

GJSCI being felicitated by the tribal women of Maharashtra under Project Vanika



1st June 2017, Mumbai: GJSCI was felicitated by the tribal women of Maharashtra under Project Vanika for its contribution towards skilling to self employment model; in the august presence of Sh. Vishnuji Savra- Minister for Tribal Development- Govt. of Maharashtra at Vikramgad.

The project has its presence in around 18 villages of Maharashtra & has skilled and empowered 1700+ Vanikas. GJSCI further plans to expand this project on PAN India level at various tribal patches.

Kirit Somaiya - MP, visits GJSCI's training facility in Mumbai at IIGJ



10th June, 2017, Mumbai: Mr. Kirit Somaiya, Member of Parliament, North-East Mumbai visited GJSCI's state-of-art training centre in Mumbai at IIGJ-M, where he met Mr. Binit Bhatt, CEO, GJSCI and Mr. Prem Kumar, Chairman, GJSCI. During the two hours visit, Mr. Somaiya was given a detailed overview by Mr. Binit Bhatt on various initiatives taken by GJSCI for the up-liftment of gems & Jewellery industry and its workforce.

Mr. Kirit Somaiya had a close look and appreciated the efforts taken by GJSCI as well as the advanced teaching techniques and utilities available at the Centre and also extended his best wishes to the division. He also had a detailed discussion with Mr. Binit Bhatt, CEO, GJSCI & Mr. Prem Kothari, Chairman, GJSCI on various aspects related to skilling of labour force of the sector. Further to this, Mr. Somaiya visited Shree Raj Jewels, an export oriented unit located within SEEPZ where Ms. Aekta Shah, COO, Shree Raj Jewels gave detailed insights to various nuances of modern day Jewellery manufacturing.

India topples Israel and becomes no. 1 for U.S. diamond trade



As President Trump met Prime Minister Narendra Modi the centre of the talk were diamonds.

In 2016, for the first time, the United States did more diamond trade with India than any country in the world, topping Israel, which had been atop the list for more than two decades.

One thing is clear: India is becoming an increasingly important U.S. trade partner. And it's not just diamonds.

Over the last two decades, U.S. trade with India has grown more rapidly than with all but two other major nations, up 612.64%. By way of comparison, U.S. trade with the world is up 156.19% over that same time period.

Consequently, India has advanced from being the United States' 27th most important trade partner in 1996, with total trade just under \$9.5 billion, to the ninth most important, with 2016 trade at \$67.68 billion. Importantly for some, including many in the key trade-related positions in the Trump administration, India also ranks No. 3 among fastest-growing U.S. markets for its exports. Nevertheless, the United States also has a large trade deficit with India.

Taking a closer look at US exports to India, the top outbound shipment is diamonds. On the other side of the ledger, it is the same: The top import from India is diamonds. Combined, the two account for almost 20 % of the value of the trading relationship.

With regard to diamond trade, as recently as 2012, Israel accounted for more than 40% of all imports into the United States. Since then, Israel's share of those imports has decreased while India's has increased -- from 26.69% to 36.07%. Israel's total fell below 30% for the first time.

On the export side, the story line is similar. In 2012, Israel accounted for 31.29% of all U.S. exports while India accounted for 15.28%. Four years later, in 2016, Israel still ranks ahead of India but the percentages are 25.52% and 24.69%, respectively.

India's total diamond exports and imports eclipsed those of Israel because the value of the imports is slightly larger than those of exports. The total value of U.S.-India diamond trade in 2016 was \$13.44 billion while the value with Israel was \$12.05 billion.

Courtesy: artofjewellery.com

Dil Ki Baat

"First of all a special thanks to The Honorable Prime Minister and Skill Minister for giving us opportunity to participate in PMKVY Scheme. I am grateful for having this training opportunity. We have heard that "There is no short cut to hard work" but this opportunity provided by the government is really a short cut in a proper direction to make ourselves established."

-Kishan Soni,

HandSketch Designing Course

June Birthstone

• Pearl •



People have coveted natural **pearls** as symbols of wealth and status for thousands of years; the oldest written mention being in 2206BC. In ancient China, pearls were believed to guarantee protection from fire and fire-breathing dragons. In Europe, they symbolized modesty, chastity, and purity.

GJSCI signs Tri-party RPL MoU with Sarafa Traders & IIGJ-Jaipur



GJSCI signs Tri-party Recognition of Prior Learning MoU with Sarafa Traders & IIGJ-Jaipur, the MoU aims at Skilling and certifying 20,000 artisans.

According to the MoU Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India will as a Project Implementation Agency, Sarafa Traders will act as Mobilization Agency & IIGJ-Jaipur will act as a RPL Facilitator.

GJSCI further aims to sign more such MoU are which help in shaping the skilling landscape of Gems & jewellery Industry.

Birla Jewels enters Madhya Pradesh with “BJEWELZ” retail store



Birla Jewels Ltd. has announced entry of their jewellery retail store “BJEWELZ” in Morar, Madhya Pradesh. Birla Jewels has launched their store at Sadar Bazar in Morar and it offers a vast and versatile collection of modern, contemporary as well as conventional jewellery at affordable prices.

With a firm focus on affordability, quality and consumer experience, “BJEWELZ” is looking forward to revolutionize the retail jewellery industry in the country. Expanding its reach to the larger set of masses in the retail market, the company is bullish on its expansion plan of launching “BJEWELZ” outlets across cities of Madhya Pradesh like Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal, Ratlam, Chhindwara etc.

Apart from Madhya Pradesh the company is expanding its reach in several cities of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, and plans of launching 25 “BJEWELZ” outlets by the end of FY 2017 – 18. The company has also opened BJewelz – CherishGold co-branded stores, a unique offline and online store format in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

16th June- 18th June 2017, Worldskills India Final selection round



Worldskills India Final selection round was held at VBJ, Chennai where three semifinalists Ms. Sweta Singh, Mr. Sanjoy Pramanik & Mr. Asrof Jamal competed against each other to be the winner of WorldSkills India Final.

Mr. Asrof Jamal was declared as the winner of the final selection round, who further will be representing India at WorldSkills Competition- Abu Dhabi.

GJSCI conducts 2nd Annual Yoga workshop in SEEPZ to commemorate International Yoga Day



Mumbai, 19th -23rd June 2017: Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India conducted its 2nd Annual one week Yoga workshop celebration, with an aim to create awareness amongst SEEPZ employees about the benefits of Yoga. The workshop was inaugurated on 19th June 2017 and was conducted till 23rd June 2017, under the expert supervision of Isha Yoga Foundation. The activity saw a gathering of more than 1500 from the gems & Jewellery industry.

This initiative of GJSCI aims to educate people about benefits of yoga and encourage them to make it a part of life in extension to the vision of our Honorable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi. United Nations had declared 21st June as International Yoga Day with an aim to introduce yoga at a Global level owing to its multiple benefits.

The Chief guests present on IDY-21ST June '17 at the event were Mr. Premkumar Kothari (Chairman-GJSCI), Mr. Pravin Chandra (Joint Development Commissioner) & Mr. Mahesh Yadav(Deputy Development commissioner) .