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Progressive India....*

On the Premise of Skills

Developing skills among the youth of
Karnali Group Panchayat adopted by
Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley
under Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojna



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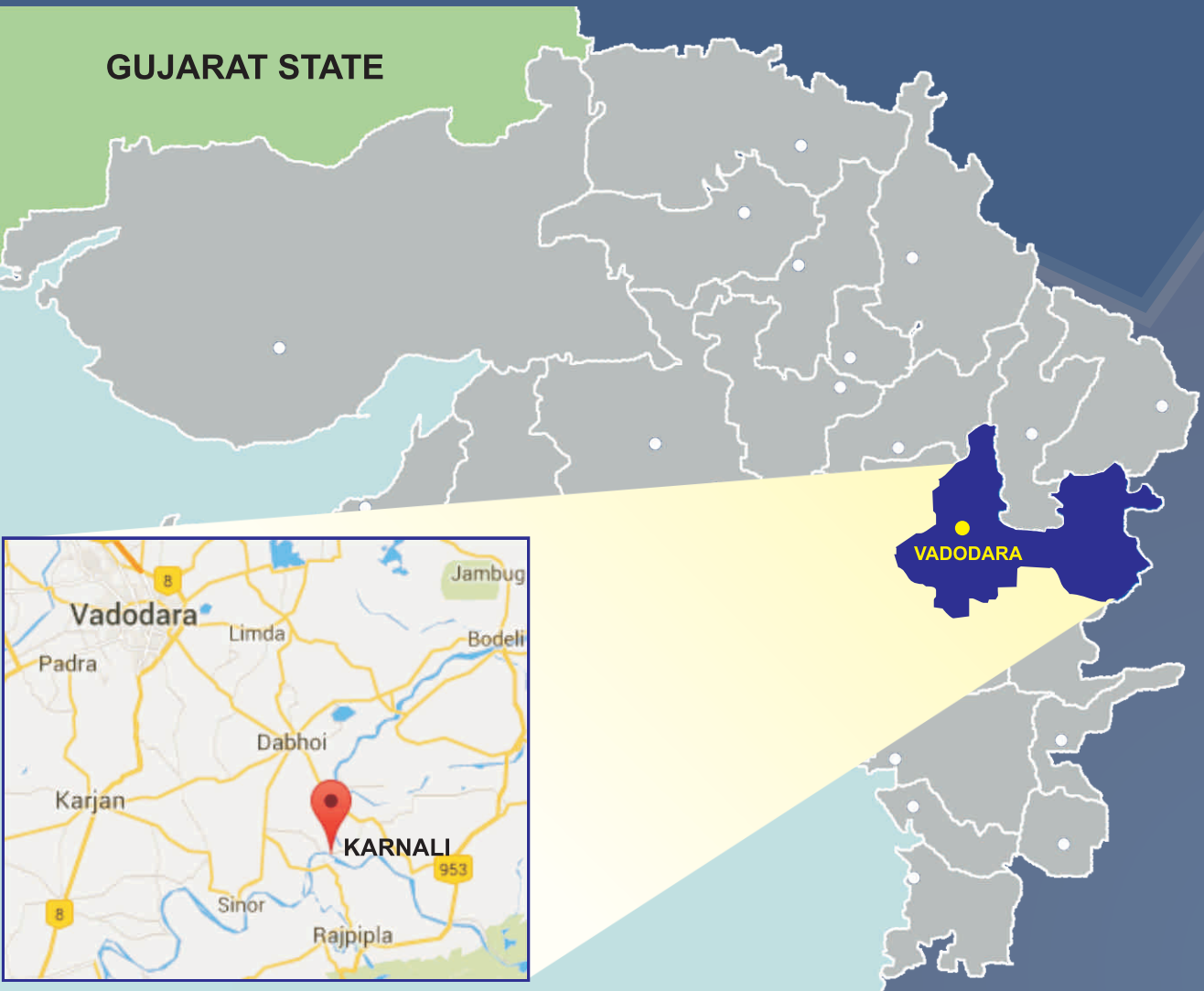


