

## ***Activity Report of Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (From Inception – March 2014)***

### **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013:**

GJSCI had a meeting with the Diamond Processing Committee in Surat on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013. The meeting was attended by Mr. Vikram Merchant of Rio Tinto who made a presentation on the Argyle Manufacturing Model to help upgrade small Diamond Processing Cottage Industry. Mr. Parag Shah and Ms. Nirupa Bhatt Co-conveners of the GJSCI Diamond Processing Committee chaired the meeting. Mr. Janak Mistry, Committee member and the GJSCI CEO also attended.

### **4<sup>th</sup> January 2013:**

NSDC organised a Meeting in Delhi of all Sector Skill Councils to discuss the Labour Market Information Systems (LMIS). The GJSCI CEO attended this meeting.

### **9<sup>th</sup> January 2013:**

A meeting of GJSCI's Cast and Diamonds-set Jewellery Manufacturing Committee was held at the GJSCI office. The Director Skill Development chaired the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was to finalise the curriculum of the first year of the three year programme in Jewellery Manufacturing and Design.

### **11<sup>th</sup> January 2013:**

NSDC organised a partners' meet in Delhi. The GJSCI CEO attended this meeting. A substantial part of the discussions revolved around the formation of the Qualifications Review Committee for approval of QPs and NOSs developed by the Sector Skill Councils.

### **11<sup>th</sup> January 2013:**

The GJSCI released a revised Request for Proposal (RFP) for developing National Occupational Standards for the Gems and Jewellery industry. The last date for submission of proposals is January 25<sup>th</sup> and presentations from the selected vendors will be scheduled on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **18<sup>th</sup> January 2013:**

A meeting between NSDC represented by Mr. Basab Banerjee and GJSCI represented by the Chairman Mr. Premkumar Kothari CEO and The Director Skill Development was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January at the Gem and Jewellery Skill Council, Mumbai. The agenda of the meeting was to finalise the disbursement of the first tranche of the loan to GJSCI from NSDC.

### **21<sup>st</sup> January 2013:**

Mr. Matthew Hancock, Minister for Skills in the United Kingdom visited Mumbai. GJSCI was invited for an exclusive breakfast meeting at the BSE Convention Hall, Bombay Stock Exchange, Mumbai. The CEO of GJSCI attended the meeting.



### **27<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013:**

The GJSCI CEO and the Director Skill Development visited UK as a part of the NSDC led Delegation to understand the UK Skill system. The visit was sponsored under the aegis of UK - India Education and Research Initiative. The other Sector Skill Councils that were a part of delegation were Agriculture, Media and Entertainment, Retail and Security. Meetings were arranged with UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES), the Minister for Skills, UK Mr. Matthew Hancock, City and Guilds and UK Sector Skill Council for Jewellery Creative and Cultural Skills. The G&J Delegation also visited Holts Academy, The Goldsmiths Academy and The Birmingham Assay Office to discuss areas of mutual benefit.

### **19<sup>th</sup> February 2013:**

The GJSCI signed an MoU with Creative and Cultural Skills, the Sector Skill Council responsible for Gems and Jewellery in UK. The MoU was signed during the British Prime Minister Mr. David Cameron visit to India. Under the MoU the two sector skill councils will work towards student and staff exchange programmes between the training institutes as well as work towards a framework of recognising each other's certification.

### **28<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

The first instalment of NSDC's loan to the GJSCI was received.

### **7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

The National Finals of the WorldSkills India Event were scheduled at the Balewadi Stadium, Pune. This was an event for all skills including jewellery. For jewellery the two India winners Mr. Bhabesh Chandra Jana and Ms. Suhali Jain were competing against each other for the right to represent India at WorldSkills International Leipzig in July 2013. The GJSCI's Chairman Mr. Premkumar Kothari, CEO and Director Skills Development attended the event. Mr. Bhabesh Chandra Jana was declared the winner.

