

PM Vishwakarma awareness workshop program

Friday, 23rd August 2024, 10.30 am - 2.00 pm

Venue: Hotel Akshaya Aura, No.6, Kalidasa Marg (1st Main Road), Gandhi Nagar Bangalore-560009.

In Order to create awareness on PM Vishwakarma scheme and increase the credit linkage, an awareness workshop was conducted by the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Karnataka as per the direction of Department of Financial Services, GoI.

PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman i.e., PM Vishwakarma was launched on 17th of September, 2023. 'Vishwakarmas' are who create something or the other by working hard with their hands, tools and equipment traditionally like the blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, carpenters, sculptors, artisans, masons etc. are the builders of this country. They are usually self-employed and are generally considered to be a part of the informal or unorganized sector of the economy. This Scheme was launched to support these 'Vishwakarmas' through *training, technology, credit and market support*.

The meeting was chaired by Smt. Sumati B S Executive Director, KSDC, GoK.

Shri. B Parshwanath, Deputy General Manager - SLBC Karnataka has given welcome Address. While welcoming he highlighted the importance of the scheme and about the workshop.

Shri. K J Srikanth, Convenor - SLBC Karnataka, Chief General Manager and Canara Bank given inaugural Address.

Shri. M. Bhaskara Chakravarthy, Deputy Convenor - SLBC Karnataka, General Manager and Canara Bank has given the presentation on PM Vishwakarma Scheme and urged the bankers to help all beneficiaries of state and make Karnataka No. 1 in implementation.

Shri Shaikh Mahmood, Regional Head, South NSDC, **Shri V. Venkatesh**, Deputy Director RDSDE, **Dr. K. Socrates**, Joint Director & HoO addressed the workshop programme.

Shri C. B. Patil, State engagement Officer NSDC and **Sri Narayan Naik**, Joint director (RI&SEP) has given the presentation.

Shri K J Srikanth, Convener, SLBC Karnataka & CGM Canara Bank mentioned that we were known for textiles and architecture. We have built many beautiful temples. These skills were lost during British rule and this is the time for us to regain. As far as Karnataka is concerned in terms of enrollment is 28,18,654, Applications received for Loan Sanctioning is 84,267, Loan Applications Sanctioned 21,238 and Loan Applications Disbursed 6,247. He also urged to show marked improvement in the disbursement and the beneficiaries gets all the benefits as envisaged in the scheme.

During the workshop, Smt. Sumati B S Executive Director KSDC, GoK, congratulated all the stake holders of the scheme regarding the performance under PM Vishwakarma Scheme. They also mentioned that we have rich heritage of vishwakarmas who contribute to increase our GDP, but their position is not good in the society.

KSDC is the nodal agency for the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. They are facilitating the RDSDE and NSDC in successful implementation of the scheme through Government Ecosystem. They have enrolled almost 867 Government institutions in Karnataka. They have

resources, Places and trained teachers for the training beneficiaries for skilling and upskilling.

During the program, beneficiaries shared their training experience and the benefit of the PM Vishwakarma scheme and the dignitaries facilitated the beneficiaries.

The programme was ended with vote of Thanks by Jitendra Patil AGM, State Bank of India.