CSR Initiative

Goals of Karnali Village Development Plan under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)

- To improve the quality and standard of living of people of Karnali Group Panchayat by focusing on:
 - Improved Basic Amenities
 - Better Livelihood Opportunities
 - Wider Social Mobilization
 - Higher Productivity
 - Human Resource Development
 - Access to Rights and Entitlements
 - Enriched Social Capital
- To develop replicable models for local self governance
- To ensure holistic development of Karnali Village by intervening in various sectors/areas

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10th December, 2015

MESSAGE

I convey my heartiest congratulations to Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) for working-out and implementing an integrated village development model at Karnali Group Panchayat. I am glad to know that the Institute envisaged development of an archetypal based on an understanding of the attitudes and inclinations of the people, particularly the youth, and strategically aligned the same with the local natural resources and opportunity base.

No doubt, its my dream to transform Karnali village into one of the most modern villages in the country. With concerted efforts of all concerned, I now look forward to a planned progression in the project to cover different areas and sectors for skill building and also target various groups especially women and farmers. Such empowerment will have a multiple effect as the entire environment would gradually be laden with upbeat mood of development and growth.

I am also happy to know that Karnali Project booklet is also being released. I extend my best wishes for the same and congratulate the EDI for undertaking the development initiatives in the Karnali village.

(Arun Jaitley)



President's Message_

A society in fine fettle always enjoys the vivacity and strength of three major pillars....that is, those of social, environmental and economic. While all the three are critical, they are also interrelated, and sustainable development rests on the growth and progression of these pillars. Human Resource Development through focus on capacity and skill building, not just strengthens these pillars but also goes on to create communities that are socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable. Interventions in this area are thus crucial, more so; for the coming generations.

Most of our rural locales, in particular, need to flaunt a robust framework on the premise on strong skills to get into the mainstream. I am glad that the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana is here to ensure just this. The Karnali Group Panchayat that comprises four Villages has its inherent advantages but they need to be honed enough to be projected as strengths. I am glad that Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Finance Minister sensed potential for growth in this group of villages. I am pleased that IDBI Bank Ltd. is partnering in this project by donning the cap of a nerve centre, for fulfilling the multifarious needs of the region. As I am heading EDI, it also makes me happy to note how this Institute is strategically implementing the project by considering opportunities and growth factors for development.

Such a noble task must conclude with concrete results that strengthen the replicability factor of the model, and I am certain that such inspiring paradigms will become rampant. Once this is achieved, exemplars will ensure replication in other settings and scenarios.

My Best Wishes....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kharat', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kishor Kharat
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Message for Booklet on "Karnali Skill Development"

An innovative and replicable development model can greatly accentuate the creative capacities and learning capabilities of youth. Karnali Group Panchayat has been adopted by the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister and given the efforts that are being put in, I am certain about worthy results. For all round development, while the district administration has assumed the onus of developing various other infrastructural facilities, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India is focusing on skill building to redress the villages of lack of opportunities and associated glitches.

I am happy to witness the implementation of the training module for skill enhancement in Karnali Group Panchayat, loaded with its own peculiarities, heterogeneity in terms of youth education levels, preferences and socio-economic status. It is nice to see that EDI have initiated on a solid platform of trust and delivered what the youths were expecting. The areas of intervention were also carefully selected after intense research and interactions. Worthwhile results are on the way and will certainly act as game changer for the region.

I truly appreciate the efforts of EDI.

Regards

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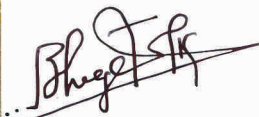
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Experts have vouched for several social & economic upliftment concepts and processes of accomplishing these, but somewhere one does notice the need to reinforce outcomes by designing further ingenious strategies. One area, delving into which is always rewarding, is Human resource Development. We have examples how resource-poor countries have outpaced the endowed ones solely on account of their capable and industrious human resource. This project looks forward to ensuing a self sufficient, growth-oriented community in Karnali Group Panchayat on the premise of skills and capabilities of its youth. The project is forward-looking and expounds the relevance of training and expertise in arriving at pragmatic development models and perspectives.

