

***Entrepreneurship Development programme (EDP):***

NEEPCO believes that Development of entrepreneurial skill is a basic necessity for economic empowerment of the society. Mainstreaming of the marginalised and underprivileged section of the society is necessary in order to enhance their capability to take part in the economic activities towards achieving inclusive and for sustainable development of the country. The role of skill development and capacity building for livelihood promotion is irreplaceable in reducing poverty and hunger. Imparting vocational skills to people opens up livelihood avenues, enhances the employment and, consequently, quality of life of the people.

Moreover, it opens up opportunities of livelihood diversification and thereby reduces economic vulnerabilities of the people. The Government of India has sought to develop a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the country. In the pursuit of the same, NEEPCO undertook various vocational training/skill development project in and around its operational areas, i.e. in the North Eastern States of India. The aim of the project was to ensure economic security and stability among youth through skill training and holistic development facilitating enhanced access to opportunities in industry jobs and through self-employment.

NEEPCO EDP programme Makes the person capable for using the skills acquired at such training to earn livelihood. NEEPCO facilitate the support to the local youths to acquire skills for earning their livelihood.

***Initiatives:***

NEEPCO's initiative include providing vocational training for electrification /farming / Tailoring & Embroidery / motor repairing etc.

NEEPCO also provides financial assistance for setting up small food processing units and units for Backyard Pig rearing.

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NEEPCO took a major initiative by providing financial assistance for enhancing the facilities and infrastructure of the Jarbom Gamlin Skill Training Institute, Naharlagun. Similarly, NEEPCO conducted one pig rearing training with technical and logistics support for development of entrepreneurship among the youths. Likewise, NEEPCO prioritised imparting computer skills among the youths by distributing computers and printers to various institutions.

The Corporation is giving top priority for the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme. If any proposals in these regards are received, priority has been given to implement the same.

***Outcome :***

The NEEPCO EDP has been able to generate enthusiasm among the youths in remote localities. The outcomes of such programme are observable in the long run. Such interventions by NEEPCO infuse one time capital towards boosting the entrepreneurial spirit, which is laudable given the fact that many people look for opportunities with some handholding support. There are however needs to assess the market thresholds of every intervention to ensure long term sustainability of the intervention made. It provides training to enhance the skilful Human Resource capital and also facilitates the local youths to earn livelihood. This finally, will result in better livelihood, access to resources and inspiration for the community in terms of long term impact of the programme. With the improved skill people can enter in various profitable ventures.