

BEST PRACTICES

Year: 2021-2022

TITLE OF THE PRACTICE

Skill training from Women Technological Park

OBJECTIVES

1. To equip the student-teachers with skills of mushroom cultivation, paper plate making and cloth-bag tailoring while undergoing the professional course.
2. To extend the opportunity of skill development to girls and women in the community.
3. To guide in establishment of small and medium entrepreneurship.
4. To open opportunity to earn while learning.
5. To upgrade indigenous knowledge for production of essential items with the use of technology.
6. To make the individuals economically self-sustaining.

THE CONTEXT

Skill development has become very essential for everyone to live a successful life. Besides development of the usual professional skills, learning other skills help the individuals in production and contribution towards the family and society. The college having realized the importance of skill development particularly among the student teachers initiated a project under Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and started offering skill training in three trades initially such as Mushroom cultivation, Paper- plate making and Cloth- bag tailoring. These are the most relevant trades in the context of Nagaland as the state is moving towards ending the use of polythene bags to save the environment and in paper -plate making, many other natural resources can be put into use for its production. Mushroom on the other hand is in high demand in the market.

THE PRACTICE

After the installation of the machines in the month of February 2022, workshops were organized for the different classes of student-teachers in the institution. A few women community members were also given the opportunity to undergo the skill training. This was to extent the facility to the community. The products such as cloth-bags, Oyster mushrooms, and paper plates are sold out at a rate little lower than the market price. Shitake mushrooms cultivation is being tried out. On the 4th and 5th May, 2022, an exhibition cum sale was organized in the institution to display the quality, price and most importantly to popularize the products.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

Student-teachers have been given skill development training in all the three trades. Funds have been raised although slowly to buy raw materials and to maintain the machines. Hundreds of donnas and paper plates; a few kgs Oyster mushrooms and many cloth-bags have been sold out.

The donnas and the plates are in high demand from the nearby offices and institutions and the institution tries to meet their demands.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

The problems encountered during the practice were as follows

1. The raw materials (straw) for Oyster mushroom cultivation is sometimes difficult to get.
2. The infrastructural facilities need improvement.
3. Season effect was detected in the cultivation of mushroom. In winter season due to severe cold it could not grow as expected.