

INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURS IN ASSAM EXTENSION WING OF SIRD, ASSAM AT KAHIKUCHI CAMPUS, GUWAHATI

Objective of the opening of Extension Wing of SIRD at Kahikuchi campus.

Considering the present situation of unemployment and underemployment particularly in the rural areas in Assam, the Extension Wing of the SIRD, Assam has been opened at Kahikuchi campus (in the title of Institute of Development of Entrepreneurs in Assam) to cater to the training need on building managerial capacity, upgradation of skill, providing technological support, providing linkages with financial institutions, providing marketing linkages etc. of the entrepreneurs, artisans, farmers, women etc.

The most important factors leading to the opening of the Extension Wing in developing entrepreneurs in the state were as follows:

- a. The demand for self employment oriented training is very high.

- b. Traditional activities require new technology and skill to make it more viable in the market.
- c. Development of minimum skill both in terms of managerial as well as technical is a pre-requisite for availing bank loan.

Keeping in view the important factors, the Extension Wing has been created separately so that the Mandate of the SIRD on Training and Research in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj is not hampered.

Creation of infrastructure and sources of funding.

The administrative building having the office, class room, conference room and the hostel building in the campus have been constructed with the support of the Government of Assam.

Demonstration Units.

The other training facilities have also been created under SGSY special project, and State Government self employment project entrusted to the institute.

Training.

The Extension Wing was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 12th October' 2006. Thereafter, the training programmes have been conducted on the following:

- i. SGSY special projects.
- ii. State Government self employment projects.
- iii. SGSY (TOT).

Tie-up with financial institutions.

The institute has signed MOU with State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and United Bank of India to make the credit delivery easy for the entrepreneurs and beneficiaries. The other Nationalized Banks and the Regional Grameen Banks have also been extending full cooperation in providing credit facilities.

Linkage with specialized institutes inside and outside the state.

The SIRD, Assam has been working in association with different organizations and institutes inside and outside the state for availing the benefit of their expertise, linkages for quality inputs, training materials, technology, improved training on skill development, field level guidance as per

necessity. Following are the organizations being associated in matter concerning training and research including entrepreneurship development.

- Assam Agriculture University.
- Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Umiam, Shillong.
- National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kolkata.
- National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.
- Mico Bosch, Bangalore.
- Central Silk Board, Bangalore.
- University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore.
- Karnataka Animal Husbandry, Veterinary & Fishery Science University, Bangalore.
- Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur.
- National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh.

- Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology, Ludhiana.
- National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal.

There are some other organizations extending support in the efforts being made by the SIRD, Assam.

Beneficiary selection.

Training has been imparted on management development, skill upgradation, technology etc. mostly for the people those who have been assisted or being assisted under government ongoing projects. The beneficiary has been selected as per the norms of the ongoing projects.

Credit facilities.

As mentioned above, the beneficiaries are given the training in this campus. The self employment oriented projects being

implemented by this institute are all linked with institutional finance.

The SIRD has made an effort to develop entrepreneurship among the educated youth, farmers, women and artisans particularly in rural areas of Assam. The credit facilities in the state is still a difficult task for the rural people as the credit worthiness in most cases is found to be lacking. The effort of the institute in development of entrepreneurs in the state will contribute in the management of the activities in a productive manner, development of credit worthiness as well as in transferring technology to the traditional activities of the needy people.