

Gem and Jewellery Skill Council of India is hosting its first Press Meet after Mr. Sanjay Kothari taking over as the new Chairman of GJSCI. GJSCI has a mandate of:

- Identification of skill development needs including preparing a catalogue of types of skills, range and depth of skills to facilitate individuals to choose from them.
- Development of a sector skill development plan and maintain skill inventory.
- Determining skills / competency standards and qualifications.
- Standardization of affiliation and accreditation process.
- Participation in Affiliation, accreditation, examination and certification.
- Plan and execute Training of Trainers.
- Promotion of academies of excellence.
- Establishment of a well-structured sector specific Labour Market Information System (LMIS) to assist planning and delivery of training.

The Chairman shared his vision for GJSCI which is as follows:

- to ensure that all the current workforce is certified based on NSQF aligned QP/NOS; at least one train the trainer institution per cluster;
- improving the skills of workforce to make them ready for modern factories;
- improving the company management skill so that they can be ideal entrepreneurs on their own;
- ensure that the next generation of workforce comes into the business;
- make India a world leader in jewellery manufacturing after attaining leadership position in diamonds and some varieties of coloured stones.

GJSCI looks forward to gain larger participation from the industry and attract fresh focus on its various skilling activities and initiatives.

So far GJSCI has successfully imparted training to candidates in various fields of the gem and jewellery industry through different schemes. Since inception GJSCI has trained and certified 133230 candidates under Short Term Training (STT) and 24141 artisans under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). GJSCI is also affiliated with 150+ Training Partners and 35+ Assessment Agencies across the country.

Apprenticeship Training is a course that comprises basic and practical training at the workplace, In an industry or establishment. An apprentice is a person who has signed a contract of apprenticeship with an establishment to undergo apprenticeship training.

GJSCI along with NSDC is going to conduct a Roadshow in SEEPZ on 26th October 2018 where in the Joint Secretary from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, GoI would be present to highlight the new features of revamped Apprenticeship Act 1961 and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). Chairman GJSCI urges all the industry HR Heads and promoters to attend this important event and take advantage of this opportunity.

There are various other initiatives being undertaken by GJSCI. Some of these are -

Project Vanika: An initiative to train tribal women in the art of jewelry making to secure a source of income and livelihood and self-sustainability. This would greatly reduce the rate of migration of tribals.

Project Rupaantar : A project dedicated for the transformation of the lives of prisoners by imparting skills and securing a source of income on release and respect in society. This would eventually bring about a change in mind-set of inmates and ensure a better future.

Project Hupari : Transforming this silver town into a skill hub. GJSCI looks forward to enhance the ancient methods of silver manufacturing to advanced use of technology by securing health and hygiene as compared to the methods being presently followed. This would be a great impact on qualitative and quantitative production of silver ornaments.

The Chairman also called upon Training Institutes to join hands with GJSCI towards imparting skilling as an Assessment Agency or Training Partner as all the curriculum and qualification packs are aligned to NSQF levels based on international standards. This Press Meet also focused on the roles of the Training Partners and the Assessment Agencies.