### **11<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

A meeting of the GJSCI's Handmade Gold and Gem-set Jewellery (HMG) Manufacturing Committee was held at C. Krishniah Chetty and Sons Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. The meeting was held to finalise the Occupational Standards for the HMG Sector. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vinod Hyagriv Co-convener, GJSCI's HMG Committee. Apart from the IMAcS team the meeting was attended by Mr. C.K.Venkataraman, Mr. Sanjay Sanghi, Mr. Sanjay Dugar, Mr. Sushil Solanki, Mr. Vipul Mehta, Mr. Vipin Sharma, Mr. D.D. Karel and the GJSCI's CEO.

### **13<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

The GJSCI CEO and Director Skill Development had a meeting with Mr. Leighton Ernsberger and Ms. Swapna Hegde of the British High Commission to discuss cooperation on skill development activities between India and UK post the GJSCI team's visit to UK in January. The meeting was held at the GJSCI's office.

### **20<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

Meeting of the Cast and Diamonds set Jewellery Manufacturing Committee of GJSCI was held at the GJSCI Office in Mumbai. Mr. Devindar Loyal Director Skill Development chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by the committee members. The IMAcS team presented the Occupational Standards created for the Sector.

### **21<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

Meeting of the Gemstone Processing Committee of GJSCI was held at the Jaipur Jeweller Association Office in Jaipur. Mr. Nirmal Bardiya Convener chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by the GJSCI CEO and other committee members. The IMAcS team presented the Occupational Standards created for the Gemstone Processing Sector.

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

Meeting of the Diamond Processing Committee of GJSCI was held at the K. Girdharlal Office in Surat. Mr. Parag Shah Co-convener chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by Ms. Nirupa Bhatt, GJSCI CEO and other committee members. The IMAcs team presented the Occupational Standards created for the Diamond Processing Sector.

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2013:**

The Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India was invited for a workshop at the British Consulate Mumbai on submission of bids for travel grants under the UK-India Education and Research Initiative. The CEO attended this meeting.

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**

The Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India was invited for a meeting with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India at New Delhi. The meeting was to discuss the involvement of the sector skill councils for providing Vocational Training in the secondary section in schools under the National Vocational Educational Qualification Framework (NVEQF). The meeting was preceded by Ms. Radha Chauhan, Joint Secretary. A pilot study for introducing vocational courses in schools had been initiated with Automobile, Security, Retail and IT/ITeS Sectors with schools in Haryana. The Chairman and the CEO attended this meeting. Outcome of the meeting was that the Ministry of HRD would consider to include Gems & Jewellery courses to be approved under the NVEQF.

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**

The MIS and Monitoring Team of NSDC visited the GJSCI office for a review of the progress of the sector skill council and to update us on the processes that need to be followed as the first tranche of funding from NSDC was disbursed in March 2013. Mr. Jaikant Singh and Mr. Mohan Reddy represented NSDC. The Chairman, CEO and Mr. Devinder Loyal attended the meeting on behalf of GJSCI.

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**

The meeting of the Handmade Gold & Gems-set Jewellery Manufacturing Committee of the GJSCI was held at CKC Bangalore. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vinod Hyagriv and Mr. C.K. Venkataraman. The CEO attended the meeting on behalf of GJSCI. The objective of the meeting was to review the Qualification Packs and the NOS developed for the job roles of the sub-sector. The IMACS team presented the NOS.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013:**

GJSCI convened a meeting of the heads of all the GJEPC promoted institutes like IDI and IIGJ to discuss and present the common curriculum developed by GJSCI for the 3 year Diploma Programme. Mr. Devinder Loyal conducted the meeting on behalf of GJSCI.



### **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013:**

The meeting of Cast & Diamonds-set Jewellery Manufacturing Committee was held at the GJSCI office to finalise the Qualification Packs and NOS developed for the job roles of the sub-sector. The IMACS team presented the NOS and the meeting was convened by Mr. Devinder Loyal. The Chairman and the CEO also attended the meeting.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013:**

GJF had organised a meeting of the leading manufacturers of India as also the members of their preferred manufacturers of India programme at the Indian Merchants Chambers Churchgate Mumbai. Meeting was attended by 50 leading manufacturers across the country. The Chairman of GJF Mr. Haresh Soni presided over the meeting. GJSCI was invited to address this gathering and inform the manufacturers regarding the GJSCI activities and also present an update on the QP and NOS development. The GJSCI CEO made a presentation on behalf of GJSCI. The IMACS team was also present at the meeting.

