Sowing the seeds of Entrepreneurial skills in Children and Youth through National Summer Camps

These unique camps are a first-of-its-kind to imbibe winning skills and competencies among children and youth

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad has announces national-level, residential Summer Camps for Youth and Children for the year 2022. So far, EDII has trained and groomed 4180 children and youth.

Over the past years, the Institute has provided a significant platform through National Summer Camp on Entrepreneurial Stimulation to children in the age group of 12 to 16 years, from across the country to understand their strengths and weaknesses, develop a perspective for growth and imbibe learning that ensures winning skills in their personality. So far the camp has groomed 2511 children through 37 National Summer Camps for Children. This year, two such camps, the 38th & 39th Summer Camps on Entrepreneurial Stimulation for Children are scheduled from 1st May to 6th May & 22nd to 27th May at the Institute’s campus. The children noticeably develop a ‘spirit of enterprise and achievement’ in to target higher-order successes. On conclusion of the camp, parents of the participating children are given a comprehensive report on their ward, emphasizing on the personality traits of the child and future directions for him/her.

Similarly, through its National Summer Camp on Entrepreneurial Adventures for Youth, EDII has been developing entrepreneurial traits among youth, from across the country. A total of 1,669 youths have been trained by the camps from the country. These camps are open to applicants in the age group of 16-22 years. The youths realize their hidden potential and develop capabilities to meet challenges ahead by acquiring entrepreneurial traits of risk-taking, creative thinking, conflict management, effective communication, team work and managing one’s emotions. They are also imparted career counselling. Meetings with achievers and field visits to observe the classroom learnings in implementation have left an indelible impact on participating youths. This year, the Institute has announced two such camps, i.e. the 41st & 42nd Summer Camps on Entrepreneurial Adventures for Youth, scheduled from May 9-18 & May 30 to June 8 at EDII campus.
About EDII (www.ediindia.org)

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), an autonomous and not-for-profit institute, set up in 1983, is an acknowledged National Resource Institute for Entrepreneurship Education, Research, Training & Institution Building. It is promoted by IDBI Bank Ltd., IFCI Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd. and the State Bank of India (SBI). The Government of Gujarat pledged twenty-two acres of land on which stands the sprawling EDII campus.

EDII has been recognized as the CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. The institute has also been ranked as No. 1 under General (Non-Technical Category) by Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)-2021, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. To pursue its mission, EDII has helped set up twelve state-level exclusive entrepreneurship development centres and institutes. In view of EDII's expertise in Entrepreneurship, the University Grants Commission had also assigned to it the task of developing curriculum on Entrepreneurship, and the Gujarat Textbook Board assigned to it the task of developing textbooks on Entrepreneurship for 11th & 12th standards. EDII is also working closely with regulatory bodies, like the Central Board of Secondary Education.

In order to broaden the frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research, EDII has established Centre for Research in Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CREED), to investigate into a range of issues surrounding small and medium enterprise sector through its publication, ‘The Journal of Entrepreneurship’. CREED also establishes a network of researchers and trainers by conducting Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship Education and Research. EDII also leads the India Chapter of Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM), the largest annual study of entrepreneurial dynamics in the world. In the international arena, efforts to develop entrepreneurship by way of sharing resources and organising training programmes, have helped EDII earn accolades and support from the World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, ILO, FNSt, British Council, Ford Foundation, European Union, ASEAN Secretariat and several other renowned agencies.

EDII has also set up Entrepreneurship Development Centre at Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, Uzbekistan and Rwanda in addition to efforts in the process, in select African countries.