

## India's Largest Vocational Training Provider-ATDC Signs MOU with Ministry of Labour and Employment

In an attempt to reduce the growing gaps between skilled man power requirements and availability, Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T) and Apparel Training & Design Centre, Gurgaon (ATDC), signed a Flexi MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 for skill development in garment and fashion sector. The MoU was signed between Mr. Alok Kumar (IAS), Director General, DGE&T and Dr. Darlie Koshy, DG&CEO, ATDC

DGE&T comes under Ministry of Labour and Employment, GoI. It implements the Skill Development Initiative Scheme (SDIS), which is a Centrally Sponsored scheme to provide vocational training, test and certify people to improve their employability and gain employment. ATDC would provide training and facilitating employment after necessary assessment in coordination with DGE&T.



This Flexi MOU agreement aims at imparting employment oriented training to the youth on National Level. The MOU outlines the commitment of both the parties to enter into joint initiatives to offer specific vocational training programs as per the skills needed for the job and demands of the industry to train particularly youth & women.

On the occasion, Mr. Alok Kumar (IAS) DG, DGE&T said, "I am very happy with the facilities and infrastructure at ATDC. I am confident that ATDC will become a breeding ground for skilled man power in fashion and garment sector. I wish them all the best wishes and assure our full support." He emphasized the need to launch new programs which are required by the industry.

The signing of the MoU was witnessed by Mr. Virender Uppal Chairman, AEPC, Mr. Hari Kapoor, Vice-Chairman, ATDC, Mr. H K L Magu, Chairman (F&B) Senior Officials of DGET including R L Singh, DDG, Mr. Nijhawan, DT and others from ATDC &DGE&T.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of AEPC Mr. Virender Uppal said “There is an acute shortage of skilled workforce at every level and this MOU will help to address this shortage in a significant manner.” Where Mr. Hari Kapoor suggested that under the MOU, customized courses can be launched in partnership with large apparel export houses and leading domestic manufacturers.

This MOU will compliment ATDC and DGE&T capabilities to reach and achieve a common goal of skilling India.



Announcing support from the ATDC, DG & CEO Dr. Darlie Koshy said, “We are thankful to Government of India for choosing us as the proud partner to implement the Skill Development Initiative Scheme (SDIS). We will leave no stones unturned to impart necessary skills to empower the students

which would help them in getting job and starting their own business. Special emphasis would be given to impart soft skill and communications skills to groom the trainees.” He said the MOU will help in 3 ways, firstly, it will cut short many impediments in nationwide implementation of the skill based programs. Secondly, it will focus on changing technology being incorporated in courses and lastly more focus on longer duration program with support of DGE&T by twinning with industry inputs

Mr. Alok Kumar and Dr. Darlie Koshy expressed satisfaction on the ongoing schemes and assured of their strong support to various new programs being devised by the DGE&T and ATDC. Dr. Darlie Koshy added that ATDC with 200 centres has the capacity to train 50000 per annum in short term and 10000 in longer duration courses.