

## **ADDITIONAL SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAMME (ASAP)**

Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP) under the Government of Kerala's Higher Education Department has a legacy of 8 years in the domain of skill development. ASAP has trained over two lakh students in Higher Secondary schools, Undergraduate colleges and Technical Education institutions of the State of Kerala. ASAP skill classes are different from the regular academic pedagogy offered in schools and colleges. ASAP an acronym for Additional Skill Acquisition Programme is a joint venture of General education and Higher education department. The programme is meant to equip the young population of the state with skills in the cutting edge sectors in order to alleviate the unemployment problem in the state. ASAP classes are meant for plus one students in schools and first year degree students in colleges. The ASAP programme is a combination of three courses, namely communication skills in English, Basic IT and an elective domain specific skill course. The ASAP foundation module is of 180 hours duration which includes 100 hours of communication skills in English and 80 hours of basic IT .

ASAP has always foreseen changes and came up with proactive measures to create a skilled population in all emerging sectors. ASAPs novel intervention, Advanced Skill Development Centres (ASDCs) provides advanced futuristic skill courses in 111 Engineering and Polytechnic institutions across the State. The 16 Community Skill Parks (CSPs) established in all districts is a one stop destination for skill development with a purview to encourage community skilling keeping in mind the community aspirations. ASAP continues to put efforts in translating the requirements of the industry into skill programmes that will raise the standard of employability of the Kerala youth. ASAP seeks to equip the students to meet various challenges in the modern work place. The time span of Skill courses differ from one course to another. The programme are developed, delivered, assessed and certified with active participation of the related industries to ensure labour market acceptance of the programme. The skill courses are also provided with an effective internship for practical knowledge. The foundation module classes are conducted in the respective institutions and skill classes are conducted in the respective skill development centres (SDC).The foundation classes are conducted by specially trained people called Skill Development Executives.

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