

TRAINING UNDER NHDP

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The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles implements two schemes namely National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for overall development and promotion of handicrafts sector across the country. Under these schemes, need based financial assistance is provided for end-to-end support to the artisans through marketing events, skill development, cluster development, formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support and research & development support which benefit the traditional crafts and artisans throughout the country.

Under NHDP scheme various kind of skill development programmes such as Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Programme (GSHPP), Comprehensive Skill Upgradation Programme (CSUP) and Design and Technology Development Workshop (DTDW) helps to create skill development in handicrafts sector. Financial assistance @ Rs.8,000/- per month is provided to the awardee artisans in indigent circumstances.

To provide skill development, training & financial assistance to more & more artisans, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) organises Chaupals, Workshops and Seminars across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh to create awareness about the schemes of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts).

The information was provided by THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES **SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA** in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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