### **24<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**

The GJSCI Chairman and the CEO were invited to attend a meeting with Mr. Shibu Baby John, the Minister for Labour and Rehabilitation, Government of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting was also attended by the Additional Chief Secretary of Kerala Ms. Nivedita Haran. The Government of Kerala was keen to set up an Academy of Excellence for Gems & Jewellery in the state of Kerala. The Government offered to provide constructed building for the Academy to the GJSCI. The Government offered to be an equity holder in the project but expected GJSCI to manage the operations. As the GJSCI did not have the organisation to run the Academy of Excellence on its own, GJSCI would check with the local associations if they would like to collaborate and take up this initiative.



### **29<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**

NSDC called for a Quarterly meeting of the CEOs of all the Sector Skill Councils to review the progress and plans. The GJSCI CEO attended this meeting in Delhi.

### **6<sup>th</sup> May 2013:**

NSDC called for a meeting of all the Sector Skill Councils in Delhi to review the Labour Market Intelligence System (LMIS). The LMIS is to connect job seekers with job providers. This is a mandated requirement of all SSCs. NSDC made a presentation on the systems used by all other countries. The Ministry of Labour Government of India will be working on a National level platform that will link all the SSCs, State Governments, Employment Bureaus and other stake holders. Each SSC can develop their own platform based on the requirement of the industry that they represent. NSDC also presented the framework created by the IT/ITeS SSC for LMIS. Some of the Vendors also made a presentation on LMIS.



**15<sup>th</sup> May 2013:**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the GJSCI was held at the GJSCI office in Mumbai. The meeting was presided by the Chairman. Dr. Gibson Vedamani joined the GJSCI Board as a nominee Director of NSDC. The Chairman also briefed the Board on the update on the creation of NOS for all the five sub-sectors. The Annual Plan and the commitments to NSDC were also discussed.

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2013:**

Mr. Bhabesh Chandra Jana is undergoing training as India's Candidate for the WorldSkills 2013 Leipzig Germany at Dr. Parag Vyas's Studio at Indore. A conference call was held between the CEO and Dr. Parag Vyas to get an update on the progress as well as review the requirements for the competition in July.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013:**

The Chairman and the CEO of GJSCI held a meeting with the IMACS Team to review the progress on the NOS project.

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013:**

The Chairman held meetings with IL&FS Skill Development Corporation and Future Sharp to discuss Content Development for the Jewellery Retail Sales Associate (Basic) job role. The meetings were held at their respective offices. Mr. Rajiv Mehta (Director GJSCI) and Mr. Prabir Chatterji accompanied the Chairman and the CEO for these meetings. GJSCI would not bear any cost towards the Content Development but would reimburse the costs of the agencies on a per usage basis. A decision was taken to award the contract to IL&FS based on the capabilities and costs.

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2013:**

Mr. Basab Banerjee and Mr. Rajiv Mathur met the Chairman and the CEO of the GJSCI at the Chairman's office in Mumbai. Objective of the meeting was to take a review of the activities of the council with specific reference to the creation of National Standards.

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2013:**

The CEO of GJSCI had a meeting with Mr. Rajat Khawas, Head of Services Business, Manipal City and Guilds at the GJSCI office in Mumbai. MCG is keen to get affiliated as an Assessment Agency to conduct assessments of all GJSCI courses. MCG made a detailed presentation about their activities and experience in this regard.

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2013:**

A meeting of the GJSCI Board of Directors was held from 11 am at the Board room of the BFC building. The meeting also was attended by Mr. Basab Banerjee NSDC, Mr. Sabyasachi Ray ED GJEPC, Mr. Prabir Chatterji, Dr. R. K Avasia IIGJ Andheri, Mr. Samit Bhatta Retail Jeweller and Ms. Soma Bhatta Retail Jeweller as invitees. Mr. Haresh Soni joined the Board of Directors of the GJSCI in place of Mr. Bachhraj Bamelwa. The Chairman thanked Mr. Bamelwa for his support and contribution to GJSCI

Mr. Devinder Loyal made a presentation on the common curriculum developed for the 3 year programme for jewellery design and manufacture. The cost to be charged to each institute was also discussed. A detailed discussion was held on the need for getting the 3 year programme recognised as a Degree programme and Mr. Basab provided his views for the same. The IL&FS team made a presentation about the curriculum development of retail to the board.



