

MFIN launches a series of Skilling Workshops in Kolhapur

600 aspirants to benefit through these multi-location, free workshops

Kolhapur, 11 December 2020: In continuance with its community development initiatives, MFIN, a Microfinance Association and an RBI recognized Self-Regulatory Organization, has launched a series of Skilling and Upskilling Workshops in different villages of Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, as part of joint CSR initiative of MFIN members.

MFIN has partnered with the Institute of Livelihood Research & Training (ILRT) and its implementation partner B-ABLE (Basix Academy for Building Lifelong Employability) to deliver these workshops over a period of 12 weeks.

The ILRT is a practice-based academic institution promoted by the Basix Social Enterprise Group – a livelihood promotion and skills enhancement conglomerate. Its sister organization B-ABLE, is a pioneer organization in the field of skill development and vocational training with a distinction of being the first training partner of National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC).

The workshops will focus on four Skills - Tailoring (especially making of face masks and reusable Carry Bags that are in high demand), Beauty Care, Masonry and Plumbing for both women and men. The series comprising 20 workshops will be launched on the 14th December 2020, the first workshop being in Savarwadi Village of Karveer Taluka of Kolhapur district.

Achla Savyasaachi, National Head – State Initiatives said, “COVID has had an unsettling effect on people with loss of jobs. We want these workshops to be a medium to bring positivity in the environment. These workshops are free of cost and open for all. Getting the right skill not only opens the door to employment through self-entrepreneurship but also enhances confidence and self-esteem, which is extremely important in these troubled times.”

Dr. Rajendra Singh Gautam, Associate Dean of ILRT said, “We, along with our implementation partner B-ABLE, have been closely working with MFIN to understand the community needs and develop the training content accordingly. Based on a survey of people’s interest in the area, tailoring and beauty are preferred skills among the local women. We included masonry and plumbing as we foresee a high demand for these skills in view of Government yojanas like ‘Har Ghar NaI’, among others.

About Microfinance Institutions Network

MFIN is a premier industry association comprising 56 NBFC-MFIs and 35 Associates including Banks, Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and NBFCs. It is also the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for the regulated NBFC-MFI. By virtue of bringing the NBFC-MFIs under one common umbrella, MFIN acts as a bridge between them and the regulators to build a dialogue for greater transparency, better policy frameworks and stronger client protection standards for responsible lending, thus enabling the microfinance industry to partake in meeting the larger financial inclusions goals.