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Message from the CEO

Dear Readers,

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of purpose that I share this message for the inaugural edition of AMHSSC's quarterly magazine. As I step into the role of CEO, I am both humbled and excited to lead an organization that has been pivotal in shaping the skill landscape of India's apparel, made-ups, and home furnishing sectors. This magazine represents an exciting new chapter—a platform to share our journey, highlight achievements, and foster conversations about shaping a skilled and empowered workforce.

AMHSSC has always been at the forefront of addressing the evolving needs of our industry by equipping individuals with the skills and knowledge required to thrive. Our programs cater to diverse roles, ensuring inclusivity and relevance in today's competitive landscape.

A key focus area for AMHSSC is empowering women through job roles that enable financial independence and foster inclusive growth. By integrating sustainable practices into operations, these roles not only uplift individuals but also contribute to long-term environmental goals. As we look ahead, emerging technologies such as AI and robotics are set to redefine the future of work, creating advanced, high-tech opportunities that promise a transformative impact across industries.

Our diverse training programs are designed to address current and future industry needs:

Advanced Training Modules: Specialized courses in areas like quality control, production management, and merchandising for mid-level professionals seeking to upgrade their skills.

Sustainability Practices Training: Modules emphasizing eco-friendly production, waste management, and sustainable sourcing.





Digital Literacy and Technology Integration: Training in computer-aided design (CAD), e-commerce platforms, and other digital tools.

Entrepreneurship Development Programs: Courses designed to empower individuals to establish and manage ventures in the textile and apparel sectors.

Short-term training programs: These programs provide individuals with the skills needed for entry-level roles in the industry, offering practical training in a range of specializations to ensure immediate employment prospects. Through these short-term courses, learners gain industry-relevant skills, enabling them to enter the workforce more confidently.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program: Among our impactful initiatives is the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program, which formally acknowledges and certifies the skills individuals have gained through informal work experience. This program bridges gaps in employability while empowering workers with the recognition they deserve.

Apprenticeship Opportunities: Combining on-the-job training with classroom instruction, equipping participants with practical and theoretical expertise.

Collaboration remains a cornerstone of AMHSSC's approach. Through partnerships with industry leaders, government bodies, and academic institutions, we have established a robust ecosystem that bridges the gap between demand and supply in skilled talent. This ensures that our programs remain aligned with industry needs, providing real value to employers and learners alike.

This magazine will serve as a platform to showcase the success stories of individuals who have benefited from these programs, share insights from thought leaders, and discuss the latest trends shaping our sector. It is our commitment to remain a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and empowerment.

As we begin this exciting journey, I invite all stakeholders—our industry partners, training providers, and learners—to join hands with us in shaping a brighter, more inclusive future. Together, we can redefine the potential of our workforce and elevate the standards of the apparel and home furnishing industry.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's build this future together.

Warm regards,

Ashish Srivastava

Chief Executive Officer

Apparel Made-Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DATE : 7TH OCTOBER 2024

Successful Launch of "Foundation to Apparel Sustainability" a module course on Environmental, Social, Governance.

AMHSSC, in collaboration with Bluesign Academy, successfully launched the e-learning course "Foundation to Apparel Sustainability." The event provided industry professionals with valuable insights into the course modules and key deliverables. AMHSSC extends a heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their contributions to making this initiative a resounding success.



DATE : 8TH OCTOBER 2024

Inauguration of AMHSSC's Centre of Excellence

Hon'ble Minister Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated AMHSSC's Centre of Excellence (COE) in Kandivali, Mumbai, highlighting a commitment to empowering youth and women in Maharashtra. The center will impart trainings (free of cost) to the women belonging to the

underserved areas enabling them professional & financial skills. Shri Goyal praised Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AMHSSC for his leadership in advancing India's skilling ecosystem.