**26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013:**

NSDC organises a Bi-annual Partners Meeting. This meeting is attended by all SSCs, all NSDC Training Partners, representatives of State Government and other stake holders. The GJSCI CEO attended this meeting. The Chairman also attended the meeting on 27 June. The Chairman had a meeting with the NSDC Chairman Mr. S. Ramadorai who replaced Mr. Subbiah. Mr Ramadorai is the Vice Chairman of TCS, Chairman of BSE and also the Chairman of the National Skill Development Agency.

**28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013:**

Mr. Devinder Loyal organised a Training programme for the trainers of all Gems & Jewellery training Institutes. The trainers were also appraised of the common curriculum being developed by GJSCI. External guest faculty was invited for specific lectures. The programme was attended by 17 trainers. The Chairman and the CEO also addressed the gathering.



**4<sup>th</sup> July 2013:**

The meeting of the Handmade Gold & Gems-set Jewellery Manufacturing Committee of the GJSCI was held at Titan Industries office Bangalore. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vinod Hyagriv and Mr. C.K. Venkataraman. The CEO attended the meeting on behalf of GJSCI. The objective of the meeting was to review the Qualification Packs and the NOS developed for the job roles of the sub-sector. The IMACS team presented the NOS. A team from Manipal City & Guilds also was invited to attend the meeting. The MCG team made a presentation to the committee on its credentials as well as its expertise in conducting assessments.

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2013:**

Mr. Bhabesh Chandra Jana who represented India and the GJSCI at the WorldSkills International jewellery Competition at Leipzig Germany did the Nation and the Indian Gem & Jewellery Industry proud by winning a Medallion of Excellence.

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2013:**

The GJSCI through IMACS had completed Qualification Packs and Occupational Standards for 75 unique job roles in the Gems & Jewellery Industry. The exercise was conducted with the help of the five sectorial sub committees. After the QPs and OS have been defined, Industry validation letters need to be collected. After Industry validation the Standards are reviewed by a Qualifications Review Committee of NSDC and then the Standards are promulgated as Industry Standards. The GJSCI presented its 75 Standards along with 234 letters of validation from the Industry at the QRC meeting at the NSDC office in Delhi on 11 July. All the 75 Standards were approved by the QRC as National Standards

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013:**

NSDC called for a meeting of all SSCs in Delhi on 23 July. NSDC had been in discussions with the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The Government has decided to launch a Skill Development programme where by individuals voluntarily seeking enrolment into vocational training courses would be incentivised by the Government. To work out the details and the modalities of the Scheme all the SSCs were consulted at this meeting.

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2013:**

NSDC called for a meeting to review the progress of WorldSkills 2013 and plan for the WorldSkills 2015. The meeting was attended by Mr. S Ramadorai, Mr. JP Rai ED NSDA, Mr. Shikhar Agarwal DGET Ministry of Labour Government of India and Mr. Dilip Chenoy. The GJSCI CEO attended the meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> August 2013:**

Meeting with Mr. Ramadorai Chairman NSDC to further the discussion on the launch of the National Skill Certification and Monetary Scheme (STAR Scheme). This meeting was attended by the Chairman and the CEO of GJSCI.

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

The GJSCI organised a meeting of all Training Partners involved in providing training in Gems and Jewellery courses on the sidelines of IIJS 2013. This meeting was held at the seminar hall of IIJS. The meeting was attended by the Chairman, CEO and some of the Directors of GJSCI. The meeting was attended by over 30 Training Institutes. Objective of the meeting was to give advance intimation of the STAR Scheme and to enrol Training Institutes to affiliate to GJSCI.

