

Visit of Dr. S.K. Panda IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India to ATDC National Head Office

Dr. S. K. Panda IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India visited Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC) on 6th December, 2014. During his visit to ATDC National Head Office he interacted with NHO Officials and exchanged his views about the ISDS SMART Project Implementation, Placements activities & other initiatives taken by ATDC.



During his visit Dr. Panda, spent quality time at the ATDC NHO and Dr Panda then embarked on a tour of the ATDC Gurgaon centre, looking the state-of-art-infrastructure including Garment Construction Lab, Pattern Engineering Lab, CAD & IT Lab, National Placement Office, Resource Centre and machinery used to create a skilled workforce for the rapidly growing export and domestic sectors of the garment industry.

While addressing Julferkar Ali Bhutto, winner selected for national level competition –prelims to World Skill 2015 at Brazil Dr. Panda said “We may also plan to open a centre in Sant Nagar, U.P. from where Julferkar belongs so that many more (Julferkar’s) can come forward to enhance their skill and earn a sustainable living.”

He further stated that new ideas and strategies for promoting skills for livelihood in North East India.

Dr. Darlie Koshy added that “ATDC above 175 centres has the capacity to train 50000 candidates per annum in short term and 10000 candidates in longer duration courses.”

Dr. S.K. Panda then spent valuable time at ATDC Juki Innovation lab which is a path breaking effort, and a platform from where industry and academia can focus on showcasing and demonstrating leading edge



technologies in apparel manufacturing and carrying out ‘Research’ a key word in ‘SMART’ with design and Innovation .

The ATDC team then presented a souvenir to Dr. S. K. Panda – a hand stitched jacket by Julferkar, ATDC student. On the occasion, Mr. Virender Uppal, Chairman AEPC, Sri. Hari Kapoor Vice Chairman ATDC, Mr. H K L Magu, Chairman (F&B), Dr. Darlie Koshy, DG & CEO ATDC & IAM, along with other EC / BOG members were present.