BACKGROUND

Institute of Shipbuilding Technology, Goa had been selected by Ministry of Human Resource Development Govt. of India to implement “Scheme of Community Polytechnic Wing” from April 1991. Presently the same scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India as “Community Development Through Polytechnics”. The aim of the scheme is to promote Rural Development activities on scientific lines through various methods.

Institute has set up its Extension/Training centers at various villages of Vasco, Mormugao, Cortalim, Marcaim, Priol & St Andrez constituencies.

The activities carried out are:

- Need Assessment Surveys to assess the technology and training needs;
- Impart Skill Development Training to the intended target groups
- Disseminate Appropriate Technologies for productivity enhancement
- Provide Technical and Support Services to rural masses and slums dwellers
- Create Awareness among the target groups about technological advancement & Contemporary issues of importance

The Skill Development Training Programmes conducted at the Institute and at Extension centres. are Basic Welding, Machinist, Carpentry, PCB Layout Preparation & Fabrication, Computer Application, Tally & Accounting, English Typewriting, Office Assistant, AC & Refrigeration, Diesel Mechanic & Computer Hardware in the technical category and Tailoring, Hand & Machine Embroidery, Macrame Fancy Products, Crochet, Flower Making, Beautician, Sea Shell and Coconut Handicrafts etc. in the non technical category.

This scheme has benefitted community in the areas where it is implemented. These courses are conducted free of cost and are of 03 to 06 months duration. Batches are arranged for the trainees. More than 4500 trainees who include dropout students, unemployed youth and women have attended the above courses and many have got themselves wage and self employed.

The Awareness Programmes, Camps, and Support Services are carried in the villages and panchayat premises in collaboration with other Government Organizations. Once in a year the trainees are given an opportunity it Exhibition cum Sale of their products through the Institute Stall in Old Goa Feast and Community Mela.