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

GJSCI was invited by the seminar committee of the IIJS to hold a seminar on Skill Development. The topic of Discussion was "Coaching - Not Poaching". The Panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Vinod Hyagriv Director GJSCI. Other panellists were Mr. Prem Kothari Chairman GJSCI, Mr. G.V. Sreedhar President Bangalore Jewellers Association, Mr. Dharmesh Sodah CEO GJSCI, Mr. James Raphael, Vice President and COO Retailers Association Skill Council and Mr. Ramesh Narang Hazoorilal Jewellers. The Seminar was attended by 75 participants.

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

The STAR Scheme was to be announced by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech to the Nation. The final structure of the STAR Scheme, finalisation of the Affiliation Protocol, Finalisation of the targets for the SSCs, the details of the pilot batches etc. was to be finalised. NSDC called for a meeting of the 9 CEOs of the SSCs that

would participate in the STAR Scheme at Delhi. The MoU signed by the GJSCI Chairman was handed over to NSDC for signing.

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

NSDC had organised the formal launch of the STAR Scheme at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. P. Chidambaram, the Finance Minister of India. The other dignitaries that attended the launch were Mr. Jairam Ramesh Minister of Rural Development, Mr. S. Ramadorai NSDC & NSDA Chairman, Mr. Arvind Mayaram Economic Advisor and Mr. Montek Singh Alhuwalia Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. The Chairman and the CEO attended the event in Delhi.

The event also saw the felicitation of Mr. Bhabesh Chandra Jana for winning the Medallion of Honour at WorldSkills 2013. He was felicitated by the Finance Minister.

The Chairman of GJSCI also had a one-on-one meeting with the Finance Minister to appraise him of the problems faced by our Industry.



**17<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

The Chairman and the CEO attended the Pilot Batch launch of the Jewellery Retail Sales Associate course at IL&FS, Okhla New Delhi under the STAR Scheme. Mr. Atul Bhatnagar COO NSDC was the chief guest. Dr. Subhash Bholra and Mr. D. D. Karel attended the launch on behalf of GJF.



**6<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the GJSCI was held through Video conference. The Chairman updated the Board on the progress of the STAR scheme. The Board also approved the affiliation fees for Training Partners. The Board also approved the Assessment Agencies affiliated for the STAR Scheme.

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Ministry of Finance Government of India released a notification no. 13/2013-Service Tax exempting the Sector Skill Council, Training Partners and Assessment Agencies from Service Tax.

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

The CEO and Head – Industry Affiliations of GJSCI attended a meeting organized by NSDC at Delhi. This was a meeting of Training Partners and SSCs for alignment on the STAR Scheme. The meeting was attended by GJSCI training partners like GIA and Singem as well as other NSDC training partners. The objective was to inform training partners about the possibilities of undertaking training for G & J courses under the STAR Scheme.

Meeting with Mr. Mohammed Riyas of the Kerala Additional Skill Acquisition Programme to understand the possibilities of working together.

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013:**

Conference call with Mr. Sriram Kalyanaraman of McKinsey and Co. by the CEO. McKinsey has been mandated by NSDC to undertake a study to develop a success road map for all SSCs.

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

The CEO was invited to attend a skill summit organised by the Gujarat State Government at Gandhinagar. The summit was inaugurated by the CM Mr. Narendra Modi. Mr. Dilip Chenoy NSDC also attended. The travel costs were borne by the State Government.

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

The CEO had a meeting with 35 retailers of the Vadodara Jewellers Association at Vadodara to inform them of the STAR Scheme as well as to get the Vadodara Jewellers Association affiliated to GJSCI as a Training Partner.

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI travelled to Madurai for discussions with Goldsmith Academy for affiliations. She also travelled to the FMs constituency Karaikudi. The Finance Minister had indicated to the GJSCI Chairman that he wanted gems 7 jewellery training to be initiated under the STAR Scheme of the artisans of the Chettinadu Jewellery style. IL&FS was introducing this course in collaboration with Alagappa University at Karaikudi. Ms. Gandhi met with the IL&FS team as well as the GoldSmith Academy for the launch of this programme. Mr. Ruban Hobday Regional Director GJEPC also attended the meeting.

