

## **NCUI organises Workshops for School Leaders and Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas**

As a part of well crafted policy, NCUI has taken a lead in the country and embarked on a plan to sensitise School Leaders i.e. Principals, Vice-principals, School Administration and Teachers about Cooperative Model of Development.

The underlying idea is to iron out the critical faculties inherent in the school leaders and teachers with a view to share them with the school students and community, by infusion of cooperative values, principles, a distinct cooperative model of a socio-economic enterprise as one of the alternatives of honing the entrepreneurial skills, finding alternative source of livelihood and employment and standing tall in the socio-economic firmament.

With this end in view, NCUI's policy hinges on four planks and they are to hold workshops for (i) school leaders (ii) school teachers dealing with subjects like social sciences, humanities, economics, commerce, business studies etc. (iii) create a cadre of school teachers and through teachers reach to the students and (iv) ultimately students to form mock cooperatives, reach to the parents and community at large.

As a part of the policy, to begin with, NCUI is trying to reach to Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government Schools, Public Schools in Delhi & NCR Region and then proliferate to other parts of the country. Efforts are also afoot to have included "Cooperation" as one of the chapters in the text books from 6<sup>th</sup> class onwards by NCERT and State CERTs. For the junior classes, a very preliminary message in catchy words and in pictorial form is being envisaged.

NCERT is inclined to this approach and would consider to review the proposal when National Curriculum Framework meets next. CBSE has also accepted a Project on cooperation for 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> class students.

In this milieu, NCUI organised in its Campus a one day workshop for School Leaders of 40 Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi Region on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 followed by 2 day workshop for School Teachers of the same schools on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

Present on the occasion of inauguration of these workshops on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 were Chief Guest Prof. Usha Kapoor, Vice-Chancellor of Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Dr. S. K. Verma, Deputy Commissioner (Trg.), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Delhi Region, Dr. Dinesh, Chief Executive, NCUI, Dr. Daman Prakash, Sr. Consultant, IFFCO Foundation, Principals, Vice-Principals and Senior Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Faculty of NCUI/NCCE–Shri Sanjay Verma, Shri Ritesh Dey, Mrs. Sandhya Kapoor, Dr. Ranjana Devi, Dr. Gireesh

Mangleek, Dr. R. Ganesan, Shri Manish Bhatia from NCCT, Officers of NCUI, NCCT and NCCE, other valued colleagues providing IT and logistic support.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Kapoor lauded the efforts of NCUI in sensitising the school leaders, teachers and through them the school students and community about Cooperative Model of Development, as youth are the future of India. This will prove to be a milestone for NCUI in reaping the rich population dividend of young people in the years to come.

Dr. S. K. Verma, also paid rich tributes to the role of NCUI in this regard and hoped that this Pilot Project when taken up on country wide scale will have a cascading effect on the students community and parents who have otherwise little perception of the cooperatives, their role in the Indian economy and what promise they hold as a distinct model of developing entrepreneurial skills and an alternative for generation of employment opportunities including self employment. Dr. Verma blessed the participants.

Dr. Dinesh, while welcoming the guests, the participants / faculty set the tone for inter-active sessions in the workshops. He exhorted the participants to assimilate the nuances of the Model and take it to the next levels not any for the larger interest of the socio-economic transformation of the country but equipping the students with necessary skills and providing them the base for alternative source of employment.

Dr. Dinesh, profusely thanked Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Additional Commissioner, Dr. Sachi Kant, Joint Commissioner, Mrs. Uma Sivaraman, and Shri A.K. Katiyar, Asstt. Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for their unflinching support which made the holding of these workshops possible.

Associated in this onerous task was the Learning Links Foundation, an NGO pioneering in the field of education. Present in strength were Mrs. Usha Bhaskar and Mrs. Reshma Vats, Sr. Faculty of LLF who spared no efforts in working out the joint logistics of the academic input and taking up the sessions.

The Workshops centred round the organisation of cooperatives, cooperative values and principles, what is a cooperative model and how it is different from other enterprises public and private, role of cooperatives in Indian economy, integration of youth with cooperatives, cooperative education in schools, role of school leaders and teachers, birth of new and young breed of leadership, cooperative as an socio-economic enterprise and rise of cooperation as a world wide movement and in Indian context its all inclusive approach.

A few successful models like AMUL, an amusement park in Kannur, Kerala, IFFCO and a unique snake charmer cooperative were shared with the participants.

The star attraction, which was lustily applauded, was the formation of a Mock Cooperative in Chiranjiv Bharati School in Gurgaon. The school teacher Mrs. Preeti

Sangwan, who was sensitised by NCUI in an earlier programme alongwith 4 students of 12<sup>th</sup> class commerce group, all office bearers of the society made the presentation about the rationale of forming the cooperative, the inspiration, setting up of the organisation, elected management, various committees and functioning of the enterprise with full support of school management and parents, interface with the community of migrant labourers around the school, all by students themselves. Kudos to the School Management, thanks to Learning Links Foundation which provided hand holding support to the cooperative in consort with NCUI.

The workshop evoked a lot of interest amongst school leaders and teachers who offered a number of suggestions to improve the content, system of delivery and the need for the necessary support of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to enable them to take the programme to next levels. NCUI assured them that it would examine the suggestions and improve upon before implementation of the Project in other schools / states.

The workshop ended on a successful note. It was an appropriate demonstration of team work and practical application of the Principles of Cooperation. Our sincere thanks to one and all through the medium of Coop Connect.

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