DATE : 31ST OCTOBER 2024

AMHSSC Commemorated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

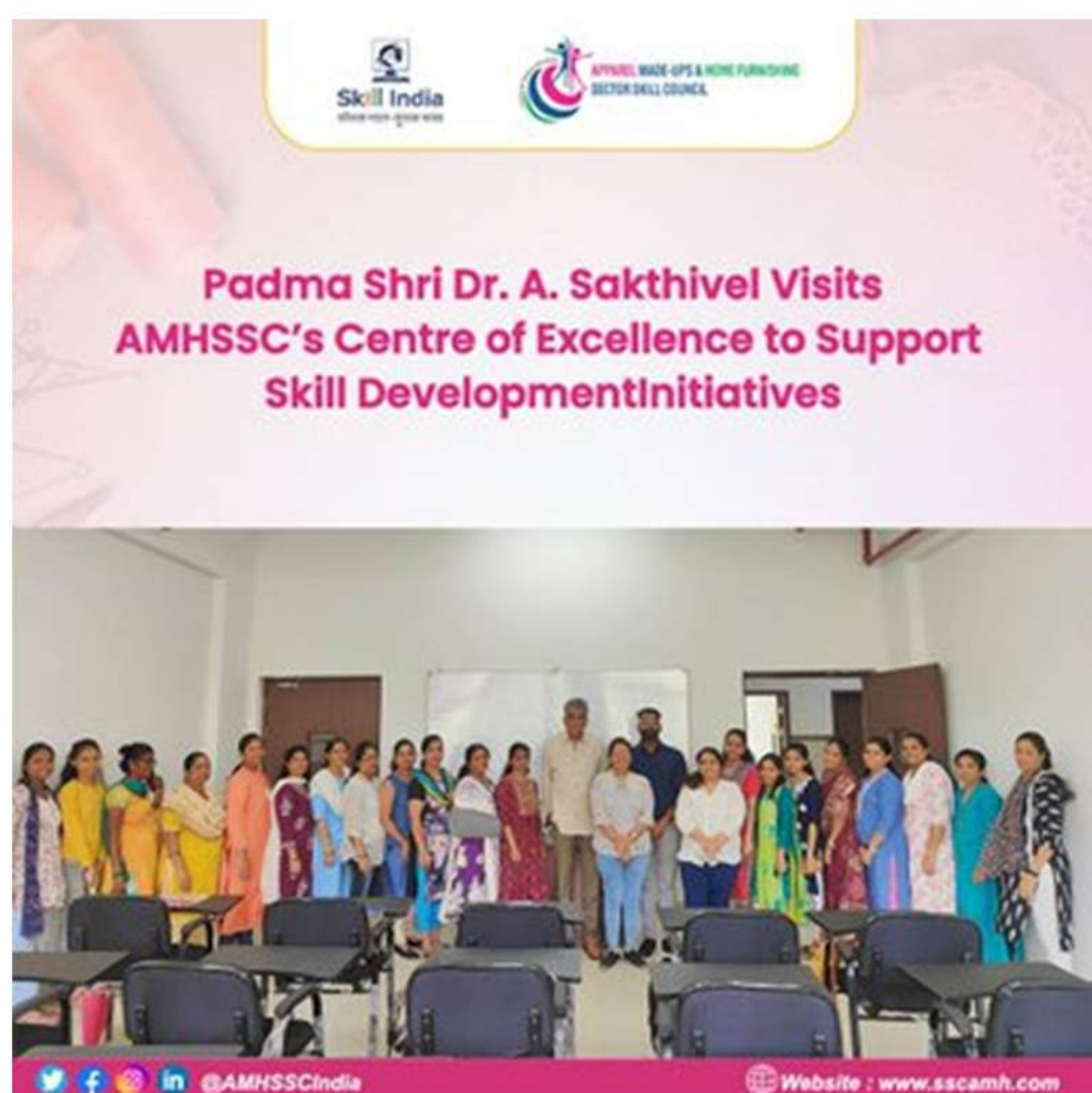
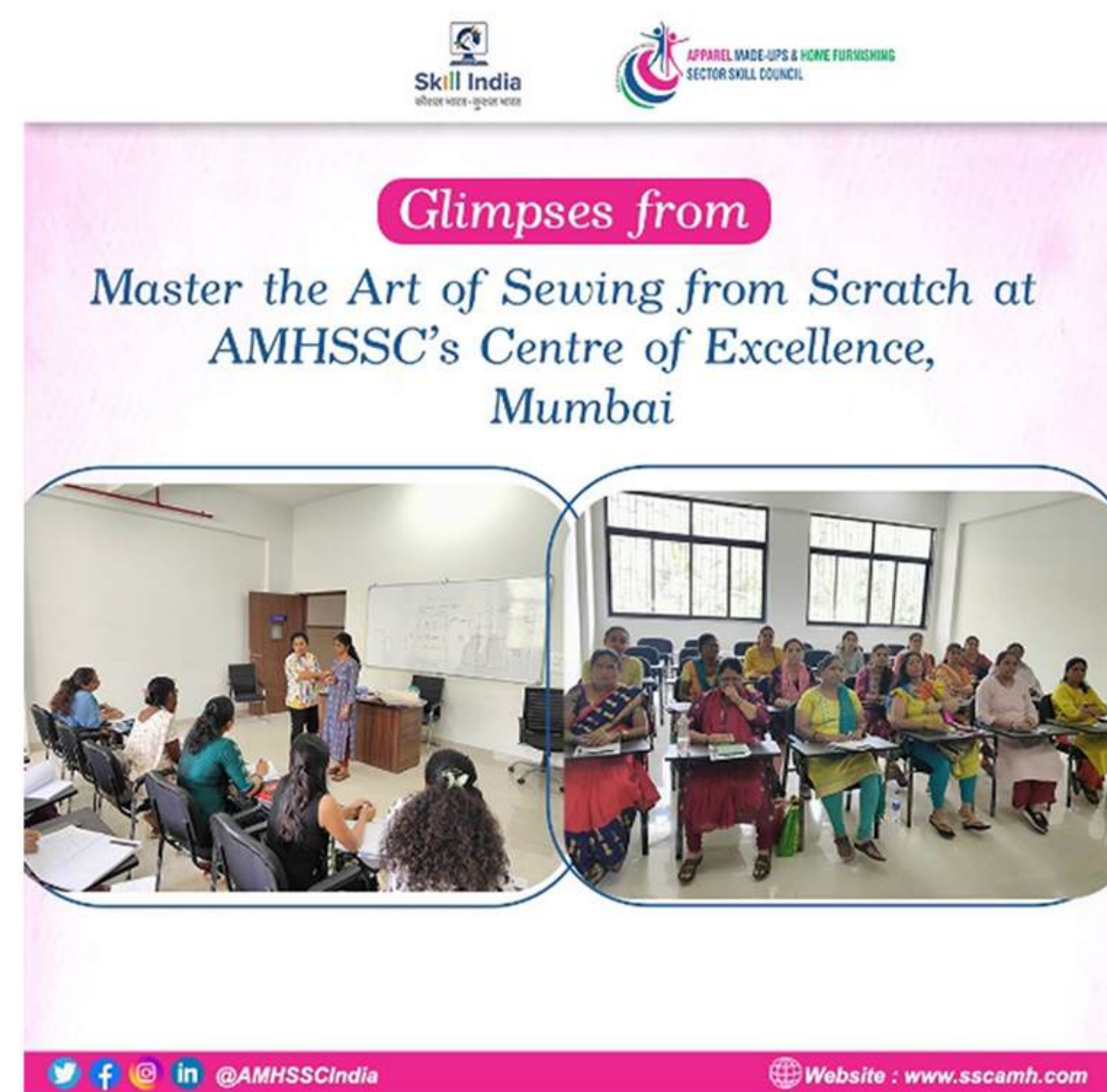
Team AMHSSC commemorated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by taking a pledge honoring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy. The event reaffirms our commitment to national unity, integrity, and fostering a spirit of unification for a stronger India.