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2013:**

The CEO attended the launch of the GJSCI Metal Setter Course at IL&FS – Alagappa University. The batch had 12 artisans from Karaikudi enrolled. The center was inaugurated by the Honourable Finance Minister of India Mr. P. Chidambaram. Mr. Ruban Hobday from GJEPC also attended the event.



**8<sup>th</sup> October 2013:**

NSDC invited the SSCs for a meeting with Mr. Jayram Ramesh Minister for Rural Development Government of India Delhi. The Ministry of Rural development wanted to appraise all SSCs about its Ajeevika Skills Programme. The Chairman and the CEO attended this meeting. The Chairman made a Presentation to the Minister on its willingness to collaborate on training for Gems & Jewellery courses under the Ajeevika Skills Programme.

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2013:**

Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI traveled to Coimbatore to complete the formalities of affiliating Emerald Jewel Industries as an affiliated Training Partner of the GJSCI. The meeting was held with Mr. K. Srinivasan MD Emerald and other officials.

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

The CEO travelled to Thiruvananthapuram to attend the Skill Summit organised by the Government of Kerala. The GJSCI also signed an MOU with the Kerala State Government Additional Skills Acquisition Programme for certification of learners.



**12<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was at Fine Jewellery office in Mumbai SEEPZ. The Chairman updated the Board on the STAR Scheme. The Audited account statement for the year ending 31.03.2013 was approved by the Board. The date of the AGM was finalized for 30 Dec 2013 at the GJSCI office in Mumbai.

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

NSDC called for a meeting of the CEO of all SSCs with the International Labour Organisation to create Standards for Trainers and Assessors for Vocational courses. The GJSCI CEO participated in this meeting through an Audio Conference call.

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

Ms. Nirupa Bhatt Director GJSCI and the CEO attended a meeting in Delhi called by NSDC to update the SSCs on the road map for success for SSCs. McKinsey & Company made a detailed presentation on practices followed by other nations.

**26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

A Training of Trainers session for the JRSA course was held at Hotel Suncity SEEPZ Mumbai. The Training was conducted by the CEO and Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI. 9 Trainers attended the session.



**28<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

The GJSCI was invited to make a presentation to Jewellers on the STAR Scheme at the UBM Jewellery Show in Mumbai. This session was organised by the Maharashtra Rajya Suvarnakar Sangh. The GJSCI CEO made a presentation which was attended by 100 Jewellers.



**28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013:**

Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI travelled to Kolkata to meet existing and prospective GJSCI affiliated Training Partners. Ms. Gandhi met Singem, Edujobs, Sawansukha and Objet D`art.

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2013:**

NSDC organises a Bi-annual Partners Meeting. This meeting is attended by all SSCs, all NSDC Training Partners, representatives of State Government and other stake holders. The GJSCI Chairman, CEO and Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI attended this meeting in Chennai at the TCS campus.

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2013:**

GJSCI was invited by the GJF to make a presentation to the GJF Board of Directors on the STAR Scheme. The CEO attended this meeting in Jaipur which was held on the sidelines of the Jaipur Jewellery Show. Meeting was attended by 35 GJF Directors.



**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2013:**

A Training of Trainers session for the JRSA course was held at the GJSCI office. The Training was conducted by the CEO and Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI. 7 Trainers attended the session.

**30<sup>th</sup> December 2013:**

The first Annual General Meeting of the GJSCI was held at the GJSCI office. Mr. Jatin Chheda Director GJSCI Chaired the meeting. The audited accounts and the Auditor's report for the year 2013-13 were approved. The appointment of the Auditors was confirmed. Mr. Vasant Mehta, Mr. Rajiv Mehta, Mr. Jatin Chheda and Mr. Ashok Minawala resigned from the Directorship and being eligible for reappointment were reappointed as Directors of the company.

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

A meeting of the GJSCI Board of Directors was held at the FINE Jewellery Office in Mumbai. The Chairman updated the Board Members on the STAR Scheme as well as the protocols being followed for affiliating Training Partners and certification of Trainers.

