

Centre for Adult Continuing Education & Extension
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The Centre has been conducting various multi-dimensional courses and programmes under the umbrella of Adult Continuing Education & Extension for different sections of the society which usually include the educated youth, in-service people, women from weaker sections of the society, general public and the community at large. The main focus of such programmes is development of life style and to achieve better life standard for general public. The Centre serves to help the target group in skill development for self income generation, entrepreneurship capability and also to obtain employment for self – help. It is with this objective that the Centre very recently carried out multidimensional out reach activities focusing on the upliftment of masses which increased the demand of holding such programmes.

It is in this context that the Centre conducted number of programmes of this nature in the recent past. They were highly appreciated and supported by the general public as well as by the various Govt. agencies have extended their collaborations to the Centre for the conduct and organization of such programmes in future. The following programmes were conducted by the Centre in the recent past.

1. The Centre conducted 5-day Professional development Workshop and Orientation for school teachers and field workers on “Controlling Juvenile Offences in collaboration with the Directorate of School Education and the Department of Civil Defence, J & K Govt.;
2. 8-Day orientation programme on “Designing Colour technology & Composition of Applied Arts for the State Level Artists, College & University Students”. This programme was conducted in collaboration with the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, Srinagar and the Dean Students Welfare, University of Kashmir.;
3. 3-Day Capacity building workshop for the Health Workers (ANM’s) and the multipurpose health workers working in the community.;

4. 3-Day Capacity building workshop for the Health Workers (LHV's) and other field functionaries of the Deptt. of Health. These workshops were conducted in active collaboration with Directorate of Health J&K Govt. Srinagar;
5. 3-Day capacity building workshop for the field functionaries of social welfare department conducted at Baghat Kanipora in collaboration with Directorate of Social Welfare, J&K Govt. Srinagar.

Similarly, considering the self-employability and the development of the professional capacity of the people, the centre has recently provided training nearly to two hundred students in CCNA, Basic Computers and Tally 9.1, Videography and Digital Photography, Mobile Repairing etc in collaboration with the J&K Govt, polytechnic Colleges, EMMRC, University of Kashmir.

In order to reach out the unreached and upliftment of the downtrodden through non-formal sector of education, The Centre is going to introduce certain job-oriented novel professional courses in collaboration and under the aegis of SKIMS and DOAECC. It is hoped that the introduction of these courses will positively bring a change in the functioning of the non-formal sector of education. These courses include

1. Drug de-addiction course, the aspirants of this course will serve as counselors in Drug de-addiction;
2. Maintenance of Hospital Official Records Course, the trainees will later become the Managers in the Hospital Official Record Keeping and Maintenance;
3. Skill Enhancement for unemployment in ITES / BPO space and OCA-an Oracle Certified Training Programme.

A course in computer networking and website designing will enable its aspirants to evolve as a networking and website designer. To promote the professional skill of the educated youth, the Centre has made stride to provide 2-day counseling programme to the desirous 10+2 pass out students who have to appear in the J&K CET examination which is taking place in July 2009. This programme has been tailored to provide the necessary guidance to these candidates. The programme has been inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of University of Kashmir Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz Punjabi and was attended by the scores of eminent educationist from the University and various colleges of the valley. The Vic-Chancellor in his inaugural address urged the students to opt for job-oriented courses

to make their careers in the corporate world and be self reliant. He emphasized that job-oriented courses have scope for entrepreneurship and could end do away with the dependency of youth on Govt. jobs. Talking on the occasion various eminent professors also described the programme of great benefit to the students. The eminent experts from various colleges have been engaged for guiding the students during the programme and will provide a series of lectures and important guidance to the beneficiaries. During the counseling sessions.

Objectives

1. To create awareness in young and talented students particularly from deprived sections of community about the aims and advantages of competitive examinations particularly JKCET.
2. To build confidence and provide necessary skills for facing these competitive examinations.
3. To improve level of thinking and comprehension of the students especially for these entrance examinations.
4. To inculcate in young boys and girls a sense of time management and accuracy skills.
5. To develop the right attitude, power of reasoning and temperament in these aspirants.

Future Plans

1. Quality of life improvement programmes (QLIP's);
2. Individual Interest Promotion Programmes (IIPP's)
3. Art learning camps for school students and poster / painting competitions for college and higher secondary school students;
4. Women empowerment Programmes;
5. Orientation, refresher, training and capacity building programmes;
6. Literacy , post literacy and non formal education programmess in specified areas in phased manner;
7. Continuing education programmes for neo-literates, drop-outs, pass-outs, semi-literates for perfecting their capabilities and confidence building;
8. Income generating courses for the learning of continuing education programme;

9. Awareness generation programmes on various developmental issues through discussions, debates, symposiums, talks, print and electronic media;
10. To conduct web based courses, online and e-learning courses, languages / packages utilities as per need etc to fit into the world of information technology.

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