

NITRA's Presentation at Workshop on "Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP)" for Ajrakhpur Block Printing Cluster, Bhuj

Ajrakh Block Printing Style is a traditional art & cultural heritage of Kutch, Gujarat and worldwide famous for use of natural colours in dyeing and printing of textile materials. The processing units, engaged in manufacturing of these handicraft items are located in Ajrakhpur Block Printing Cluster, Bhuj. The effluent generated during textile processing is presently treated in a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) having inadequate capacity. Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India through Handicraft Mega Cluster Mission (HMCM) has taken initiatives to support the processing units of Ajrakhpur in funding the upgradation project of the existing CETP. NITRA has been assigned the task of preparing the DPR for the CETP upgradation project. A treatment scheme based on sustainable technology and integrated with water reclamation has been proposed in the DPR prepared by NITRA.

In this connection, a workshop was organized by HMCM with NITRA on 9th November 2016 at Ajrakhpur, Bhuj to have detailed interaction with the members of Ajrakhpur Hastkala Vikas Sansthan, the managing body of the CETP. Shri Abhijit Pal, Officiating Director, NITRA made a detailed presentation on the proposed treatment scheme to all the stake holders who had taken lot of interests and participated in the discussion. The Chief Executive Officer of HMCM, representatives from the office of DC Handicraft, Officials from KHAMIR (NGO working for this handicraft cluster in Bhuj) and other stakeholders were also present during the above workshop. The members of the Ajrakhpur Hastkala Vikas Sansthan expressed their agreement to go ahead with the proposal and suggested that the project should be implemented at the earliest.

