



SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BY INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

A BOON FOR BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

There are ample opportunities in small businesses especially in Service Sector in these islands and such opportunities may transform Andaman & Nicobar Islands as hub of micro enterprises in the coming future. For such transformation to happen there needs to be support both at the governmental and societal level.

It is pertinent to mention that the goal of small business owners will be to remain self-employed. Such people may not need financial assistance but they will need Skill up gradation and entrepreneurial and marketing assistance in order to sustain themselves.

Entrepreneurship development and Skill building are the key factor to fight against unemployment, poverty and to prepare these islands for globalization in order to achieve overall economic progress. Entrepreneurship Development and Skill up gradation Scheme is an organized effort to meet the challenge of growing un-employment and stagnated growth in the MSME sector.

In the above said course the department under the project promotion and Development of Handicrafts in A & N Islands - A State Collaboration initiated by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances the Department organized handicrafts training under various disciplines viz Coconut Shell, Bamboo, pandanus leaves and fusion of these handicrafts covering around 300 local artisans from all over the islands.

The Department in the coming months will be organizing a Design and Technical Training on Jewellery products in Cane and Bamboo which will be conducted by BCDI (Bamboo Cane and Design Institute) Agartala.

BUDDING ENTREPRENEUR OF THESE ISLANDS ---- A success story

Shri. Naresh Kumar is a trainee in Basic Carpentry of 01 Year trade at Directorate of Industries. He was born on 13/02/1996. He is a resident of Dairy Farm, Port Blair.

During his one year course, he also underwent one month training in "Waste Pet Bottle, Art and Designing" which was conducted by Shri. Mahananda Gomasta, Artist/Designer of IP & T Department, Port Blair. During the training Programme Waste Pet Bottles, Old Newspapers, Tissue papers etc were used to make mask and other utility products. Naresh Kumar actively participated in the training Programme. The pulp used to prepare these masks are waste Newspapers. This pulp was then spread over the dyes. Dyes are made with concrete in a required shape. These are then dried and art work done on them.

Naresh Inspire of his financial crisis started working late night on this craft and now selling his products in the local market and earning good profit.

Hard work and perseverance always holds good.