DATE : 25TH NOV 2024

Foundation Course on Sewing Concluded at AMHSSC

AMHSSC successfully conducted 'Master the Art of Sewing from Scratch,' a one-month foundational course at the Centre of Excellence in Mumbai. This beginner-friendly program equipped participants with essential sewing skills, from machine setup to designing custom garments, laying a solid foundation for careers in garment construction.



DATE : 26TH NOV 2024

Dr. Sakthivel Visits AMHSSC Centre of Excellence

Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman of AMHSSC, visited the Centre of Excellence in Kandivali, Mumbai, engaging with participants of the "Master the Art of Sewing from Scratch" course. His visit underscored a commitment to empowering underserved women with garment manufacturing skills, enhancing employability, and fostering sustainable livelihoods through innovative skill development.



DATE : 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

AMHSSC and IOCL Launch Training Center in Bihar

AMHSSC, in partnership with IOCL's CSR initiative, inaugurated a state-of-the-art training center in Piprakothi, Bihar, under the theme "Saksham Nari, Sashakt Nari." The center aims to empower 350 women through specialized "Sampling Tailor" training, fostering self-reliance and confidence. Graced by IOCL and AMHSSC dignitaries, the initiative highlights skill development's critical role in advancing socio-economic progress and sustainable livelihoods.



