Innovate for Impact: The Design Thinking Workshop

KASE team alongside the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Digital University, Dr. Saji Gopinath, at the Design Thinking Workshop

The Design Thinking Workshop, "Innovate for Impact: Crafting Strategic Skill Sets for KASE Workforce Excellence," was held from 19th to 21st September 2024 at Uday Suites, Trivandrum, organized by Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology. This three-day event aimed to equip participants with essential corporate, technological, and design thinking skills to address workplace challenges. The workshop began with an introduction by Prof. Santhosh Kurup from Digital University of Kerala, followed by an address from Shri. Vinod T. V, COO of KASE. It featured sessions led by experts like Shri. Jinu Babu on AI, Blockchain, and Industry 4.0 technologies. Dr. Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor Digital University of Kerala, spoke about 'Design Thinking for Skill Development Ecosystems: Uncovering Stakeholder Insights/Skill Gaps for Holistic Skill Development'. Shri. Suraj Ramakrishnan's team from TCS L&D discussed industry collaboration, while Ms. Deepa Sarojammal, CEO Reflections, gave her inputs on partnership sustainability, risk-taking, and decision-making. The event concluded with a valedictory session, blending tech insights with practical approaches to address skill gaps and enhance industry readiness.

KASE WELCOMES NEW MD

Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS as its new Managing Director. Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS brings a wealth of experience to his new role, having previously served as Sub Collector and RDO Kanhangad . As the Director of Employment and Training, Shri. Ahmed will spearhead KASE's initiatives to bridge the skill gap in Kerala.

Diploma in Warehouse Management kicks off at District Skill Development Centre

KASE in collaboration with ASDC and DSDC have officially commenced their second batch on 2nd September, 2024, comprising of 19 students who are set to enhance their skills and knowledge with the training through the Diploma program in Warehouse Management. The course, designed to meet industry standards and the evolving needs of the logistics sector, will span a period of four months. Participants will gain hands-on experience and practical insights, preparing them for rewarding careers in the fast-growing field of warehousing and logistics. The program also emphasizes safety protocols and efficient inventory management to ensure students are well-versed in best practices.

Communicative English Program Successfully Completed at DSDC Konni

The District Skill Development Centre (DSDC), Konni, proudly celebrates the successful completion of its inaugural batch of the Communicative English course. This first batch, consisting of 30 enthusiastic students, engaged in a comprehensive 30-day program designed to enhance their English language proficiency, covering essential skills like Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. The students demonstrated remarkable dedication and active participation throughout the course, marking a promising start for the DSDC's mission in Language and Skill Development. The DSDC Konni was inaugurated on 20th July 2024 by Shri V. Sivankutty, Honorable Minister for Education and Labour, Government of Kerala. As part of Kerala's larger vision for youth empowerment and workforce readiness, the DSDC is dedicated to equipping individuals with industry-relevant skills. The center aims to bridge skill gaps across various sectors by offering a wide array of specialized training programs, thus creating opportunities for the youth to thrive and excel in their respective fields.

"Youth employment relies on effective skill training programs" - Finance Minister K. N. Balagopal

Shri. K N Balagopal, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, GoK, emphasized the importance of skill training programs that enable youth to find jobs by exploring diverse opportunities. He stated that such programs should utilize the district's unique employment culture and be implemented with the help of both public and private sector training providers. The Minister delivered these remarks during the inauguration of the Training Service Provider's Summit (Kollam District) hosted by the Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) on 24th August 2024 at Hotel Highland and Resorts, Kottarakkara, Kollam.

District Collector Shri. Devidas N IAS emphasized local development goals and opportunities. Shri. Vinod T V, COO of KASE, Shri. Er Raghavan K, Deputy Director, Indian institute of Infrastructure and Construction (IIIC) were also present at the event. The summit ended with Shri. Anoop P, Manager-Skill Convergence, from KASE thanking participants and reaffirming KASE's commitment to skill development in Kerala, featuring various presentations by Managers' from KASE.

After the successful completion of the TSP Summit in Kollam District, the summit was subsequently conducted in Kasaragod and Kannur. In Kasaragod, the summit was inaugurated by Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS, Managing Director of KASE, with the presidential address delivered by Sri. Prateek Jain IAS, Sub Collector of Kanhangad. Keynote speaker Shri. Vinod T.V., set the tone for the event, which included technical sessions covering local beneficiary categories, Central and State schemes, 2024-25 budget priorities, and the District Skill Development Plan process. The summit concluded with an interactive Q&A session where experts addressed the queries of Training Service Providers.

Shri K. N. Balagopal, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, officially inaugurating the TSP Summit in Kollam.

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GREEN JOBS: A GROWING DEMAND IN THE GLOBAL MARKET

As the world shifts towards a more sustainable future, green jobs are becoming increasingly sought after. These roles focus on environmental protection, renewable energy, and sustainable practices, offering a promising career path.

➡️ **Key Areas of Demand:**

- Renewable Energy: Solar panel installers, wind turbine technicians, and engineers in clean energy technologies are in high demand.
- Sustainable Agriculture: Experts in organic farming, sustainable food production, and agricultural technology are needed.
- Waste Management: Professionals skilled in recycling, waste reduction, and environmental management are essential.

➡️ **Skills to Succeed:**

- Technical Expertise
- Soft Skills
- Digital Proficiency

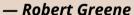*Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS, Managing Director of KASE, inaugurating the TSP Summit in Kasaragod District.*

Hon'ble Minister Shri Kadannappalli Ramachandran, inaugurating the TSP Summit in Kannur District.

In Kannur, the summit was inaugurated by Shri. Kadannappalli Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister for Registration, Museums, Archaeology, and Archives. He highlighted the importance of skill development, emphasizing that India will be the only country with a surplus of human resources by 2030. The summit also featured special addresses by Shri. Grandhe Saikrishna IAS, Assistant Collector, Shri. Vinod T. V., Chief Operating Officer of KASE, and Shri. Nenoj Meppadiyath, District Planning Officer, followed by technical sessions on similar topics, including local beneficiary categories and Central and State schemes.

Skill Thought 🤔

"The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways."
— Robert Greene

India Shines at WorldSkills 2024

The WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France, saw an outstanding display from the Indian team, highlighting the nation's increasing expertise across various skill sectors on the global stage. With 4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence, India has solidified its position as a formidable contender in the international skills arena. Ashwitha Police, who won a Bronze medal in Patisserie and Confectionery, also earned the prestigious Best of Nation Award. Ms. Anagha Chemenghat, who earned 10th place in Digital Construction, was the sole representative from Kerala at WorldSkills 2024.

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