

Hayden Hall Institute

Candle Making Programme

Duration: Two Weeks

Overview:

As part of its ongoing commitment to skill development and livelihood promotion, Hayden Hall Institute organized a two-week Candle Making Training Programme for women and youth from the local community. The training was designed to introduce participants to the art and technique of candle making, enabling them to acquire practical skills that could be utilized for household purposes as well as small-scale income generation.

Programme Highlights:

The training combined demonstrations, practical exercises, and interactive learning sessions. Participants were introduced to the materials, tools, and processes involved in candle production and were guided through each step of the manufacturing process.

The sessions covered:

- ▶ Selection and handling of raw materials.
- ▶ Melting and preparation of wax.
- ▶ Wick setting and mould preparation.
- ▶ Production of various decorative and utility candles.
- ▶ Use of colours, fragrances, and embellishments.
- ▶ Safe handling practices during production.
- ▶ Product packaging and basic marketing concepts.

Participant Engagement

The programme witnessed active involvement from the trainees, who showed keen interest and enthusiasm throughout the learning process. Practical sessions allowed participants to experiment with different styles and designs while developing confidence in their newly acquired skills.

Through continuous practice and guidance from the trainers, participants successfully produced a variety of candles and gained a clear understanding of the techniques required for quality production.

Impact

The training helped participants develop a marketable skill that can be pursued as a home-based enterprise or supplementary source of income. In addition to enhancing their technical abilities, the programme encouraged creativity, self-confidence, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Key outcomes of the programme included:

- ▶ Acquisition of practical candle-making skills.
- ▶ Increased awareness of self-employment opportunities.
- ▶ Development of creativity and product presentation skills.
- ▶ Improved confidence in undertaking small-scale production activities.
- ▶ Enhanced prospects for income generation and economic empowerment.

Conclusion

The Candle Making Training Programme was a meaningful initiative that provided participants with valuable hands-on experience and vocational skills within a short period. The positive response and active participation reflected the relevance of such programmes in supporting livelihood development. Hayden Hall Institute remains dedicated to empowering communities through skill-based training opportunities that promote self-reliance and sustainable growth.
