

GJSCI launches Project Rupaantar to provide opportunity towards a better life, by providing skilling to the Jail Inmates.

GJSCI's unique initiative to skill jail inmates with an objectives to skill jail inmates to prepare them for seamless integration in the mainstream society post their release took a major step on **25th June, 2018**, when 47 of the inmates from Tihar Central Jail no. 5 were awarded certification after successfully clearing the assessment in imitation jewellery making skill post their training.



The ceremony commenced in the esteemed presence of Mr. Prem Kumar Kothari, Chairman, GJSCI, Mr. Rajeev Garg, Executive Director, GJSCI, Mr. Avinash Gupta, Director, GJC, Mr. D.D. Karel, Director, GJSCI, Mr. Ajay Kashyap, Director General of Tihar Jail, Ms. Anju Mangal, Superintendent of Jail No. 5, Mr. Nitin Khandelwal, Chairman, All India Gems and Jewellery Domestic Council, Mr. Vijay Khanna, Zonal Chairman, GJC, Mr. Sumesh Waddhera, MD, AOJ Media, Art and Jewellery Magazine, Mr. Ajay Verma, Chairman, IBJ India and other prominent personalities.



About Project Rupaantar

Project Rupaantar was initiated by Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI) by signing an MOU with Delhi Prison and India International Bridges to Justice, India (IBJ).

Project Rupaantar aims to empower the inmates of jail through skills and making them self-reliant, giving them fresh perspective towards life.

In the pilot phase of this project, 78 inmates have already been trained and certified and furthermore, 2nd batch on imitation jewellery is starting from 1st August, 2018.

In this project, we aim to train 840 candidates over next one year in job roles like, hand-sketch designing, stringing and beading etc.

This project will help to empower the inmates and make them more independent that will eventually rehabilitate them back into a normal life as a respected citizen.

After completion of training, the certified candidates are given quantum of work on regular basis by nearby imitation jewellery manufactures. Therefore, help them earn money while they're working in the jail. Once they are released from the jail, GJSCI, jointly with Jail authorities, will help them to become entrepreneurs.

The industry members are welcomed to contribute to this project by providing job work to these skilled and certified inmates. This will indirectly help in reducing crime rate and moreover help in **directing their minds towards creativity through skilling**.

