalli, Andhra Pradesh, on 9th March 2023 in the presence of Mr. K N Tulasi Rao, EPCH Committee Member, Southern Region, EPCH; Ms. M Suvarchala, HPO, O/o DC(H) Vijayawada; Ms. Badisa Naga Raja Kumari, 28th Division Councillor, Kondapalli Municipality; and Master craft persons. This was followed by a Tool Kits distribution to the selected artisans.



The main aim of the training is to form the knowledge among participating artisans to achieve quality in Wooden Toy maker work, and also to maintain their work area and tools with health, safety and security measures for all at their respective workplace. The training involves awareness about the latest design trends in the international market and customer oriented design and product development. The Master crafts persons will be with the selected artisans to teach them how to make innovative designs in producing unique prototypes and intend to provide market oriented designs concepts to these artisans/ craft persons and will help in product development so as to develop good quality products.

Mr. K N Tulasi Rao said that this 3 months training program will help them to become entrepreneurs. He asked them to take advantage of the professional development and show interest in the training program and develop the new designs.

Ms Suvarchala spoke about the concept of the GSHP, maintaining regular attendance, mode of payment to artisans, importance of the craft, efforts taken by EPCH in organising this programme and support provided by DC(H) through various schemes for the development of craft and artisans. Ms. Naga Raja Kumari spoke about Kondapalli toys' potential in international markets. ■