

NSDC signs MoU with Honda Motorcycle and Jaquar Foundation to boost skilling in automotive and plumbing sectors

-Partnership aims at establishing/ upgrading labs for skill training -

New Delhi, November 5, 2018: Augmenting a collaborative approach towards skill development, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has signed memorandum of understanding with two leading organizations - **Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. (HMSI) and Jaquar Foundation (JF)**. The partnering organisations, key players in automotive and plumbing sectors respectively, through their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives will work towards building infrastructure by setting up training labs, providing equipment and training aid.

Offering a boost to Skill India Mission, the association will help in scaling capacity of NSDC affiliated training partners, encouraging training of candidates with modern and relevant tools and machinery, enabling them to contribute towards their employers from an early stage.

Talking about the industry collaborations, **Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, NSDC**, said, "Talking about the industry collaborations, Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, NSDC, said, "NSDC strives to support inclusive growth and address the demand mismatch through these partnerships wherein the industry brings in their technical expertise and contributes towards setting up or modernization of training infrastructures. These partnerships with major industry players – Honda and Jaquar - will not only benefit youth who undergo high-quality trainings but also allow the industry to meet its requirements for trained manpower."

In the first phase of the collaboration, **HMSI** will establish or upgrade ten automotive two-wheeler repair labs for running a course on "Automotive Service Technician (2 or 3-wheeler)." The next phase of collaboration may entail scaling up the labs further. Providing vehicles, tools and equipment, HMSI will help in building capacity of NSDC training partners at different locations around the country.

In the agreement with **Jaquar Foundation**, a unit of Jaquar Group, the bathing solutions company, will set up or upgrade 50 plumbing training labs and provide infrastructural and manpower support. It will depute its customer care representatives as guest faculty for sharing new product installation techniques. The training program aims to enhance technical abilities of the trainers and trainees along with increasing employability of the candidates. Plumbing, under construction industry, is an unorganized sector. About 90% of the plumbing industry workforce in India is not professionally trained. Most of the skill learning in the industry happens through unstructured or on-the job training. Lack of professionally trained plumbers is one of the major challenges in the construction and related sectors. This collaboration with Jaquar will be a significant initiative to equip trainees with formal training.

About National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

NSDC is one of its kind public-private-partnership with an objective to facilitate skill training in partnership with private training providers. Till date, NSDC has approved 350+ training providers and 39 Sector Skill Councils, with a geographical spread of 7,000+ training centres in 600+ districts across the country. NSDC has trained more than 1.4 crore people across sectors.

NSDC is committed to develop and implement sustainable programs that support inclusive growth and development. Its ***Industry Partnership and CSR*** division seeks association with various industries to support Skill India Mission and enables companies to execute their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives by creating maximum impact for beneficiaries.

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