DATE : DATE: 16TH DEC 2024

AMHSSC Welcomed Mr. Ashish Srivastava as New CEO!

AMHSSC's team warmly welcomed Mr. Ashish Srivastava as new CEO! With over 20 years of experience in leadership roles across banking, insurance, and education, Mr. Srivastava brings an invaluable expertise to the organization. Under his visionary guidance, AMHSSC aims to enhance skill development in India's apparel and textile industry.

DATE : DATE: 26TH DEC 2024

Mahila Shashaktikaran Shivir Event Held in Mumbai in presence of Hon'ble Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

The Mahila Shashaktikaran Shivir at the CII Skill Center, Mumbai, on December 22, 2024, featured Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who highlighted women's empowerment. Padma Shri Dr. A Sakthivel, chairman, AMHSSC also attended. Minister Goyal announced free courses at the Center and distributed Certificates of Participation to Basic Sewing Course graduates. Students showcased their work, including a Christmas Tree made by them.





APPAREL INDUSTRY NEWS SECTION

FASHION & APPAREL SECTOR EMERGE FRONT-RUNNERS IN INDIA'S RETAIL LANDSCAPE: JLL

"The organised retail market in India has witnessed a surge in new developments over the past few years, leading to a heightened velocity of launches across urban centres and emerging cities. This has motivated retailers to expand their footprint into newer micro-markets, bringing them closer to consumers," said Rahul Arora, Head of Office Leasing and Retail Services, India, and Senior Managing Director (Karnataka, Kerala) JLL.

<https://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/apparel-fashion/apparel/fashion-apparel-sector-emerge-front-runners-in-indias-retail-landscape-jll/111055870>

FASHION FORECASTING: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE INDIAN APPAREL MARKET

It is widely believed that the concept of fashion forecasting originated over a century ago in France and US, when forecasts were made on colors and materials that might galore in the season ahead. In a bid to minimizing waste and markdowns, these forecasts enabled stakeholders to create what would appeal to the consumers, while also tilted the inclination of consumers to particular colors or textiles. The concept has, however, come a long way since and to answer the question at the onset – Yes, fashion forecasting is the future of the apparel market, in India (a relatively newer market in the realm of organized fashion) and that future is now. An evident report substantiating the same is how the current discussions around it has advanced to AI accelerating innovations in fashion forecasting, at platforms like Turkey's Istanbul Fashion Connection Show.

<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/lifestyle/fashion-beauty/fashion-forecasting-shaping-the-future-of-the-indian-apparel-market-896462>

GENERATIVE AI IS MAKING SLOW YET IMPACTFUL MARK ON THE FASHION INDUSTRY

Generative AI includes various tools and software that work together to identify items that are similar to or slightly different from a known set of data. In the fashion industry, this technology helps retailers deal with challenges like diverse customer preferences and choices. This challenge means providing customers with many options, such as a garment in a specific shade of blue or an alternative version with longer sleeves. The main question is how retailers can use Generative AI tools to add a personal touch to the shopping experience.

<https://apparelresources.com/technology-news/retail-tech/generative-ai-making-slow-yet-impactful-mark-fashion-industry/>



GLOBAL ADOPTION OF DDPS SET TO TRANSFORM APPAREL INDUSTRY BY 2030

The global apparel sector is set for a significant transformation with the creation of over 62.5 billion digital product passports (DPPs) by 2030, according to a report by global technology intelligence firm ABI Research. These DPPs, coupled with supporting software and IT revenues estimated at US\$1.59 billion, are poised to accelerate traceability and drive positive change across the fashion industry.

The European Union (EU) is at the forefront of this initiative, implementing DPPs to provide comprehensive product data throughout the value chain. As the EU leads the way, apparel DPPs are gaining traction ahead of forthcoming regulations, particularly among sports brands. Forward-thinking brands are leveraging DPPs to identify supply chain issues, reduce overproduction, verify compliance and authenticity, and create branded resale ecosystems.