My best wishes!!


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Foreword

I am happy that EDI got an opportunity to get associated with this unique development project of refurbishing the social and economic milieu at the Karnali Group Panchayat, under the tutelage of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley. Adoption of Karnali Group Panchayat, under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is an initiative that promises to alter the contours of the villages of Karnali, Pipaliya, Vadiya and Baglipura. The support extended by Collector, Vadodara district led the activities to progress smoothly and facilitated creation of enabling processes and structures. EDI, in association with mentors from the Ministry, worked out an elaborate strategy aimed at creating economic prosperity by skill building among youths to render them self-reliant. A roadmap had been envisaged for development and youth empowerment on the premise of skills and competencies. Our vision was supported by the CSR Division of IDBI Bank Ltd. which committed complete financial support for the intervention. The significant component of technical training, ably handled by ITI Dabhoi, strengthened the 'entrepreneurship' element in the project. The project stimulated change which was conspicuous in the way youths came forward with confidence and decided to foray into rewarding career and micro entrepreneurial options. The phase of 'hand holding' encompasses plans to bring their dreams to fruition.

This document, will review how an amalgamation of skills and entrepreneurial competencies can lead youths on the path of constructive career planning. It will shed light on the various aspects of the project, and related facets to put into perspective the ideologies that guide and govern this initiative – *the need for skill training to further the goals of Start-up India, Stand-up India, Make in India and related aspects.*

In conclusion, let me state that we would be delighted if our work could inspire and provide the much required model for development.

Sunil Shukla
Director-EDI



Rusted signboards guide one to the dusty and the modest village of Karnali..... unmetalled roads make a cloud of yellow dust every time a vehicle passes through. Barefooted children playing across roads and its corners get lost in the veil of dust. Gradually as the dust settles, one notices perky faces and glaring eyes peeping from behind the trees and their drooping branches. The waves of Narmada washing the shores of Karnali, is the only sound that intrudes the tranquillity of the village. A few steps further into the heart of Karnali and one notices youths sitting on cement platforms, discussing their future. All young and dynamic but gripped with inhibitions on account of lack of direction, as they say. Some echo the spirit of an entrepreneur, some wish to exercise power as an officer but all talks end with the big question-HOW. All the big wishes ultimately get subdued in a horde of factors seen as far more overpowering.

Karnali Group Panchayat - comprising the villages of Karnali, Pipaliya, Vadiya and Baglipura – reverberates the goals of youngsters which echo the desire to make it big. Just a few opportunities on their way could weave magic....

The total population of the four villages is 2506 – Karnali (736), Pipaliya (717), Vadiya (631) and Baglipura (422). There is need for development in order to uplift the infrastructural conditions and the social and economic life of people so that Karnali Group Panchayat could be brought in to the mainstream. Result-oriented strategies need to be devised and executed strategically to harness its potential, and for visible results.

Village Development Plan under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is a progressive scheme by the Central Government to initiate a number of plans to uplift the quality of life of the people in villages. The need is to focus on integrated efforts, underlined by long term elaborate and sustainable goals, by involving villagers, panchayats, specialised institutions, representatives of civil society, professionals, policy makers, government functionaries, funding institutions and private sector players.



Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley in discussion with Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director-EDI, on prospects and plans of Skill, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Development in Karnali Group Panchayat. Also seen are EDI officials (R-L standing) Mr. Brijesh Dave and Dr. Amit Dwivedi

One 'all-equipped and skilled' village thus created, could serve as a model for further sustainable development. While the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) scheme aims at developing smart schools and other essential and basic infrastructure, one of its primary goals is to build and hone skills among youths, thus ensuring 'youth empowerment' for the targeted inclusive growth and development.

In a heartening move, in Gujarat, the Karnali Group Panchayat has been adopted by Shri Arun Jaitley, the Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Govt. of India under the SAGY scheme. The vision of development includes youth empowerment through skill training. The district administration, on the other hand, has committed itself to developing infrastructural and other facilities in the villages for holistic development.

