

Skilling youth and women to become successful entrepreneurs



(From left to right): Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Assistant Director -Trade Promotion, World Trade Center Jaipur ; Mr. S. S. Naik, Regional Director, RD-RDSDE - Rajasthan; Dr. Yogesh Agarwal, Dy. Director -Training, NSTI (W) Jaipur; Mr. Anoop Singh Parihar, Deputy Director NSTI (W) - Jaipur and Mr. Sanjay Gaur, Sr. Journalist & OSD to Chairman, VSDC, Government of Rajasthan.

World Trade Center Jaipur partnered with National Skill Training Institute (W) to support the flagship initiative of the central government and Rajasthan Government of skilling young aspirants to become successful entrepreneurs.



Inaugurating the session, **Mr. S. S. Naik, Regional Director, RD-RDSDE - Rajasthan** informed that women constitute about 48% of the total population in the country. But in the employment market, out of the 397 million employed population in 1999-2000, women are only about 123 million, and out of which, only around 5 million women are in the organized sector, while the remaining 118 million are in the un-organized sector. To reduce gender inequality, special gender specific programs are formulated and organized by the government to mainstream women into economic activities.

Mr. Sanjay Gaur, Sr. Journalist & OSD to Chairman, VSDC, Government of Rajasthan spoke about the importance of skill development. He opined that low skill results in poverty and inequality and that more skill development programs should be organized which would help artisans get a fair chance to earn a livelihood.



Mr. Anoop Singh Parihar, Deputy Director NSTI (W) - Jaipur pointed out that NSTI organizes regular training programs in trades having high employability. These training programs are designed on industrial pattern, which include eight hours of regular training for five days a week with no vacations in between. Leaves during these programs are as per the rules of Government of India.

Dr. Yogesh Agarwal, Dy. Director -Training, NSTI (W) - Jaipur informed that Women's Vocational Training Programs at Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Labour & Employment were designed and launched in 1977. These programs are now looked after by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in an attempt to promote women's employment in the industry (mainly organized sector) as semi-skilled or skilled & highly skilled workers through skill training facilities under Craftsmen Training Scheme, Advanced Skill Training Scheme and Apprentices Training Scheme.



"Programs for higher skill training for instructors of various skill training organizations are also organized to achieve this objective. The government has also set up women exclusive Institutes, both under Central Sector and Centrally sponsored Schemes," informed Dr. Agarwal.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Assistant Director -Trade Promotion, World Trade Center Jaipur proposed vote of thanks.

The program was held on July 15, 2022.