

Workshop on
Skill Building for Livelihoods

28 September, 2007
Thamukkam Grounds



Madurai Symposium

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We live in an era of rapid change. Societies are moving towards greater democracy, decentralization and market economies. At the same time, poverty is pervasive, especially in rural areas. Appropriate knowledge and skill are essential for people to successfully respond to the opportunities and challenges of social, economic and technological changes. The number of youths unemployed and under employed in the rural areas is increasing. When the potential of these youths are not tapped, they dissipate their energy through unwanted social activities. On the other hand the industries are in need of trained man power to meet their growing demand. They could not find out skilled labourers. Imparting required skills to enhance the employability of the youths and build their capacities to meet the needs of the current job market are very much needed. With sound collaboration between grassroots organisations involved in skill building and industries that are in need of manpower we can channelise the human resource for better future.

In this context DHAN Institute of Vocational Education, initiated by DHAN Foundation's People Academy organizes a Workshop on "Skill Building for Livelihoods" on 28th September 2007 as part of Madurai Symposium. Participants for this workshop would be from NGOs, people's organisations, Government, academic institutions and industries.

Madurai Symposium

The biennial event, Madurai Symposium is a platform created by DHAN Foundation in collaboration with different development stakeholders to celebrate recent developments, related initiatives and innovations. The celebration acts as a platform to share, comprehend, network, learn and plan for future development interventions. All stakeholders of development-community institutions, civil societies, government organization, NGOs, financial institutions, academicians and researchers are invited to this celebration. This year symposium, the third is scheduled from 24-29th September 2007.

Objectives of the Workshop

The workshop has been conceived with the broader objective of facilitating dialogues between like minded NGOs, industries and academic institutes interested on the issues of building skills for better future of the disadvantaged communities, especially youths. The workshop would also

- Analyze manpower requirement of various industries - past, present and future
- Explore ways to enhance the employable skills of the youths from socially and economically disadvantaged communities
- Identify potential areas for intervention through vocational education and training
- Deliberate on the challenges and opportunities for the institutes involved in building vocational skills

Expected Outcome

The workshop would bring out with workable recommendations with shared understanding of the issues, opportunities and challenges with respect to

- The current scenario of skill building need, importance and unexplored areas
- Different designs and models of vocational education
- Ways to address gender and economic dimensions of poverty through customized vocational training

Programme Schedule

Day: 28 September, 2007 (Friday)

- ◇ Welcome Address
- ◇ Key note address
- ◇ Background paper presentation
- ◇ Lead paper presentation-1: Basic education with livelihoods skill orientation
- ◇ Lead Paper Presentation-2: Need of vocational education in rural areas
- ◇ Lead Paper Presentation-3: Fulfilling manpower requirement of industries
- ◇ Lead paper presentation-4: Experience sharing in vocational education
- ◇ Lunch Break
- ◇ Subgroup Discussion
- ◇ Plenary
- ◇ Conclusion

About DHAN People Academy

DHAN People Academy (DPA), an educational initiative of DHAN Foundation was promoted in December 2003. It aims at providing development education to the people in the grassroots. Creating a right kind of attitude and enhancing the knowledge and skills of the participants through training and education programmes is the primary focus of DHAN People Academy.

DPA has many centers of studies with specialization on different themes. Center for Microfinance studies, Water studies, Governance studies, Gender studies and Vocational studies are the centers of DPA. Each center offers a range of educational programmes and organizes exposure visits in order to suit to the need of the people institutions promoted by DHAN Foundation and other NGOs.

About DHAN Institute of Vocational Education

DHAN Institute of Vocational Education is one of the centers of DHAN People Academy. It aims to give livelihood oriented skills to Women, Men and Youth through Vocational Education. So that, they make them employable and capable of becoming an entrepreneur and thereby prevent poverty in the future. It can run the courses collaboration with Government, Industries, Polytechnics and Industrial Training Institutes etc.

Confirm your participation with



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