EDI as an Implementing Agency

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), has been entrusted with the task of 'youth empowerment' through skill training in Karnali Group Panchayat, over three years. The Institute has been building capacities to promote investments in industrial sector and has been developing entrepreneurial competencies among various target groups to help them formulate, launch and successfully manage enterprises. Addressing the need of micro enterprise, micro finance and sustainable livelihoods, EDI has facilitated holistic development of rural areas through capacity building and training interventions, leading to setting up of enterprises, including Science and Technology based. Promotion of micro enterprises in urban areas has ensured that skills are imparted to youth, thus channelizing unemployed youths towards self employment. This has created gainful employment opportunities. The specially formulated Skill Development Programmes (SDPs) has equipped youth with appropriate skills in specific trades.

The Institute also directs efforts towards strengthening State Rural Livelihood Directorates to promote non-farm based enterprises among marginalized and disadvantaged sections. To achieve its goals, the Institute leverages on its nationwide network of development and support institutions.

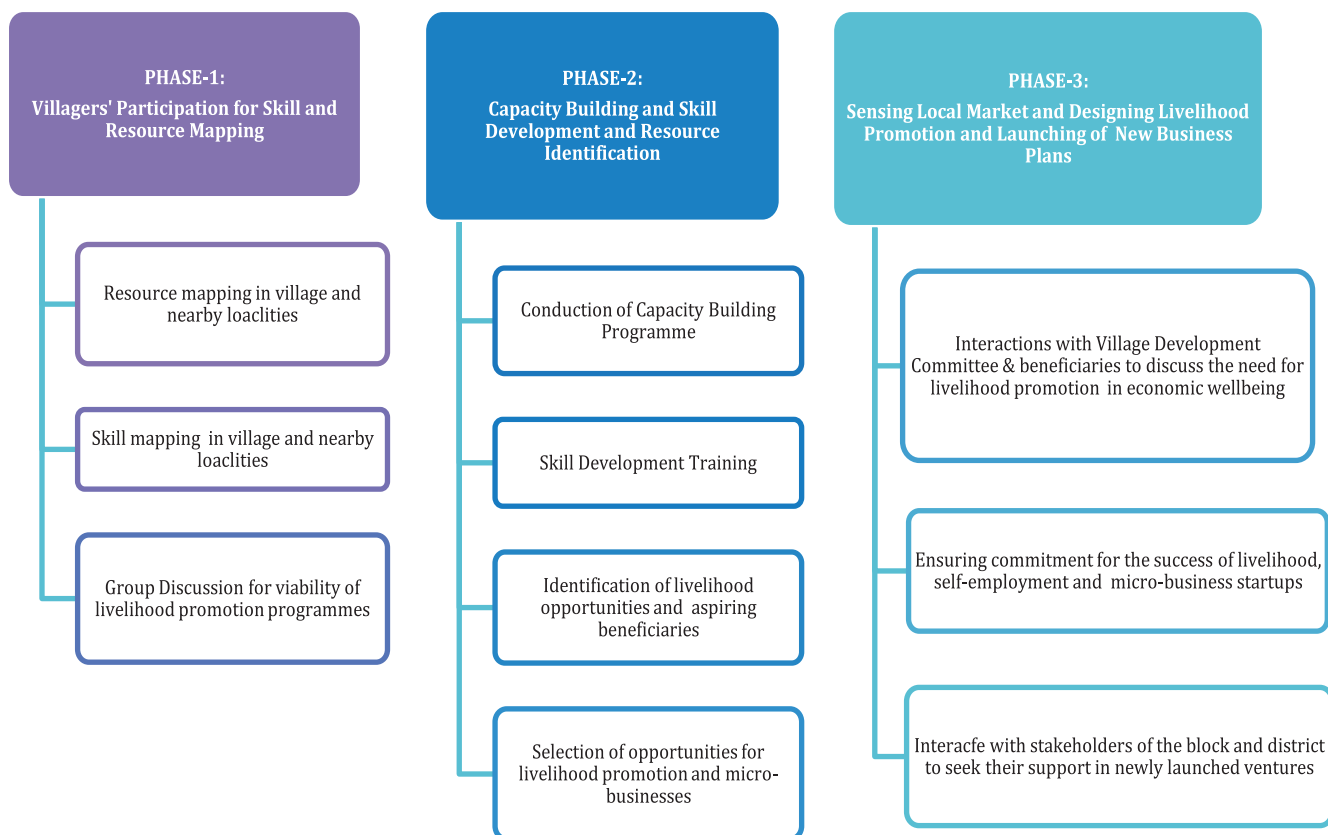
EDI's Livelihood Promotion Plan for Karnali Group Panchayat

