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Career on Wheels – An Innovative Approach to Imparting Skills

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Various authors have stressed the importance of education for economic development of a nation. The literacy rates in developing countries are awfully low, hindering economic progress. In the context of globalisation, adult education plays an important role in providing necessary skills as adult workforce is expected to adapt themselves to the changes occurring in the job market. Adult education is expected to not only lead to personality development of the individual concerned but also provide him/her career opportunities that were not available earlier. Recognising the benefits of such adult education, an innovative programme has been launched in the state of Andhra Pradesh in India. What makes this programme interesting is that it is a joint effort of a university, state and a non-governmental organisation, and implemented with limited funds.

This paper describes the experience in conceiving and implementing the programme and the benefits that accrued to all the participants. By reflecting on the outcomes of this programme, it is possible to gain valuable experience that would be beneficial for similar programmes implemented internationally by various governmental and non-governmental organisations.