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India Skills Regional Competitions (Eastern Chapter) 2018
Celebrates 3rd Anniversary of Skill India Mission on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), along with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), announced the commencement of India Skills Regional Competitions (Eastern Chapter) in Bhubaneswar on 15-17 July 2018, which is one of the biggest skill competition organized by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India for the eastern region, with great enthusiasm and fervor. The event also marked the 3rd anniversary celebration of Skill India Mission, on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day which is celebrated globally on 15th July, and witnessed an array of announcement being made to strengthen the skill ecosystem.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, said, "Skills subject is not a new concept to our country. It has been recognized since ages. The recently concluded Rathayatra processions, in Puri is in itself reflective of a successful skill ecosystem which ensures that year after year, the huge wheeled wooden chariot is built, painted and carved upon with beautiful designs on which the Yatra takes place. This is one small example of the work of skilled professionals. Similarly, in today's age and technology led times, we are identifying several new job roles which are relevant to market."

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certifies the skills of people with prior experience or those trained informally. Since 2016, the program has benefitted close to 8 lakh people across the country. To scale up this initiative Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is launching RPL with Best in Class Employers—an initiative to directly collaborate with reputed employers across various sectors.

Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma, through their much awaited film 'Sui Dhaaga-Made in India' are saluting India's entrepreneurs and skilled workforce, especially home grown artisans, crafts people and weavers who are making the country proud world over. The Sui Dhaaga stars have been signed on to promote and endorse the Skill India Mission, Chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Led by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Skill India aims to standardize vocational training—both new-age and traditional skills, help in creation of latest infrastructure, ensure industry partnerships to extend technology support to make the youth more employable and assist in creating opportunities of employment for the youth of our country. This has led to more than 1 crore youth joining the Skill India Mission every year and transforming their lives through better livelihood.



"I wish this endorsement by both actors encourages and influences the youth to take up skill training and earn a better livelihood for themselves and help us in creating the New India envisioned by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi."

-Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

AMHSSC Initiatives

'Job Mela' in Erode, Tamilnadu

AMHSSC conducted a 'Job Mela' exclusively for Apparel Industry in association with Erode District Employment Office and Erode Academy on August 16, 2018 at Erode Tamilnadu.

The Job Mela was inaugurated in the presence of Shri C. Subramanian, Erode District Employment Officer. 8 Employers of leading Exporters participated to source their employment needs. 228 candidates in around Erode registered their attendance and 168 out of them obtained on the spot placement. The DEO said that he is happy with the number of candidates and such a high number for a single sector was a matter of surprise to him.









Training with CSR fund of Shipping Corporation of India at Calicut

Training course being conducted for 71 women candidates at Anasooya School of Fashion Designing, Calicut on July 2018 with the CSR fund of Shipping Corporation of India.

NSDC Road Show on NAPS in Bangalore

A Road Show on sharing information and Advantages of the NAPS, another initiative of MSDE was organised at Bangalore.

Presentation was done by Mr. Surjit Roy of NSDC on NAPS followed by a Q&A session with Mr. Surjit Roy. The industry representatives and TPS raised their queries. Followed by which Ms. Neha from CII presented about the how they can help the industry in implementing NAPS. They told that through their Model Career Center (MCC) they will mobilize the candidates for NAPS program for which the industry will have to sign an MOU with CII. Later Ms. Anitha from GIZ presented about their pilot projects where they are implementing the Indo-German Programme for Vocational Education and Training.





NSDA Workshop at Thiruvananthapuram

AMHSSC representative participated in NSDA Workshop organised by KASE at Trivandrum on September 19, 2018. The NSDA's interaction with various stakeholders in the skilling ecosystem at Kerala State level in order to educate and explain the concept of NSQF held at Trivandrum. The scope of the programme was to disseminate information on notification's implementation schedule which lays down that Government funding would not be available for any training/education programme/courses which are not NSQF compliant and after 27th December 2018, it shall be mandatory for all training/education programme/courses to be NSQF-compliant.

The Workshop had briefing by on functions of NSDA, Framework, getting aligned with them, Standards, QP-NOS and SOP by the NSDA and NSDC officials followed by discussions and Q&A session. In addition, a presentation on NAPS was done by the officials of DGT, Chennai.

Inauguration of Yarnex Fair and Tex India Fair at Tirupur

Padmashree Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, Apparel Made-Ups Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC) inaugurated the 13th Edition of Yarnex Fair and 7th edition of Tex India Fair at India Knit Fair Complex, Tirupur on September 27, 2018.