The three – year development plan envisaged a beginning with scanning the environment to identify the potential sectors wherein training could be imparted. EDI drew out an integrated rejuvenation plan to ensure all-round development. The overall strategy was worked out in three tiers including Villagers' participation for skill and resource mapping, capacity building and skill development and designing livelihood promotion options after scanning the local market dynamics.

Seen during the inauguration of the project addressing the participants is Ms. Avantika Singh Aulakh, Collector of Baroda. Also seen are (R-L) Shri Kuldeep Arya, DDO-Vadodara; Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director-EDI; Mr. Parindu Bhagat, Noted Social Entrepreneur and Shri Kirit Thakker, Regional Head-Vadodara, IDBI Bank Ltd.



The activities as planned under each phase included:



The three-phased approach will be followed every year to develop skills in youth and women to facilitate small business start-ups. 2015-16 witnessed implementation of all the three phases. Setting up of ventures is in the process.

IDBI Bank Ltd. Joins hands to Ensure Social and Economic Well being

To ensure social transformation through economic well being of the people of Karnali Group Panchayat, IDBI Bank Ltd. has committed financial assistance for Skill and Resource Mapping, subsequent Technical Skill Development Training Programmes and has also assured credit support to trainees for their micro ventures.

After skill training and project viability assessment by EDI mentors, 20 enterprises would be set up every year, ensuring 60 new enterprises at the end of three phases.

The inclusive growth and development approach for Karnali Group Panchayat



Opportunity Mapping-cum-Sensitisation Workshops

EDI faculty team initiated an in depth opportunity mapping exercise to understand the dynamics of 'opportunities', based on local resource base, preferences, challenges and scope. The idea was to analyse opportunities and ensure their viability as a business proposition. The experts also assessed how the opportunities thus identified for skill building would connect with other parameters that exist in the region. After a preliminary research on the number of youths, their age profile and education background, EDI took up to sensitizing them and knowing their inclinations through a *Workshop*.



In all, 90 youths (Karnali-24; Pipalia-24; Vadia-32 and Baglipura-10) participated in the workshops. The idea was to turn the demographic dividend of these villages into a workforce with hardcore skills in niche areas. Every participant was encouraged to discuss career aspirations, subsequent to which; EDI put forth its plans to turn their goals into reality. The skillsets required to succeed were talked about in brief, to which the participants responded by getting enthused to scan the environment, combine the effort with their knowledge and set up a progressive micro enterprise.

The discussions focused on the necessity of 'vocational skills' to become employable. Possible business opportunities for youths, were also discussed.

EDI faculty invited suggestions from the youths on trades that they preferred to get trained in. These suggestions were then assessed on the parameter of their viability and pitted against the findings of the faculty-investigative team. The areas that were finally selected for training were:

Auto-engine-mechanic/Garage

Electrician/Wireman/Fitter

Boat-mechanic

Carpentry/Welding

Basics of Computer

The skill-cum-technical-training programmes in the identified areas, comprised inputs on achievement motivation, entrepreneurship, skill building and technical expertise. For technical inputs, Industrial Training Institute, Dabhoi was roped in.

“The beginning seemed to be highly promising. We were confident that the results would be to our benefit. There were several interactions and counselling sessions before the trade specific training programmes commenced. And when these started, we were unable to detach ourselves even after classes. It gave us confidence and left us inspired to think about our future,” says Chintan Machhi from Chandod.