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2014:**

NSDC called a meeting of the SSC CEOs in Delhi to discuss the Notification pertaining to the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQC). NSQC replaces NVEQF and NVQF. This also brings about changes in the process of approving Standards. As per the notification SSCs will need to work under NSDA instead of NSDC. The Standards will be approved by a National Skills Qualifications Committee as constituted by the NSDA instead of NSDC QRC. The meeting was held to discuss the impact of these changes. The CEO of GJSCI attended this meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2014:**

The GJSCI was invited for a jewellers' meeting under the aegis of Mumbai Suvarnakar Sangh to provide them information about the STAR Scheme. The meeting was held at Dadar Mumbai and was attended by 70 Jewellers. The CEO made a presentation on the STAR Scheme. A batch of 25 trainees for Component Maker was commenced at the Indian Institute of Jewellery, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai.

**17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014:**

A Training of Trainers session for the JRSA course was held at the GJSCI office. The Training was conducted by the CEO and Head - Industry Affiliations of GJSCI. 9 Trainers attended the session

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014:**

A meeting of the GJSCI Board of Directors was held through an audio conference call. The revised affiliation fees for Training Partners was approved by the Board. The Board also approved a new Category of affiliation of Manufacturers to get directly affiliated to GJSCI. The Board also approved a revised content usage fee for the JRSA course.

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2014:**

The CEO visited Hyderabad to check the assessments of the Component Maker job role at Hyderabad undertaken by Singem. The batch was of 86 learners. The learners were rescued sex workers being rehabilitated by an NGO after being certified as Goldsmiths.

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

The CEO had a review meeting with Mr. Maneesh Sharma and Mr. Kevin Dsouza of Aspiring Mind at the GJSCI office. Aspiring Minds is one of the Assessment agencies under the STAR Scheme and the meeting was held to speed up the process of declaration of results.

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2014:**

The Chairman and the CEO of GJSCI attended the Launch of Titan Company Limited's Karigar Center at Hosur. The Karigar Center is a model to upgrade the working environment of the artisans. The Chairman made presentation to the invitees at this event about GJSCI and its activities. The Chairman and the CEO were the Guest of Titan Company Limited and the entire expense related to travel were borne by them.

**18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014:**

A Training of Trainers session for the JRSA course was held at the Labournet office Bangalore. The Training was conducted by Mr. Shivaram from 36524. 11 Trainers attended the session.

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014:**

The CEO was invited to meet a delegation of Vocational Training Providers from the State of Victoria, Australia. The meeting was held at hotel Taj Lands End Mumbai. The objective of the meeting was to look at possibilities collaborating.

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

The NSDC invited the CEO for a meeting in Delhi with the International Labour organisation to update on the progress of developing common Standards for Trainers and Assessors.

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

The CEO attended a meeting with the officials of GJEPC and IIGJ Andheri and Tardeo to discuss IIGJ affiliation as a Training Partner. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Prabir Chatterji. All doubts were clarified and IIGJ got affiliated as a Training Partner

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

A meeting of the GJSCI Board of Directors was held at the FINE Jewellery office in Mumbai. KPMG had been commissioned by NSDC to do a report on the Gem & Jewellery sector. The KPMG team presented an interim report at this meeting.

Ms. Bhavana Chopra, NSDC attended the meeting and requested the Board to re consider the decision of GJSCI not participating for WorldSkills 2015. She indicated that NSDC would reimburse the entire expenditure of GJSCI towards WorldSkills. The Board accepted this. Mr. Ruban Hobdey appointment as GM South of GJSCI was discussed. The Board agreed to the appointment after receiving NOC from GJEPC and the GJEPC representatives on GJSCI Board.

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**

The CEO visited Delhi for a meeting with Dr. Biswajeet Saha of the Central Board of Secondary Education to introduce Gems & Jewellery courses in Standard IX , X, XII and XII at CBSE schools from the coming Academic year. The CBSE Board gave an in-principal approval for introducing Hand-Sketch Designing course. The Curriculum would need to be approved by them. GJSCI shard the curriculum and content developed with CBSE.

*\*\*End of document\*\**