

Central and State Govt. Support to NITRA for Skill Development

Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, in July 2010 has launched "Integrated Skill Development Scheme for the Textiles and Apparel Sector including Jute and Handicrafts" to achieve the targets set out by the Prime Minister of India for skill development.

NITRA has been chosen as one of the implementing agencies to impart training in the complete textile supply chain starting from textile fibre to fashion. Govt. of India has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 12.57 crore to NITRA to add state-of-the-art infrastructure to its existing facilities so that trainees undergoing various training programs get exposed to latest technologies of textile and garment manufacturing. Further, State Govt. of U.P. has given a one time capital grant of Rs. 5.77 crore to NITRA to conduct training programs under the "Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and other allied activities" (ASIDE) Scheme.

NITRA has been recognized as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and is the lead partner while Deptt. of Textile Technology, IIT, Delhi is the associate partner. In the year 2007-08, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 10.95 crore to procure latest machines and equipment to set up facilities for CoE. Further, in March 2011, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India sanctioned Rs. 14 crore to strengthen the CoE and set up an Incubation Centre. The activities of CoE are product development, manufacturing, quality evaluation and skill development for technical textiles with special reference to Protective Textiles.

With the grants from both Central and State Govts. NITRA laboratories and workshops are being upgraded with state-of-the-art machines purchased from USA, UK, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, China and Italy.