As faculty from EDI, Dr. Amit Dwivedi, puts it, “Before we started, we could sense apprehensions in the air. Although ambitious, the youths had reservations and looked at us with an iota of doubt. However, personal interaction and initial probe, helped break the ice. Once the trust building was done, imparting inputs became easy.”

Skill Building Modules

Auto-engine-mechanic/Garage

Rohit is a ninth grade passout who had accepted drudgery as his fate. He worked in an auto garage on menial jobs. He had no skills to assert his rights and was at the mercy of his employer. Completely lacking confidence, this reticent youth had to be probed to spell out his ambition. “I want to start my own business,” he had said to EDI- faculty, adding, “but I know this will never happen as I am good for nothing.”

Rohit had to be counselled to come out of his shell to believe that he too could start small in an area which perhaps he knew fairly well - **Auto-engine-mechanic/Garage** - and only needed some additional skills to establish himself.

Several youths like Rohit, with hopes in their eyes, attended the training programme on **Auto-Engine-Mechanic/Garage**. The core sessions focused on

A participant of the first programme – ‘Auto-engine / Mechanic / Garage’ – receiving certificate during valediction from Mr. Parindu Bhagat, Noted Social Entrepreneur. Also seen are (R-L) Ms. Nita Choudhary, General Manager (Business), IDBI Bank Ltd. and Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director-EDI



- Introduction of Automobile and Automobile Engines
- I.C. Engines and Technical Terms used in an Engine
- Components of I.C. Engine
- Fuel Supply System and Igniting System
- Cooling and Lubricating System, Transmission System
- Suspension, Steering and Breaking System

The youths underwent focussed learning along with hands-on experience to gain knowledge, skills and the confidence needed to enter the market either as an employee or as a micro entrepreneur. To ensure that the youths do not begin with an ill-defined business model, they were introduced to opportunities in the automobile sector; self-employment in auto-engine-mechanic trade and support institutions that aid new enterprise creation.

The programme was received well and this was ensured by personally attending to their queries and doubts. Industry experts debated on various entrepreneurial opportunities to generate viable options.

As Mukesh Parmar from Pipaliya puts it, "First and foremost, this programme has impacted my personality positively. I feel good about myself. The confidence that I feel is amazing. I am working with experts to float my auto garage. I knew the basics of this business but this programme gave me detailed knowledge and also opened up new options for me. It has put my scattered, 'barely there' idea into perspective. I now understand the requirements of finance and various schemes to raise finance. EDI's support at every juncture is something that I value the most. In another two months, I should be able to have my own garage."

Electrician/Wireman/Fitter

Prof. B. B. Siddiqui, a renowned psychologist and Distinguished Faculty with EDI, opened this Skill Development Programme with a session on 'Soft Skills for Success' which aimed at grooming their attitude and perception to suit the industry. Prof. Siddiqui says, "I was delighted to see how eager they were to take on new roles. They wanted to explore themselves but suffered from low self esteem. I made them get into the 'why' and once they had identified the reasons for it, I gave solutions to their problems. They were inspired and encouraged after discovering that their lack of confidence and other problems had clear cut solutions. This set the ball rolling and they were mentally all set to imbibe learning."

Ankit Prajapati from Karnali was a daily wage worker with a unit dealing in electrical goods. He had no formal training in the area but had picked up minor tricks of the trade from experience of nearly a decade. He aspired to do something more meaningful but could never muster the confidence to deviate from the humble task that he was engaged in, on account of lack of finance, knowledge and direction. Ankit had come for the training on the first day with no high hopes as the idea of getting trained to make it big had not sunk in. Nevertheless he had come, lest it opened up opportunities. However, just after the first session, he said, "I think I can look forward to something concrete. I always concentrated on money alone but today I agree that skills hold the maximum importance in an achiever's life and I can achieve so much just on the basis of the strength of my skills. I look forward to this training and am highly hopeful of gaining something worthwhile."



True to the expectations of Ankit and many others, the training programme was planned with the objective of giving them skills so that they could make a living out of it. The inputs covered were:

- Introduction to Electricity and Electricity Generation;
- Transmission and Distribution;
- Types of Wiring – Domestic and Industrial;
- Household Appliances Repairing;
- General Safety
- Working of Motors and Generators.

