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Ingersoll Rand joins hands with Government's Skill India Mission in India

Allocates funds for skilling youth with a special focus on women at two NSDC centers in Haryana

New Delhi May 26, 2017: Ingersoll Rand, a world leader in creating comfortable, sustainable and efficient environments, as part of its corporate social responsibility initiative in India has partnered with National Skill Development Fund, a special fund setup under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, to support vocational training at two National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) partner centers at Gurgaon, Haryana. Ingersoll Rand (India) Limited has allocated approximately INR 50 Lacs in CSR contributions towards this effort. Under this tripartite agreement, Ingersoll Rand and NSDC teams will work closely to provide gainful employment to close to 250 youths with at least 30% focus on female participation in the location.

Recent estimates from the International Monetary Fund suggest that India's GDP could expand by 27 percent if the number of female workers increases to the same level as that of men, which is currently around 27%. **Rajesh Agrawal, Joint Secretary at the Ministry**, said, "Through the Fund, the Ministry has converged funds from various Ministries, multi-lateral agencies and public sector companies, to meet the objectives of the Skill India mission. The latest contribution from Ingersoll Rand in India validates that private sector and Government can complement each other towards our collective responsibility to open up opportunities to youth and women."

As part of the partnership this year, vocational training will be imparted to the youth for their industry readiness in the manufacturing and automotive sectors covering job profiles like CNC Operator and Quality Control Inspector. Upon successful completion, trainees will receive a certificate in alignment with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), a competency-based framework for skills. The program will also embed soft skills, digital and financial learning modules. Youth for this program will be selected through a counselling session conducted by NSDC in order to map their career aspiration to the job opportunities available locally.

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Welcoming this partnership, **Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, NSDC** said, “There is an increasing number of corporates keen to work with the ecosystem. This represents better outreach, trust in the systems and also credibility of the NSDC ecosystem. More importantly, from a CSR standpoint, it gives Corporates a single entity that can coordinate and facilitate skilling in any part of the country. The fact that they can meet CSR compliance needs and contribute to the larger Skill India mission drives such engagements”.

Commenting on the partnership, **Amar Kaul, Chairman and Managing Director, Ingersoll Rand India Limited** shared, “As an organization, we continue our commitment as good corporate citizens and believe that Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) can play a strong role in creation of social infrastructure and skilling the youth and women. Our association with National Skill Development Corporation is a step towards making specialized skilled workforce in the state, which will have a direct bearing on employment.”

Present on the occasion **Jayant Krishna - COO NSDC** said, “This initiative by Ingersoll Rand is also a step forward to encourage women into unconventional/non-traditional trades and help bring them into the labour workforce.”

National Skill Development Corporation, through its skill ecosystem will ensure that the courses run in these centres are all aligned to the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) which is a competency based framework that organises all qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge, skills and aptitude. NSDC will ensure quality training and managements of the structured skill development programme.

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About NSDC:

NSDC is a not-for-profit company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and was set up as part of National Skill Development Mission to fulfil the growing need in India for skilled manpower across sectors and narrow the existing gap between the demand and supply of skills. It develops appropriate models to enhance, support and coordinate private sector initiatives. For more information on NSDC kindly visit our website, and Facebook page: [Website: www.nsdcindia.org](http://www.nsdcindia.org); [Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NSDCIndiaOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/NSDCIndiaOfficial); [Twitter: www.twitter.com/NSDCIndia](https://www.twitter.com/NSDCIndia)

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