

## PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

A puppet making workshop was organised for the students of Institute of Vocational Studies on 6 September, 2019. This workshop aimed at introducing the various techniques of puppet making. Resource person Mr. Pramod Kr. Sharma from **NCERT** led the workshop. He told the students about the art of puppetry and how it could be integrated in the teaching process to generate curiosity among the learners, thereby making the teaching learning process more engaging and interesting. He showed how puppetry can be incorporated in the story telling activity to enrich the learning process. He taught a variety of methods to make puppets, ranging from simple paper folding techniques to cloth sewing and stitching methods. World of puppets was showcased by the display of different types of puppets which included Finger puppets, hand puppet/ glove puppet and shadow puppet. Different tricks that have to be kept in mind while making a puppet, such as stress should be laid upon the '**optical distance**' rather than the '**mechanical distance**' were told. Simple and no fuss methods could be inculcated to make puppets more attractive e.g. a simple cloth could be attached beneath a bottle puppet which would appear as its dress. The students participated with full enthusiasm and displayed their immaculate work by making colourful and attractive puppets. They used a variety of materials like coloured paper, cloth and recycled medium. The puppet making workshop proved to be a true learning experience for all the participants.