The technical knowledge was imparted by instructors from ITI Dabhoi. Instructors, Ms. Saroj Waghela and Mr. Mukesh Gohil were highly appreciative of the response they received from the participants. They reflected on how the youths, with their queries and probing arguments, made them cover even the most basic details in the field. Alongside technical training, the youths also learnt about self employment opportunities in the sector and the favourable schemes and institutes that could assist them in new enterprise creation.

Boat-mechanics

Karnali and the nearby villages are a land of temples, the most sacred being the shrine of Lord Shiva in the Kuber Bhandari temple at Karnali. Pilgrims throng to the area on holy days. River Narmada sees multitudes boating upto the village. Boating is a thriving business in the area but is carried out in a routine, traditional manner where the ones into the functioning of it hold little knowledge beyond simply operating it. However, what's heartening is that the target group understood their inefficiency and



expressed their desire to get trained in this area. Hence, Boat-mechanics was demanded as an area of intervention, by the youths. EDI imparted training to the youths around the modules of:

- Working principles of boats
- Types of boat engines
- Mechanics of diesel engine
- Boat systems
- Boat body and engine repairing and maintenance.

The participants went through a mix of theoretical and technical inputs. At the end of the programme, the participants were enthused with the idea of undertaking meaningful activities in this area, beyond routine. They were confident and particularly appreciative of the trouble shooting abilities that they had developed. Nanabhai Tadvi (from Vadya), echoing the voice of many, said that till now they had been working in the area but now they will enjoy their work as they could see innumerable opportunities in the engagement that they considered monotonous till a few days back.

Welding:

The Karnali Group Panchayat and nearby villages lack people with trade specific skills. The areas in maximum demand are carpentry and welding. For all small requirements, they have to be at the mercy of people from the nearby towns who charge irrationally even for small tasks. The youths felt that if their skills were developed in these areas they could make a useful contribution to their village and their career.



The programme was well received. The participants appreciated the depth of knowledge and the exposure they received at the training programme. The areas covered included:

- Introduction to welding
- welding hand tools
- Types of welding – arch and gas welding
- Metal joint methods
- Basic joint welding
- Metal shaping method
- Types of flame
- Types of flame

Such indepth exposure with a balance of classroom and practical training prepared them for, as they termed it – 'a new life'. They were also given all information to ensure that they set out on the path of self employment.

Basics of Computer

Development of computer technology has impacted practically all aspects of our life - business, health, environment, education and almost every task that we take up in our day-to-day life. Sadly, the youths in



Participants of the programme 'Basics of Computer' attending technical training sessions

the villages are still bereft of the advantages that mastering this discipline could bring to them. They need more opportunities that bring them closer to the world of computers to discover the inherent potential of this mammoth discovery. During the diagnostic study, EDI experts discovered that the youths were aware how they could enhance their prospects with this knowledge but regretted the lack of openings and their own inability to travel out of their village to pursue computer education. Against this feedback, EDI conducted a programme on Basics of Computer. As Gaurang from Karnali puts it, "We were on the bright road of educating and empowering ourselves. We were excited right from day One and looked forward to making a new beginning."



EDI experts during scrutiny of documents of trainees for disbursing financial support earmarked by IDBI Bank Ltd. for micro enterprises to be set up by them

The youths were delighted to delve into the areas of:

- Introduction to Computers and its types
- Detailed description of computers
- Computer: hardware, software and networking
- MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Access
- Internet Operating System and Computer Virus

The technical training inputs were imparted by Ms. Sangeeta Parekh and Mr. Ravi P. Tadvi, instructors from ITI Dabhoi. They threw light on how the training had positively influenced each and every participant and how they had started to figure out ways of implementing their learning to accomplish their dreams.

The ambit of every training programme was enhanced by supplementing the participants' know-how with skills to awaken their motivation, rekindle in them the aspiration to look beyond conventional options and enthuse them with the confidence to identify and seize opportunities.

