

GJSCI launches Jewel Talks, an interactive platform that connects Industry with Talent



2nd December 2016, Mumbai: Gem and Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI) recently launched a monthly interactive platform “Jewel Talks” that brings industry veterans on a stage, set for talent, pursuing career in the gems and jewellery industry. The first Jewel Talks session, held at IIGJ, Mumbai was mindful and the speakers gave their views on the Gems and Jewellery industry. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Aditya Pethe, Director, WHP Jewellers where Mr. Premkumar Kothari, Chairman, GJSCI and Mr. Binit Bhatt, CEO, GJSCI felicitated the guest of honors. Students of IIGJ gathered to seek knowledge from the expertise of the Industry naming Mr. Hemant Shah, Mrs. Vidhya Mazumdar and Ms. Veena Shah. The event saw Mr. Kirit Bhansali- Chairman, IIGJ addressing to the youth present at the occasion.



Mr. Premkumar Kothari, Chairman, GJSCI quoted, “After chairing GJSCI since its inception and taking it to the next level, we came up with the concept of Jewels Talk where we give opportunity to the youth of the nation to come and learn about the Gems and Jewellery sector by the experts of the Industry.”

Mr. Binit Bhatt, CEO, GJSCI quoted, “With Gems and Jewellery Sector growing from leaps and bounds, the industry requires more skilled and expertise talent who can take the industry to the next level. Keeping this in mind, we came up with the idea of Jewels Talk which gives the young guns a chance to grow their career.”

“It gives me immense pleasure to introduce Jewel Talks an interactive platform launched by GJSCI with an approach devoted to spreading thoughts & ideas about gems & jewellery Industry.”

- **Binit Bhatt,**
CEO, GJSCI

Israeli technology to revolutionise diamond industry in India



An Israeli company has invented a machine, currently undergoing advanced large-scale testing in India, that it claims instantly grades the clarity of polished diamonds.

The new groundbreaking system is likely to be marketed from mid-2017 by Sarine Technologies which has offices in Surat and Mumbai and employs about 450 people.

The machine, which is currently undergoing advanced large-scale testing in India, can revolutionise the diamond industry by bringing in more transparency and trust in the way the market operates.

"The system will simplify the clarity grading process and provide accurate and objective mapping of the polished diamond, enhancing consumer trust in each diamond's valuation," the company's spokesperson Tamar Brosh said. It enables diamond manufacturers and traders to ensure that each individual stone is optimally valued for its ideal sales market, the company said.

The firm, well-known for its earlier innovations like Galaxy and DiaMension that are widely used by manufacturers all over the world, has also developed advanced automated Sarine Colour evaluation technology with lab-grade accuracy that is also currently being tested in India.

Source: Indian Express

Dil ki Baat

"Jewel Talks is a unique concept introduced by GJSCI, I attended the first edition of it and it was very informative and useful for me. I can't wait for the second session of Jewel Talks."

-Tanya Ajmera, Student

December Birthstones

Blue Zircon • Tanzanite • Turquoise



Since the Middle Ages, **Blue Zircon** has been believed to aid in spiritual growth and to promote wisdom. Those who wear blue zircon, it is said, will find beauty and peace.



As a relatively new gemstone, **Tanzanite** does not have any mythical or mysterious powers associated with it. But what it lacks in history, it compensates with beauty in its deep blue and purple tones.



Turquoise attracts money, success and love. Its powers include protection, healing, courage, friendship, and luck. It relaxes the mind, and eases mental tension.

Excise duty on branded gold coins removed



The Indian government has announced removal of the 1 percent excise duty on branded gold coins of 99.5 percent purity and above, as per a notification by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), reports say. The gold in these coins is to be one on which the required customs/excise duty has been paid.

The excise duty on gold coins was levied in 2011 as per reports. Some industry players view this as a good move to encourage organised retail within the Indian industry which by nature is largely unorganized. Also, the rule does not apply to the articles of goldsmiths' / silversmiths' wares of precious metal or of a metal clad enveloped in precious metal and bearing a brand name. Such items will be levied a 1 percent excise duty.

The excise duty on branded silver coins is exempted.

Source: Diamond World

Did You Know??



The oldest known jewellery ever found was 1, 00,000 year old beads made from Nassarius shells.

Mahesh Notandass creates a new collection of hand jewels



Leading jewellery house Mahesh Notandass Fine Jewellery has launched its latest collection of jewellery that gives women many reasons to embellish their hands. The signature collection offers cuffs, bracelets, cocktail bangles and palm cuffs. These versatile pieces are suited to style with gowns, cocktail dresses and festive Indian wear. The collection inspires a woman to look and feel like a diva with the hand-picked fine diamond bijoux.

Source: Diamond World

GJSCI launched Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) with EduJobs at Kolkata



15th November 2016, Kolkata: Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI) launched Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) with EduJobs, in the esteemed presence of Smt. Smita Bakshi, member of West Bengal, Legislative Assembly, Government of West Bengal and Shri. Binit Bhatt, C.E.O, GJSCI. RPL program is an initiative by GJSCI formed under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. The program will help 8000+ unorganized Goldsmiths to be certified.

GJSCI has been relentlessly contributing towards Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Skill India program and has been taking several measures and steps to nurture the 3.5 million skilled yet uncertified labour force of the gems and jewellery industry. RPL program will help candidates to identify their inherited skills and get certified for the same which will equip them to get better and more stable jobs and avail of entrepreneurship opportunities. While struggling to make a living many of them switch careers to upgrade their lives. Need of the hour is to bring a change in an artisan's life to ensure that they are retained in the industry as with them will also die several Indian jewellery making styles and techniques.

'We are working towards ensuring that a skilled & certified labour force is created in the industry which has the right work environment which ensures their financial and physical wellbeing apart from increasing their productivity. For this initiative we are constantly working with several state governments. RPL is the first step for an individual to explore career choices in the industry on the other hand our initiative Dakshagram will play as a catalyst towards the transition of the Gems & Jewellery Industry from being unorganized to organized.', said Premkumar Kothari, Chairman, GJSCI.

'At GJSCI our aim is to create awareness and counsel candidates about career choices and prep them to enroll for courses. RPL program will play a very important role to achieve this aim. We have so far trained & certified 80,000 plus candidates and certified 20,000 plus candidates in RPL. We have a massive target of training millions and at the same time attract bright talent to create a career in the industry that has several roles and job opportunities to offer. Also, the nation needs to recognize the latent talent that has been present in the gems and jewellery industry through RPL', said Mr. Binit Bhatt, C.E.O, GJSCI at the event.

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