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NSDC, Everonn venture to continue

Corporation in pact with Laurus Edutech to train 11 lakh students

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(From left) Mr Srinivas Rao Cheedella, Managing Director, Laurus Edutech; Mr Dilip Chenoy, MD & CEO, NSDC; and Mr Vardhaman Jain, Founder Director, Laurus Edutech, at a press conference in Chennai on Tuesday.

Chennai, Oct. 18: The National Skill Development Corporation's venture with Chennai-based Everonn Education will continue, the corporation's chief said.

Everonn's Co-Founder and Managing Director, Mr P. Kishore, has been arrested for alleged bribery and income-tax evasion.

Earlier this year, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) had announced a venture with Everonn, mandating the company to train 15 million people by 2022. NSDC had taken 27 per cent stake in Everonn Skill Development Ltd, a subsidiary of Everonn.

“As long as the joint venture delivers on what it promised and does what it is supposed to do, we will not have any reason to initiate action against our partner. If any slippage or shortage occurs, then the process takes over,” said Mr Dilip Chenoy, MD and CEO, NSDC, on the sidelines of a press conference to announce NSDC's partnership with Laurus Edutech.

The project with Chennai-based a skill development company Laurus Edutech will be executed through a special purpose vehicle that will have an equity holding of 73 per cent by Laurus and 27 per cent by NSDC. The project cost is Rs 54 crore; Rs 40 crore will be brought in by NSDC. About Rs 4.5 crore will put in by NSDC as equity contribution; the balance will by way of loan to the SPV. Laurus will contribute Rs 14 crore towards its stake. The objective of the SPV is to train over 11 lakh students in hard-core manufacturing in 10 years by setting up 540 centres.

Laurus is primarily focussed on training in the trades of air-conditioning, refrigeration, welding, automotive mechanics, electrician and welding. The alliance with Laurus is part of NSDC's capex plan of Rs 1,022crore over 10 years for skill development.