

Karnataka State Handicrafts Devp. Corp. Ltd.

“SHILPAGURUKULA” Sandalwood Crafts Complex,

Keladi raod Sagar-577401. Shimoga Dist.

Introduction

Karnataka state handicrafts Development Corporation limited (KSHDC) established Gurukula for capacity building of artisans and local youths in traditional handicrafts viz. carpentry & sculpture and to adopt modern technology at Sagar, Shimoga district.

The Hon'ble chief minister of Karnataka in his budget speech has allocated grants for the financial year 2010-11 for establishment of Gurukula as a centre for traditional crafts for the benefits of youths of Karnataka state.

KSHDC has taken steps to develop and preserve traditional handicrafts of Karnataka and to provide infrastructure and social support to the artisans. To carry out all the action necessary for that a major component of this plan was to setup “Shilpagurukula” a centre of training to raise the skill level and impart training to the youths.

Certificate Course

KSHDC initially from the year 2010-11 started two years certificate course in the existing Sandalwood Crafts complex, and now continue functioning in its own new building. The two year certificate course in stone and wood carving is adequate for the trainees to be self-employed. The training is being providing free of cost to the students which means free food, accommodation and training materials, uniforms along with good amount of stipend, and conduct annual study tour for the trainees.

Presently two years of certificate course comprises maximum limit of admission 30 students in a batch. (15 students in wood carving section and 15 students in stone carving sections.) During the training students will be provided practical, theoretical & hand-on training in traditional and contemporary and utility articles both in stone and wood.

Project objectives:

- Capacity building of youth of Karnataka in general and in specific, youth of Sagar.
- Promotion and sustenance of traditional wood & stone carving.
- Skill development and self-employment.
- Revival of traditional art, rehabilitation of children of local sandalwood carving artisans and creation of master craftsmen.
- Sourcing of artifacts by KSHDC from trained candidates.
- Creates pool of artisans out of trained youth.
- KSHDC meets the Corporate Social Responsibility to improve socio-economic condition of the artisans.
- Creation direct & indirect employment
- To act as centre of excellence to impart training in traditional crafts.

- To enhance interest on craft amongst youth.
- Capacity building and creation of Master Craftspersons.
- Development of traditional wood & stone crafts.

Course outline:

Courses Offered

Two year certificate course in traditional sculptures

Areas of Training

Wood Carving

Stone Carving

Procedure for submission of Applications:

Interested candidates have to collect the "Application Form" from the shilpagurukula training centre Sandalwood crafts complex, Sagar or can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.cauverycrafts.com/gurukula> Filled 'applications form 'should be submitted along with required documents before 26th of May every year to the General Manager (Dev.) Karnataka State Handicrafts Devp. Corp.ltd. 45, M.G Road, Bengaluru or to the Project officer, sandalwood crafts complex, keladi road Sagar. Candidates have to attend an interview at the Shilpagurukula training centre, sandalwood crafts complex, keladi road Sagar, Selected candidates will be informed to join the training from 1st of July every year.

Eligibility: Minimum 7th std. pass. Should be interested in art & crafts

Training details	Wood and stone carving
Duration of training	24 Months
Facilities	Free food, accommodation, tools, raw materials, uniforms and study tour etc. training will be given by the experienced and highly skilled master craftsperson. And stipend of Rs. 750/-per month to the trainees.
Age limit	16 to 35 years (on the date of applications submission)
Educational Qualification	Minimum 7 th std. pass. Should be interested in art & crafts

Award of Certificates:

After successfully completing the 2 years of training, trainees will be awarded with the certificate issued by the Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited.

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