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/apparel-sustainability-news/global-adoption-of-ddps-set-to-transform-apparel-industry-by-2030-296341-newsdetails.htm>

APPAREL MANUFACTURERS HOLD MEETING IN NEW DELHI, DISCUSS MEASURES TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO \$40 BILLION BY 2030

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) held a meeting in New Delhi recently with buying agencies and liaison officers of overseas brands, to discuss efforts to increase Indian garment exports to USD 40 billion by 2030. A press release from AEPC said that Sudhir Sekhri, chairman, spoke about the measures that need to be taken to boost exports. The council plans to participate in 17 international trade fairs this year across all continents. The focus destinations would be Saudi Arabia, Poland, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa and Russia, besides the traditional sourcing majors of the European Union, the US and the UK.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/apparel-manufacturers-hold-meeting-in-new-delhi-discuss-measures-to-increase-exports-to-40-billion-by-2030/article68148901.ece>

XR COUTURE: PAVING WAY FOR DIGITAL FASHION WITH METAVERSE

Brands often lag in digital fashion due to cost considerations, lack of investment in digital literacy, lack of expertise to integrate understanding in consumer behaviour. Overall, agility and innovation gaps can hinder brands from keeping up with the dynamic landscape of digital fashion. XR Couture – a prominent start-up led by young and dynamic entrepreneur Subham Jain focusing on metaverse as a digital fashion solution company – is addressing the complex supply chain and the limited industry standards.

<https://apparelresources.com/technology-news/retail-tech/xr-couture-paving-way-digital-fashion-metaverse/>





NAPS: Building Skills and Workforce Readiness in India's Apparel Sector

December 7, 2024

The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), introduced by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in 2016, seeks to address the skills gap across industries, creating a workforce ready to meet sector-specific demands. With its focus on apprenticeship as a pathway to hands-on learning, the initiative has played a critical role in sectors like apparel, made-ups, and home furnishing. The Apparel Made-Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC) have been pivotal in tailoring apprenticeship training programs to meet the unique needs of this labor-intensive sector.

Understanding Apprenticeship Training Programs

Apprenticeship training programs combines two critical components:

- Basic Training, which provides theoretical and practical knowledge.
- On-the-Job Training (OJT), where apprentices gain hands-on experience in a workplace setting.

This dual approach ensures that apprentices develop a strong foundation in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, making them immediately productive upon entering the workforce.

Objectives and Benefits of NAPS

APPAREL VIEWS

GROWING IMPORTANCE OF ESG IN THE INDIAN APPAREL & TEXTILE SECTOR

Posted by Editorial Team | Nov 5, 2024 | Domestic



Adopting Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles is becoming increasingly significant for businesses globally, and the Indian apparel sector is no exception. As one of the world's largest textile and apparel producers, India's apparel industry plays a crucial role in the global market. However, with growing awareness about sustainability and ethical practices, stakeholders are now emphasizing the need for ESG-focused strategies to foster long-term growth and success in this sector.

Environmental Responsibility: Embracing Sustainable Practices

The Indian apparel and textile sector has been a significant contributor to environmental challenges such as water pollution,

AMHSSC inaugurates Center of Excellence in Apparel, Made-ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council

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The Apparel, Made-ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC) marked a significant milestone on Oct 9 with the inauguration of its first Center of Excellence (COE) in Kandivali, Mumbai. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the center, which represents a breakthrough in India's efforts to establish industry-driven skill development and workforce training in the apparel and home furnishing sector.

The Kandivali COE, developed with the support of ITEES Singapore, stands out as a pioneering institution that integrates global standards into India's skilling ecosystem. Unlike previous centers set up independently by AMHSSC, this COE will feature courses designed collaboratively with ITEES Singapore, an international leader in technical [education](#). The aim is to align India's apparel training programs with the best global practices, enhancing both productivity and quality



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AMHSSC launches Center of Excellence at NEHHDC in Guwahati

By The Assam Tribune 31 May 2024 6:54 PM



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Guwahati, May 31: North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) successfully launched the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Apparel, Made-Ups and Home Furnishings Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC) today in Guwahati. This initiative is a significant step towards addressing the challenges faced by the apparel industry, enhancing efficiency in product development, research, and manpower skills, and contributing to the rapid economic development of the country.

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The inauguration of the AMHSSC Centre of Excellence in Guwahati was graced by Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, who highlighted the government's commitment to skill development and entrepreneurship. Esteemed dignitaries present at the event included Dr. Kalyan Chakravarty, Principal Secretary to the State of Assam, Brig. R. K. Singh and Smt. Devendri Nidhi, Director, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati.

