

National Skill Conference 2016

Skill Training to Skill Development

Entrepreneurship, Community Participation and Networking for Skill Development

25-26 October, 2016, Christ University Bangalore

National Skill Conference (NSC) 2016 was organised in the campus of Christ University on 25-26 October in association with the Christ University, Bangalore. The theme of the conference was “Skill Training to Skill Development”. Focus of the 10th conference was building perspective on skill development, an inclusive approach invocational skill development. Traditionally vocational skill training is understood as learning a set of technical skills through formal or informal ways of training. In this acquisition of skill is usually aimed at providing opportunities to or improving the vocational competency of an individual so that his/her family will have better conditions of work and life. It is assumed that the skill acquired will lead the person/s towards livelihood security. However, a critical reflection reveals that mere acquisition of vocational skills alone may not be enough to fulfil this purpose. The completion of an activity need not necessarily bring out the desired results. We need to see beyond skill training to ensure sustainable livelihood security for individuals and their families. Hence, there is a reason to look at skill development as a process which is continuous and sustainable and sustainable.

The discussions and deliberations opined that focus should be on creating sustainable livelihood than mere employment. Presentations and discussions on entrepreneurship, community participation and Networking emphasized on building strong community ownership in skill development. The greatest challenge is neither skill acquisition nor skill enhancement, but the community ownership in skill development process. The process like need assessment, selection of trainees, management of training centres, management of training and placement to be supported by the community.

We need to strengthen the entrepreneurship and life skills of our trainees by making them flexible, making them financial acumen, associating/networking with others, experimenting new things and inculcating Curiosity in them. This will make them a smart worker or smart entrepreneur or a smart employer. Thus, it will become their way of life.

In order to make the skill development as sustainable and move into programmatic level network of skilled workers needs to be promoted by forming collectives of skilled workers and linking the collectives together. They will be engaged in internal resource mobilisations, updating skills, creating internal training mechanisms, accessing Govt. benefits and schemes, supporting livelihood enhancement and creating more job opportunities.

In his inaugural speech , Shri Ramalinga Reddy, Hon. Minister for Transport , Govt. of Karnataka emphasised that various skill providing organizations should associate with the government schemes and programs to strengthen skill development initiatives of government. The conference was felicitated by Dr. Fr. Thomas C. Mathew, Vice Chancellor of Christ University, Dr. Gandhi Dos , the vice -president of FVTRS, Dr. J Alexander, former minister and principle secretary , Govt. of Karnataka and Dr. Victor Paul, Head, social work department, Christ university. Thematic presentations on entrepreneurship, community participation and networking was made by Dr.PavanSoni, IIM ,Bangalore, Dr. Rita Noronha, Ex. Professor, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore and Dr. Jonas Richard, Head, Social Work Department, Kristu Jayanthi college, Bangalore . The two days conference was facilitated and attended by Mr. P.M Philip, the Executive director and staff members of FVTRS along with team members of Christ university, Bangalore.

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Skill Net Anniversary

This NSC was also commemorated the anniversary of the Skill Net Karnataka launched on 1st of October 2015. There were about 1300 skill net members reached from seven districts of Karnataka.

Dr. J Alexander released the souvenir and spoke on the occasion. Dr. Gandhi Doss delivered the Presidential Address. During the function Dr. Rita Noronha released the one year report of Skill Net Karnataka. FVTRS also announced five awards for the best entrepreneurs from among the trainees of FVTRS. The awards were given to (1) Kishan Sahay Yadav of Gram Chetana Kendra, Jaipur, (2) RinkuKumari of MEGA International Patna, Bihar, (3) C Raghu Nathan, of Sivaganga Multipurpose Social Service Society, Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu, (4) Faiz Imam of garden reach, Kolkata and (5) AnjanaMahawkr of Rajasthan Samagra Kalyan Samsthan, Ajmer, Rajasthan. it carried a certificate of appreciation and cash prize.

The valedictory program presided by Dr. Gandhi Doss, Vice-President of FVTRS. The programme was attended by P M Philip, Executive Director of FVTRS, Dr. Victor Paul, Ms. Phinu Jose, staff members from Christ University and staff members of FVTRS. Mr. Jimmy Mathew extended warm welcome and the vote of thanks proposed by P.M Philip.