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Talk session to help secondary school students understand career counselling process

Many students do not know which career path is right for them. Most times, they get their information from family or peers. However, to be able to understand one's career goals and options, career information should be readily accessible to students at all stages in the schooling process. In this vein, the HRDC will hold a career talk for more than 1,000 Lower VI students from 40 private and state secondary schools at **09 30 hrs at Octave Wiehe Auditorium, Rédiut on Thursday 29 May 2014.**

Dr. Vasant Kumar Bunwaree, Minister of Education and Human Resources, will be the chief guest at the event.

"We, at the HRDC, understand that career planning is a daunting process. So we want to provide the students with information to help them find the direction and support they need to make wiser career decisions. It is also important to ensure that students are aware of the skills that today's employment market needs," said Mr Raj Auckloo, Director of the HRDC.

The career talk session will be run by the HRDC and will cover three main topics. The first part is a presentation aimed at encouraging students to develop a career mindset and will cover elements such as the qualities needed for a successful career, and learning to manage a career in a changing environment.

The second part of the talk will highlight the importance of employability skills such as communication and organisational skills, team-working, critical thinking and problem solving skills. As the pool of applicants with similar academic qualifications grow, employers are increasingly looking at candidates' soft skills to help them make their hiring decisions.

The third part of the talk session will focus on tips for writing a successful CV and different interviewing techniques for a successful interview. As the competition for jobs within all sectors increases, a good



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CV can help one stand out and grab the attention of potential employers. Similarly, one's performance at interviews can be the deciding factor in securing the job.

This information session is part of series of talks to raise awareness among secondary school students about possible career paths offered to them. It is meant to trigger the thinking process of the students about career planning.

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Date:	Thursday 29 May 2014
Time:	09 30 hours
Venue:	Octave Wiehe Auditorium, Réduit