

# Hayden Hall Institute

## **Doll Making Training Programme**

**Duration: Two Weeks**

### **Overview:**

Hayden Hall Institute organized a two-week Doll Making Training Programme to provide participants with creative and income-generating skills through handicraft production. The programme aimed to encourage artistic expression while equipping women and youth with practical knowledge in designing and creating handmade dolls. Through hands-on training, participants learned techniques that can be utilized for self-employment and small-scale enterprise development.

### **Programme Highlights:**

The training consisted of practical demonstrations and guided workshops that enabled participants to learn the complete process of doll making. Special emphasis was placed on creativity, craftsmanship, and product finishing to ensure the production of attractive and marketable items.

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.

