IndiaSkills Regional level competition was organized in Bengaluru from 21st to 23rd June, 2018. Eight participants, shortlisted from the IndiaSkills screening, had competed in this competition.

Following was the result of the competition:

- Winner — Ruchita Wagh
- Runner up — Sangramsing Rajput

On the 3rd day, Hon. Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, along with Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Mr. Jayant Krishna, Executive Director and COO of NSDC had visited our stall and witnessed jewellery pieces, the candidates made during the competition.

Mr. G. V. Sridhar, Immediate Ex-Chairman, had also visited the event, where he also interacted with the participants and exchanged few words of encouragement.

Six candidates from all regional level competition have been selected, who will compete in the IndiaSkills (national level) competition.
GJSCI held its 4th Training Partners' Meet, at SEEPZ on 15th June, 2018.

GJSCI is the only SSC to dedicatedly organize a Training Partners' meet each year. It was attended by current affiliated training partners (TPs) as well as aspiring training partners. This platform was a great resource for TPs to understand our ecosystem and to guide through a smooth implementation of PMKVY 2.0. The primary goal of this vent was to increase training partner's understanding of GJSCI working objectives, other important issues and to build relationship A Presentation on the various schemes and updates on implementation process was conveyed to the Training Partners.

We touched upon various important points about PMKVY 2.0 wherein we discussed about New QP's, Special projects, State Skill Mission working mechanism, Compliances to follow by training partners and World Skills. And the foremost important topic Placement importance for our trainees.

GJSCI Chairman, Mr. Premkumar Kothari expressed his keen desire to impart quality training and provide placements to successfully certified candidates as the prime area of focus.

A Certificate of 'Best Training Partner' was awarded to 4 TPs; Edujobs academy pvt ltd, Goldsmith Academy pvt ltd, Mascot Institute of Information & Technology and Prachiti computers. These TP's have performed outstandingly in the areas of skilling and GJSCI took this opportunity to recognize their efforts whilst motivating the others to perform.

Edujobs academy & Goldsmith Academy shared their experiences and working areas they follow. They shared their past and current projects.

The event concluded with a Q&A round with clarity on various queries provided by the Management and Staff of GJSCI.
GJSCI conducted RPL program on Job Role, Gemstone Pre-shaper in Johari Bazaar. The Orientation of the program was conducted on 28th & 29th June 2018 and the program concluded with assessment on 29th June 2018.
GJSCI's unique initiative to skill jail inmates with an objectives to skill jail inmates to prepare them for seamless integration in the mainstream society post their release took a major step on 25th June, 2018, when 47 of the inmates from Tihar Central Jail no. 5 were awarded certification after successfully clearing the assessment in imitation jewellery making skill post their training.

About Project Rupaantar

Project Rupaantar was initiated by Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI) by signing an MOU with Delhi Prison and India International Bridges to Justice, India (IBJ).

Project Rupaantar aims to empower the inmates of jail through skills and making them self-reliant, giving them fresh perspective towards life.

In the pilot phase of this project, 78 inmates have already been trained and certified and furthermore, 2nd batch on imitation jewellery is starting from 1st August, 2018.

In this project, we aim to train 840 candidates over next one year in job roles like, hand-sketch designing, stringing and beading etc.

This project will help to empower the inmates and make them more independent that will eventually rehabilitate them back into a normal life as a respected citizen.

After completion of training, the certified candidates are given quantum of work on regular basis by nearby imitation jewellery manufactures. Therefore, help them earn money while they're working in the jail. Once they are released from the jail, GJSCI, jointly with Jail authorities, will help them to become entrepreneurs.

The industry members are welcomed to contribute to this project by providing job work to these skilled and certified inmates. This will indirectly help in reducing crime rate and moreover help in directing their minds towards creativity through skilling.
1. I would like to thank Meritude Skill Development Private Limited for providing me opportunity to undergo Jewellery Retail Sales Associate training under PMKVY. Theory & practical sessions enabled me to find the ideal job at EASYBUYRETAIL that has built confidence in me. The support and skills which were given are truly important for my successful career.

Ms. Sangeeta Hingankar
Meritude-SDPL-Dajibanpeth

2. The training of Jewellery Retail Sales Associate under Gems & Jewellery SSC of PMKVY Scheme has provided me with confidence, enthusiasm and platform to build my career. It was a great place for us to pursue quality training. The qualified and experienced faculties motivated and supported me in all aspects during training.

Ms. Drakshyani Patil
Meritude-SDPL-Dajibanpeth
June is one of only two months that has three birthstones associated with it.

**Pearl**

Pearls are the only gemstones made by living creatures.

The rarest, and therefore most expensive, pearls are natural pearls made in the wild. The majority of pearls sold today are cultured or farmed by implanting a grafted piece of shell (and sometimes a round bead) into pearl oysters or freshwater pearl mussels. The finest pearls have a reflective luster, making them appear creamy white with an iridescent sheen that casts many colorful hues.

In many cultures, pearls symbolize purity and innocence, which is why it's tradition for a bride to wear pearls on her wedding day.

**Alexandrite**

Often described as “emerald by day, ruby by night,” alexandrite is a rare variety of the mineral chrysoberyl that changes color from bluish green in daylight to purplish red under incandescent light.

Associated with concentration and learning, alexandrite is believed to strengthen intuition, aid creativity and inspire imagination-bringing good omens to anyone who wears it.

The alexandrite mined from Russia's famed deposits set the quality standard for this stone. Today, most alexandrite comes from Sri Lanka, Brazil and East Africa—generally paling in comparison to the vivid colors of Russian gems.
June Birthstone – Pearl, Alexandrite, Moonstone

Moonstone

June's third birthstone, moonstone, was named by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's shimmery appearance shifted with the phases of the moon. The most common moonstone comes from the mineral adularia, named for an early mining site near Mt. Adular in Switzerland that supplied this gem. This site also birthed the term adularescence, which refers to the stone's milky glow, like moonlight floating on water.

Moonstones are also found in India, Australia, Myanmar, Madagascar and the United States. Indian gemstones—which are brown, green or orange in color—are more abundant and affordably priced than their classical blue counterparts.

As its name implies, moonstone is closely associated with lunar mystery and magic. Its calming, balancing energies can supposedly attune to natural biological rhythms. Moonstone acts as the ultimate fertility crystal by sparking passion in new lovers and reuniting old ones. Also known as the Traveler's Stone.
Jewellery Companies can now certify their artisans under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) in Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Type 4

Benefits to Employers

- Employers can certify their employees without any assessment by external agency.
- Govt. Certificate will also include the Logo of Employers.
- Reward Money of INR 500 to be given to the certified artisans.
- Certified Artisans will also receive the Accidental Insurance for 3 Years.

To conduct Certification program in your company kindly get in touch with us.
One of the most revolutionary advances in recent years, apart from Laser soldering, is the method of “Setting Gemstones in Wax”. It has ‘freed' up many impossible designs and allowing the manufacturer to forge ahead and create many difficult setting projects. Otherwise, that company might have had to re-design their ideas and to have the stones hand set. A jewellery company can now replicate with numbers of ten's, or thousands of each design with the same degree of accuracy and professionalism.

This stone in wax setting method was the groundbreaking process for “Invisible-Setting” we all know about today. This is one of the most economical methods in stone setting. It removes the high labour stone setting fees of some setting projects.
We aim to create an organized training and development ecosystem in the gems and jewellery industry to produce skilled workforce at par with global quality standards.