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**The Retiring Army Jawans of Southern Command during the Entrepreneurship Awareness Program and Aspiring Entrepreneurs Workshop.**

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I Create Academy conducted an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program followed by Aspiring Entrepreneurs workshop for the retiring Army Jawans of Southern Command comprising of Karnataka, Kerala and Goa. These Jawans are in the age group of 35-40 and retire after their stipulated years of service. I Create had met with Lt. Gen Kateva, Bangalore to discuss opportunities to train Women at the Army Wives Welfare Association. During the discussions, the Lt. Gen brought up the Issue of a large number of Jawans who retire very young. He remarked- "They retire when Life really begins". Brig. Mamak and Brigadier Minocha of the ASC Centre & College, Bangalore further explained that the Jawans are in Bangalore for a month when they come for documentation. This ignited I Create's team to conduct an Awareness program for them. A date was immediately set -8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015.

The EAP was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> of September for 68 Jawans. Subsequently, the AEW was conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> September for 36 highly motivated and interested participants who wanted to start their own business after their retirement. The workshop was successful in easing the process of entrepreneurship and educating the participants on the most important aspects of basic Accounting skills.

The 14 Jawans who wanted to start business attended the one to one mentoring session held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. The business ideas ranged from transportation to readymade garments. I Create Academy plans to conduct an ongoing awareness and workshop for the Jawans who are interested to start on their own. The sessions were conducted by Ulhas Kamat, NagendraBabu, Venkatesh, Tejaswini, ShobhaVinod and Radha.

Summing up the session one of the Army Jawan said ***"I Create had taught us to use our brains today, we were just following orders earlier, this program should be available to all the retiring Jawans to prepare them for their next phase of life"***

***"I would never open my mouth and here I am speaking"- Goverdan Pal.***

***"This exposure has left me feeling great. I am a clerk and did not know anything but clerical stuff. This workshop has opened my eyes and given me self confidence. Self confidence is a great trait and with it we can achieve anything"***



## Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP)



**Students of University Commerce College during the EAP**

I Create Rajasthan conducted an EAP at University Commerce College for 80 students. The college was founded by Mr. B D Bhargava, who was also the first Principal of the College. He is father of Mr. Harsh Bhargava, Founder, I Create India. The awareness was created by Ranju Mehta and Hema Chawla on 8<sup>th</sup> of September.



**Students of MGM School during the session**

I Create Banyan City conducted an awareness at MGM School, Halol for 67 students on 10<sup>th</sup> of September.. The awareness was conducted by Shashi Tuteja, Fr. Manu Varghese, Alka Tandel, Rakesh Makwana and Lani.



**Housewives of Ranoli Village listening attentively**

I Create Snehdeep Conducted an awareness program for 20 semi-literate housewives of Ranoli Village. The session was conducted by Joseph.



**Students of Government Podar College during the EAP.**

I Create Rajasthan conducted an awareness Program at Government Podar College on 15<sup>th</sup> of September for 70 students. The session was conducted by Ranju Mehta, Hema Chawla and Shipra Vajpei.



**Participants of Shri Sharadha Degree College listening attentively**

VRDF conducted an awareness program at Shri Sharadha Degree College, Tavarekere for 100



**Students of Kanoria College interacting with the trainer.**

I Create Rajasthan conducted an awareness program at Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya,

students on 19<sup>th</sup> of September. The session was conducted by Connie.

Jaipur for 54 participants on 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The session was conducted by Ranju Mehta and Divya Pareek.

## Aspiring Entrepreneurs Workshop(AEW)



**Participants of NEEV workshop during a discussion**

I Create NEEV, IITGN conducted a workshop from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of September at Shri Khambhat Bhagini Samaj for 25 participants undergoing skills training. The workshop was conducted by Venkatesh, Tejaswini and Sowmya.



**Participants during a trade game at Snehdeep workshop**

I Create Snehdeep conducted a workshop for 15 semi-literate women from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of September. The workshop was conducted by Joseph and Kalpana.



**Participants interacting with the trainer**

I Create Foundation conducted the third day of the 3 day AEW spread over 4-5 months for 16 participants at Bournville Training and Consultancy on 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. The session was conducted by Sreoshi Moitra, Samir Kumar Sinha, Nilanjana Chatterjee,

## Refresher/Mentoring workshop



**Participants during the Refresher Session**

I Create Goa conducted a Refresher on 14<sup>th</sup> September for 8 participants. The session was conducted by Venkatesh, Tejaswini, Farida D Silva and Clare



**Active and Aspiring Master Trainers during the Refresher**

I Create Goa conducted a refresher session, conducted by Ulhas Kamat on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September for 10 facilitators.



## **Change the Mindset (CMS)**



**Participants of Subodh college during an activity**

I Create Rajasthan conducted a CMS program at SS Jain Subodh PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Rambagh, Jaipur for 58 students from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of September. The program was conducted by Ranju Mehta, Hema Chawla,



**GRICP students during the CMS Program.**

Vishwa Rural Development Foundation conducted a CMS program at Government Giridhar Ramanarayan Institute of Commercial Practice (GRICP) from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September for 41 students. The workshop was conducted by Connie, Anantha Kumar, Pankaja, Shwetha and Chandy.

### **Oops:**

VRDF conducted a CMS program at SJP, Bangalore in the month of August, Master Trainer Chandy was also one of the Facilitators.



**Students of Government Women Polytechnic participating in a group activity.**

Vishwa Rural Development Foundation conducted a CMS program at Government Women Polytechnic, Ramnagara from 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September for 33 students. The session was conducted by Connie, Nagendra Babu, Ananthkumar and Pankaja



**Students of BVVS presenting their Business Plan**

I Create Hubli conducted a CMS Program at BVVS Polytechnic, Bagalkot for 33 Students from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The session was conducted by Madhukeshwar and Gajanand Shastri.

**Photograph of the Month**

Participants during a Snehdeep, Vadodara Workshop



*“The picture of the woman with a baby in her lap doing group exercise is so telling of our commitment to the grassroots”- Harsh Bhargava*

**Program Summary -September 2015**

Program	Number of Programs	Participants
EAPs	7	459
AEWs	4	92
CMS	4	165
Refresher	2	18
Mentoring	1	14

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