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productivity and competitiveness of the traditional OBC craftsmen ensuring quality goods for enhanced income and thereby qualitative improvement in their living conditions. There are several craftsman communities among OBCs such as Viswakarma, Padmasaliya chekkala etc. The Scheme envisages providing modern skill training and Tool Kits for these groups.

Aims/Objectives:

1. To create awareness among the skilled and semiskilled OBC workers on the need to adopt new technology in the highly technological era, for meeting the market needs.
2. To ensure sustainable self-employment for fair livelihood.
3. To ensure social justice through the overall economic development of the traditional craftsmen communities.

Implementation: The Director, the Backward Communities Development Department will implement the scheme through Regional Deputy Directors of the Department. Tie-up shall be made with KSBCDC for training and loan for the scheme.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The Director, BCDD will monitor and evaluate the scheme periodically.

Traditional craftsmen community:

1. Viswakaramas (Asari Chaptegra, Kallassary, Kalthachan, Kammala, Kamsala, Kannan, Karuvan, Kitaran, Kollan, Malayala Kammala, Moosari, Pandikammala, Pandithattan, Perumkolllan, Thachan, Thattan, Vilkurup, Villasan, Viswabrahmanan or Viswabrahmanar and Viswakarmala)
2. Saliya, Chaliya (Chaliya)
3. Tholkollans
4. Moopar or Kallan Mooppan or Kallan Mooppar.

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