The trade shows were designed to generate new business opportunities in sourcing Yarns, Fabrics and Accessories. This annual event was organised by SS Textile Media Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.





Event for fresh beneficiaries at Dorangla Skill Development Training Centre, Gurdaspur

Event was for fresh beneficiaries at Dorangla Skill Development Training Centre, being run under CSR initiative of IRCON by Bisnouli Sarvodaya Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan (BSGSS). Event was organized on August 31, 2018. BSGSS had trained women in self-employed tailor job role in rural area of (Border) Gurdaspur under CSR activity with IRCON. During event Deputy Commissioner, District Gurdaspur (Chief Guest) encouraged the participants by assuring them that financial support would be given to self-employed tailor students to start their own business.

Industry News

Invest in tech: Know more about the Technology Upgradation Scheme for textiles

Amended Technology Upgradation Scheme (ATUFS) provides invaluable support to an apparel manufacturer and exporter in upgrading his production technology to an international benchmark and / or scaling up to meet increased order requirements.

Use of updated and internationally benchmarked technology assures world class production quality, which is now imperative to be able to stay in the export business. There are amazing advancements being made in apparel manufacturing tech and many of these can have very positive benefits for your business.

With Apparel 4.0 around the corner, modern tools like 3 D printing, laser cutting of garments and robots are increasingly making their way into the production shop floors.

The most obvious advantages of investing in technology include speed, quality, innovation and efficiency, which in turn lead to an edge over competition and promote expansion. With speed to market, product diversification, safety and sustainability being the buying mantras of apparel brands these days, exploiting these advantages is certainly the best way forward. It may benefit all export houses, whether big or small, to earmark an annual fund for technology up-gradation in their yearly budget. New technology does not come cheap. The costs involved can be huge, not only in monetary terms, but, also in terms of the cannibalising effect they can have on some legacy operations. While you may be forced to reconsider your existing business model or your employees may have to be shaken out of their comfort zones to relearn and reorient their approach towards work, the effort will be well worth it.

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Weak rupee increases revenue of textile units

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The weakening rupee is not all bad as it is seen giving a cushion to textile industry aiding them earn extra penny. Cutting down on the increased raw material costs, exporters of apparel, pharmaceuticals, steel, packaging films and software among other export oriented units have witnessed a rise in their revenues.

Narendra Sen, founder of a data centre in Indore said, "It's like a free money for export oriented software units as almost every contract is in dollar terms and conversion rate has gone up significantly. The fluctuation in rupee does not affect the offshore clients and hence the contracts remain intact at the previously decided terms"

Sen said his revenues have jumped by about 5 per cent due to the plunge in rupee.

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India's textile, apparel sector on cusp of turnaround: CITI

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New Delhi: India's textile and apparel sector is on the verge of a turnaround, with apparel exports estimated to grow 7 per cent in the current financial year, the Confederation of Indian Textile Industries said today. As per the data by the DGCl&S, exports of textiles and apparel increased by 11 per cent in July 2018 to Rs. 19,636 crore over the same month last year, said Sanjay Jain, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industries (CITI).

The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) under the commerce ministry is responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of the country's trade statistics and commercial information. The overall growth in exports during Apr-July 2018 has been 3 per cent vis-a-vis same period last year. Further, the man-made fibre segment, which is expected to be the growth driver of the industry in the coming years has seen rise in production.

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In a major boost to exports taking place through online platforms, the government has increased the export incentives to Rs 5 lakh per consignment from Rs 25,000 earlier. The relaxed norms will benefit export of handloom products, books and periodicals, leather footwear, toys and customised fashion garments through courier or foreign post offices using e-commerce.

In a notification, the government said that exports of goods through courier or foreign post offices of value upto Rs 5 lakh per consignment shall be entitled for rewards under the Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS). The proposal has been made in the wake of exporters finding the present cap too low and restricting them from getting duty benefits on imports of inputs and goods. Incentives under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 are offered to these six categories if they are hosted on a website and dispatched through courier or postal mode.

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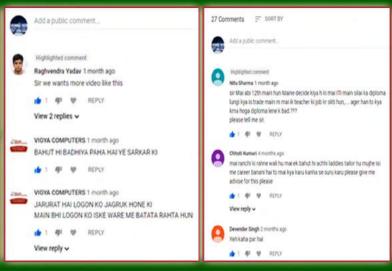


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