As Mr. Prakash Solanki, Faculty-EDI says, "The participants were very excited about learning and exploring new domains but somewhere at the back of their mind they did harbour the fear of failure. Their apprehensions did not let them open up and explore themselves to their full potential. We targeted this by mentoring and counselling them on one-to-one basis. We could extract questions and doubts from them after a couple of sessions and wiped them off right away from their mind through soft skill training, and a variety of psychological methods and strategies. I am glad to mention that they are a different lot today, filled with the spirit to make it big."

Adding to this, EDI Faculty Amit Dwivedi says, "Over and above the training, to hone their persona to face the world headlong, we focussed on imparting them specific skills that prepared them for employability and also self employment. For the first time they learnt how to prepare their resume and identify Companies and Govt./Non-Govt. organizations for jobs. As regard entrepreneurship, they learnt how to amalgamate resources, apply learning and align it all to set up their own enterprise. Here I wholeheartedly acknowledge IDBI Bank Ltd's credit support to trainees."

With support of EDI experts, the trainees prepared bankable **Detailed Project Report** in their selected areas.

The 3-year skill development project envisages the following by completion of the term:

Employment and self employment: Karnali Group Panchayat had until now recorded a high rate of disguised unemployment. The youth needed to be shown avenues. Post intervention, 90 percent of the youth would be engaged in gainful activity through employability or self-employment. The target is to ensure setting up of 60 enterprises by the end of the third phase.

Youth empowerment: With the incidence of fruitful career activities on a rise, the youth will acknowledge the significance of skill and knowledge, move out for work, network and with every development get geared up to thrive to a newer level. An encouraging scenario is already visible.

Enhanced agri prospects: Given the importance of agriculture and its spread across the region, it becomes important to ensure that those in this field blossom from one level to another. EDI will conduct skill development and opportunity enhancement programmes for farmers so that they get exposed to advanced practices and trends in the field. The concept of pricing and warehousing will also be taken up in depth. Besides, outdated practices and poor yield, the farmers are grappling with inadequate formal sources of finance, scarce marketing facilities, negligence in the public distribution system and other uncertainties related to the occupation. By addressing these issues, the overall agriculture infrastructure would be strengthened.

Boost to tourism: EDI has trained/will train youth to offer services in various areas to devotees who visit Karnali and the surrounding areas which are famous for temples. The services and the infrastructure will ensure that the place earns a name for itself in tourism, thus drawing devotees in big numbers.

Improvement in economic patterns: With the improving skill level, the aspirations will rise and the trained youths will use the opportunities and resources to the maximum, thus inducing dynamism in the economy of the region. With the circulation of money, the regional economy will perk up.

The project targets development by equipping youth to bear the onus of growth and advancement and place the region on the pedestal of progress.



Trainees with EDI experts



The Institute

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Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), an autonomous and not-for-profit institute, set up in 1983, is sponsored by apex financial institutions - the IDBI Bank Ltd., IFCI Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd. and the State Bank of India (SBI). The Government of Gujarat pledged twenty-three acres of land on which stands the majestic and sprawling EDI campus. To pursue its mission, EDI has helped set up twelve state-level exclusive entrepreneurship development centres and institutes. One of the satisfying achievements, however, was taking entrepreneurship to a large number of schools, colleges, science and technology institutions and management schools in several states by including entrepreneurship inputs in their curricula. In view of EDI's expertise in Entrepreneurship, the University Grants Commission had also assigned EDI the task of developing curriculum on Entrepreneurship and the Gujarat Textbook Board assigned to it the task of developing textbooks on Entrepreneurship for 11th & 12th standards.

In order to broaden the frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research, EDI has established a Centre for Research in Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CREED), to investigate into a range of issues surrounding small and medium enterprise sector through its publication, "The Journal of Entrepreneurship". CREED also establishes a network of researchers and trainers by conducting a biennial seminar on entrepreneurship education and research.

In the international arena, efforts to develop entrepreneurship by way of sharing resources and organising training programmes, have helped EDI earn accolades and support from the World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, UNIDO, ILO, FNSt, British Council, Ford Foundation, European Union, ASEAN Secretariat and several other renowned agencies.



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