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EXPRESS READ

Stella Maris to launch project for deprived women

Chennai: A project aimed at capacity-building or skill training for underprivileged women will be launched on November 15 at 10 am by the Stella Maris Centre for Development of Resources for Inclusion and Vocational Enrichment (SMCDRIVE), according to a press release. 'The Livelihood Project', as it is called, looks to offer specific skill training to women from economically weaker sections, starting with tailoring and block printing. The tailoring classes will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while the block printing classes, under a national award recipient, Dakshinamurthy, will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The classes will be held from 10am to 1pm. The training will be held continuously for two months for the first batch of women and the programme is expected to run for a year. A full scale printing set up will be available and a production unit at SMCDRIVE, Shanthi Bhavan has been planned, the statement said. ENS