

Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India signs a MOU with MSSDS (Maharashtra State Skill Development Society) on 8th February 2016.

The MOU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Devendra Fadnavis. Through this MOU GJSCI and Mr. S. S. Sandhu, Principal Secretary – Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department, Government of Maharashtra have undertaken to explore collaborations for increasing employment potential in the State of Maharashtra by enabling supply of skilled manpower in the desired sector, strengthening the training infrastructure related to the requisite skill set as well as by adopting new age technologies as per the demand of industries. It also states that MSSDS along with GJSCI undertake the onus of skilling 12000 fresh candidates with the help of GJEPC and GJF in the next 3 years and hereon, any kind of skilling and improvement in the working conditions of the artisans in the gem and jewellery sector will be routed through GJSCI.



6th March 2016

Tri-party MoU signed between GJSCI, Imitation Jewellery Manufacturers Association (IJMA) and Aasmant Foundation at Palghar.

According to the MoU, GJSCI shall help in training and certifying 4000 Tribal girl child by extending technical support and providing manpower for training the trainers as well as trainees. It will help in building and upgrading technical facilities to global competitive standards. The role of IJMA would be to provide a decent quantum of work to the tribal women on a continuous basis. It will also offer job work based on availability of requisite manpower with the help of GJSCI. On the other hand Aasmant Foundation shall help in mobilizing eligible candidates for imparting skill training to the 'Tribal Girl Child' for Manufacturing / Assembling of the Imitation / Fashion jewellery products. It will also form a 'Cooperative society' 'Bhachatghat' to facilitate the financial transactions occurred due to the manufacturing job work undertaken by the tribal.



16th & 17th December 2015: ASAP Skill Conclave

SEEK'15, the National Skill Conclave organized by Additional Skill Acquisition Program (ASAP), Government of Kerala was held in Kerala on 16th & 17th December 2015. SEEK is organized with the aim of imparting skills among youth, thereby making Kerala a skill hub through direct industry involvement. The key objective of the summit is to enable a platform for deliberations among the key stakeholders and renowned resource persons from within and outside Kerala to articulate strategies and action plans to support the State in realizing the vision for developing Kerala as the HUB for skilled workforce. It was attended by our Chairman – Shri. Premkumar Kohari and COO, Mr. Binit Bhatt represented GJSCI, others present were Shri. P. K. Abdu Rabb, Shri. K. M. Chandrasekhar, Shri. Senthil IAS, M. T. Reju IAS, Shri. B. Srinivas IAS, Shri. Jiji Thomson IAS, Shri, Tom Jose IAS, Shri. George Thomas K.

18th December 2015: Formation of QP/NOS SUB COMMITTEE :

Objective : To review the QP/NOS as per the NSQF levels and consolidate them from 117 QPs to atleast anything between 30 – 40% as per guidelines issued by NSDC. Various Dignitaries from the gem & jewellery industry with expertise were part of this Activity. The review process would help to delete, modify and/or create new QPs. Formation of 5 Designated Committees viz. (i) Cast & Diamond Set Jewellery Manufacturing, (ii) Jewellery Retail, (iii) Hand-made Gold & Gemset Jewellery Manufacturing , (iv) Diamond Processing & (v) Gemstone Processing

Progress: Total of 117 QPs have now been reduced to 88 , and these 88 will be further minutely reviewed and improvised and the possibility of consolidating QPs and formation of optional NOSs as per NSDC guidelines is being explored.

Addition: Silver Smithing and Imitation / Fashion Jewellery will be initiated after around 30th June 2016 i.e. on completion of the above QP/NOS exercise.



12th January 2016 : Skill Conclave cum Felicitation Ceremony

Initiated by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and National Skill Development Corporation, the Skill Conclave cum Felicitation Ceremony was held on the 12th of January 2016 in Mumbai. World Skills Award Winner, Mr. Surajit Kumar Rana (Candidate) & Mr. Parag Vyas (Expert) who made India proud at the WorldSkills Sao Paulo 2015 were felicitated by the Ministry. This ceremony took place in the presence of Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs and Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, along with industry leaders. The Skill Conclave had extended invites to eminent personalities from the gem and jewellery industry for interactions with the Ministry.

12th February 2016: Affiliation with MKSSS

GJSCI Affiliates one of the most sought after fashion institutes of the country, Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha's – School of Fashion Technology (SOFT), located in Pune, and marked a new milestone in the field of Jewellery. SOFT & MNVTI were honoured with the Affiliation for the courses of Jewellery – Design, Merchandising and Production by Gems & Jewellery Skill Council of India. The Jewellery Design courses include, hands on Cast and Diamond based CAD designer, Rubber mould maker, Metal setter, Hand sketch designers and Wax Designer. These courses shall be hosted in MKSSS's School of Fashion Technology, Pune and Vasai campuses. The Merchandiser and Retail courses in Jewellery Design shall be conducted in MKSSS's Manilal Nanavati Vocational Training Institute at Pune.



18th February 2016: Centurion University Visit – Bhubaneswar

A visit to IL&FS Centre and Centurion University arranged by NSDC to understand the education and skills being imparted in the Skilling Centres of Centurion University and IL&FS in the city of Bhubaneswar. This visit was a fruitful experience it widened the boundaries of GJSCI's horizon in terms of learning, and some of it was used in the skilling module in training of the tribal girl child.



5th March 2016 : Assessment Agency Meet :

GJSCI's first Assessment Agency meet was held in Mumbai. It was attended by over 30 Assessment Agencies. The meeting began with a presentation. The need to thoroughly carry out quality assessments and conduct proper inspection of Centres and Trainees was expressed by GJSCI. Assessment Agencies have been further directed as that the assessments happening for the remaining phase of PMKVY 1 should be coinciding as per the guidelines of the scheme. Moreover to be diligent in inspection, careful with hiring assessors, coordinate with assessors and prevent malpractices. GJSCI has requested the Assessment Agencies to adhere to the guidelines of the scheme. The Assessment Agencies present at the meet appreciated the efforts put together by GJSCI by providing clarifications on certain issues, attending to the various queries, providing thorough clarity on the requisites of the current scheme, interactions with the Chairman, COO and GJSCI staff on a one to one basis with the Assessment Agency Representatives over lunch.

