Skill training at BUDS Institutions

We wrote about the BUDS Institutions in many previous articles. These are institutions run as a convergence project of Kudumbashree and the Local Self Government Institutions. We also mentioned about various activities including skill training conducted at our BUDS schools in the previous articles. Skill training is the new project that we intent to start for BUDS Institutions.

Among the BUDS Institutions of Kerala, we are already imparting skill training in most of the BUDS Rehabilitation Centres (BRC). Training on various skills like paper binding, spiral binding, paper cover making, paper pen production, mattress making, soap and hand wash production, farming etc are usually being extended for the children in BUDS Institutions. We aim at imparting skill training to more institutions in this financial year as a part of our special livelihood initiative.

So, the plan is - skill training programme would be scaled up and implemented in 150 more BUDS Institutions this year. In the first phase, the teachers, children and parents of each BUDS Institutions would identify the skill which the students wish to acquire. Based on the identified skill need, Detailed Project Report will be prepared by each institution.

The activities for preparing DPR (Detailed Project Report) for each BUDS school
had already been started. August 15 is the last date to submit DPR. Once DPR is received from all institutions, approval would be given for each BUDS school. Special financial assistance would be provided to each institution for this special livelihood assistance. Rs 4 crores has been earmarked for 150 institutions for setting up basic infrastructure and for buying machineries. Also find will be provided for arranging working capital. There is financial support for monitoring, evaluation and for branding and marketing.

After the completion of training, we are also planning branding of the products manufactured by our students of BUDS Institution. Also, marketing support will be provided in a centralised manner. As per the schedule, skill training courses will be started by September/October. Branding and marketing activity will start by December 2020.