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Dr. A. Sakhivel, Chairman of AMHSSC, expressed his heartfelt gratitude and reaffirmed the Council's dedication to aligning with the government's mission to promote the growth and competitiveness of Assam's apparel industry. He emphasized the Council's critical role in contributing to the region's socio-economic development. Dr. Sakhivel also congratulated and appreciated Smt. NEHHDC for their successful efforts in setting up the Centre of Excellence, extending his best wishes for its future endeavours.

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Brig. R. K. Singh (Retd.), Managing Director of NEHHDC, conveyed his gratitude and expressed confidence that the Centre of Excellence will come to the right students and artisans of North East India who aspire to excel in the apparel sector. He emphasized that the Centre will play a pivotal role in nurturing talent and enhancing the skills of the region's workforce.

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The state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence in Guwahati is equipped with the latest apparel manufacturing technology, offering students a realistic industry experience. It provides a wide range of courses, including Industrial Engineering, Production Supervision, Fashion Sampling Coordination, and Fashion Business & Marketing. These courses are aligned with government schemes like Datta Deoyal Upadhyaya Gramin Karmahya Yojana (DKUGKY) and Samarth, further enhancing the accessibility of these educational opportunities.

The CoE will serve as a hub for project work, internships, seminars, workshops, and upskilling programs, ensuring that students and professionals stay abreast of the latest industry trends. This initiative aims to foster innovation and elevate the standards of the apparel industry in the North East region.

About NEHHDC: North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC), a Govt. of India Enterprise under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) is dedicated to developing and promoting the indigenous crafts of the North East region. By connecting artisans to prospective markets and customers, NEHHDC promotes economic, cultural, and social opportunities for artisans while adding cultural value for consumers.

About AMHSSC: The AMHSSC Centre of Excellence - India is a new concept developed by the Apparel Made-Ups and Home Furnishings Sector Skill Council under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India. The primary objective of the CoE is to address the challenges faced by the apparel industry, improve product efficiency, drive research, and enhance manpower skills, thereby contributing to the country's rapid economic development.

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Assam: Centre of Excellence launched to boost apparel industry

The CoE was officially inaugurated by Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

By Bhagya Chandra
June 6, 2024



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Guwahati: A Centre for Excellence (CoE) has been started in Assam under the Apparel, Made-ups & Home Furnishings Sector Skill Council to promote the growth and competitiveness of Assam's apparel industry.

The Apparel, Made-ups & Home Furnishings Sector Skill Council has been authorized by the National Skill Development Corporation to assess the proficiencies of skills of trainees for the apparel sector, made-ups, and home furnishing for their respective subject areas.

The CoE was officially inaugurated by Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship recently underscores the government's commitment to advancing skill development and fostering entrepreneurship.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Kalyan Chakravarty, Principal Secretary, Govt of Assam, and Brig R. K. Singh (Retd), Managing Director, North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation. Their presence highlighted the collective effort towards enhancing the capabilities of the apparel industry in the region.

Apparel Made-up & Home Furnishing (AMH) is one of the largest employment-generating sectors in India, constituting about 60 percent share of the total Textile and Apparel (T&A) exports. Exports of AMH products stood at US\$ 21.5 billion in the year 2019-20 and have grown at a CAGR of 3 percent since 2009-10.

Top exported Apparel and Home Textile commodities include T-shirts, kitchen & toilet linen, bed linen, men's shirts, and women's tops. India's domestic AMH market is also expanding rapidly, and domestic consumption stood at US\$ 81 billion growing at a CAGR of 10 per cent between 2005-06 to 2018-19.

Officials say this initiative marks a significant milestone in addressing the challenges faced by the apparel sector. It enhances efficiency in product development, research, and workforce skills while contributing to the country's rapid economic growth.

Dr. A. Sakhivel, Chairman, AMHSSC, expressed his heartfelt gratitude and reaffirmed the Council's dedication to aligning with the government's mission to promote the growth and competitiveness of Assam's apparel industry. He underscored the Centre's pivotal role in contributing to the region's socio-economic development, instilling a sense of hope and inspiration in the audience.

"The Centre of Excellence in Guwahati stands out with its cutting-edge apparel manufacturing technology, offering a truly immersive industry experience," emphasized Dr. Sakhivel. "It provides diverse courses, ranging from Industrial Engineering and Production Supervision to Fashion Sampling Coordination and Fashion Business & Marketing. The CoE's alignment with government initiatives like DDUGKY and Samarth ensures the accessibility of these invaluable educational opportunities."

Dr. Vijay Kumar Yadav, CEO, of AMHSSC, offered a more expansive view of the Centre's impact, stating, "CoE is designed to serve as a hub for project work, internships, seminars, workshops, and upskilling programs, ensuring that students and professionals remain at the forefront of the latest industry trends. This initiative aims to foster innovation and elevate the standards of the apparel industry in the North Eastern region."

"As a center dedicated to excellence, it will play a crucial role in nurturing talent, driving economic development, and contributing to the overall upliftment of the apparel industry in Assam and the wider North Eastern region. The CoE is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the government, industry stakeholders, and educational institutions, all working towards a common goal of skill enhancement and economic prosperity" he added.

Young individuals seeking opportunities for gainful employment or entrepreneurship in the apparel industry are encouraged to contact the center or email info@assamh.com for further information.

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Revolutionising Fashion: How Automation is Transforming the Apparel Industry

The apparel industry, once heavily reliant on labour-intensive processes, is experiencing a profound transformation with the advent of automation. From robotic garment assembly to AI-driven predictive analytics, automation is redefining how fashion companies operate, streamlining production, and fostering sustainability. Inspired by lean manufacturing systems like the Toyota Production System (TPS), automation promises to revolutionise productivity, reduce costs, and enable faster, more customised clothing production. However, this transformation also raises concerns about job displacement and the need for new skillsets in the workforce. This article explores the key automation technologies shaping the future of fashion, their impact on costs, labour markets, sustainability, and competitiveness, as well as the broader economic implications of this revolution.

<https://www.fibre2fashion.com/industry-article/10182/revolutionising-fashion-how-automation-is-transforming-the-apparel-industry>

Apparel industry opposes GoM's proposed GST hike, citing growth concerns

Even as the upcoming GST council is yet to decide on the likely proposal of the group of ministers on rate rationalisation over hiking GST rates on luxury readymade garments and lowering rates on affordable range, the development seems to have not augured well with the apparel industry.

The industry expects the proposed GST hike to affect growth and has urged the government to discard any rate revisions as the intent of the government should be to streamline the tax structure in a way that makes products affordable for consumers and strengthen the apparel industry's growth and stability.

<https://www.cnbctv18.com/economy/apparel-industry-opposes-goms-proposed-gst-hike-citing-growth-concerns-19519362.htm>

Expect Indian apparel exporters to post 9-11 pc revenue growth in FY25: ICRA

Indian apparel exporters are expected to register a 9-11 per cent revenue expansion in FY25 aided primarily by gradual liquidation of retail inventory in key end markets and a shift in global sourcing to India, ratings agency ICRA on Monday.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/garments/-/textiles/expect-indian-apparel-exporters-to-post-9-11-pc-revenue-growth-in-fy25-icra/articleshow/114421074.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst



India's textile and apparel sector story

The textile and apparel (T&A) sector remains central to India's economy, contributing significantly to the Gross Domestic Product (2.3%), industrial production (13%), and exports (12%). It directly employs around 45 million people, providing livelihoods across rural and urban areas, and creates jobs for unskilled, semi-skilled, and female workers. However, despite this potential, India's T&A sector accounted for only 4.8% of global exports in 2023. The country's strength lies in its raw materials, particularly cotton, where it holds 14% of global exports. As it prepares for the future, India's T&A industry will need to penetrate the growing Man-Made Fibre (MMF) segment, which now accounts for approximately half of global apparel trade and will continue to grow.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/ht-insight/economy/indias-textile-and-apparel-sector-story-101730455955412.html>

India gains momentum in US apparel market as crisis in Bangladesh continues

Amid growing concerns about the garment sector in Bangladesh, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) has highlighted India's rising credibility as a preferred apparel sourcing destination. American buyers cite political stability in India as a key advantage, allowing brands to trust in smooth production and delivery processes.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/garments/-/textiles/india-gains-momentum-in-us-apparel-market-amid-challenges-in-global-supply-chains/articleshow/114419427.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Circularity in India's textile and apparel industry

The textile and apparel industry in India is a cornerstone of India's economy, contributing 2% to its GDP and ranking as the sixth-largest textile producer globally. However, it is also a significant contributor to environmental degradation, generating vast amounts of waste and consuming substantial natural resources. To address these challenges, a new initiative funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) aims to promote circular practices within the industry.

<https://www.indiawaterportal.org/environment/circularity-in-indias-textile-and-apparel-industry>

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