

First successful batch of Guild Certified Framers from India get their Certificates at IHGF Delhi Fair-Spring 2018

Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for MSME, Shri Giriraj Singh graces exclusive ceremony and gives away the Certificates

Hon'ble Minister, Shri Giriraj Singh graced the IHGF Delhi Fair-Spring 2018 on day 2 of the fair with Principal Secretary, Finance, Mr. Navin Kumar Chaudhary. Shri Giriraj Singh also gave away Certificates to Guild Certified Framers (GCF). The dignitaries were welcomed and hosted by Mr. O.P. Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH; Vice Chairmen, EPCH-Mr. Ravi K Passi and Mr. Sagar Mehta; Mr. Sudhir Tyagi, eminent member exporter from Moradabad; President, Reception Committee, IHGF Delhi Fair-Spring 2018- Mr. Radhey Shyam Ranga; Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH and Chairman, IEML; Mr. R.K. Verma, Director, EPCH; and Mr. Manish Gourisaria from Lion India (leading specialists in picture framing technology in India).



Shri Giriraj Singh
Minister of State (I/C) for MSME, Govt. of India

At this IHGF Delhi Fair I am seeing the MSME sector's representation through the display of several beautiful products of home décor & utility. The intricate carvings, the fine weaves, all reflect the skills as well as means of hard earned livelihood of our artisans who are tirelessly working to get jobs done in time. Sometimes they do not get their wages in time. This is something the MSME Ministry seeks to eradicate. EPCH is doing its bit by removing many hurdles so that the sector sees growth.

Today Indian handicrafts have immense recognition and patronage in the international market. However, there is a lot of potential to be harnessed. I urge the stakeholders of this industry to foster our age old craft skills as well as our artisans so that all segments of the value chain may be benefitted.

The GCF, a qualified professional picture framing training course cum examination was launched for the first time in India by Lion India, in association with the Fine Art Guild, London, UK. The training was conducted in November 2017 and out of 20 candidates, 12 successfully passed as Guild Certified Framers in India.



The training programme was conducted by Mr. Stephen Finney GCF (APF) Advanced, a world renowned master trainer from Germany. The vocational course seeks to upgrade the skills of framers with a view to bring world class expertise to them. Recipients of the Certificates were: Mr. Ali Asgar Kanchwala; Mr. Deepak Anand Oulkar; Ms. Mia Renny; Mrs. Liza Mayan; Mr. Giovanni Jesus Lourdes Fernandes; Mr. Sanjay K Lahoti, Mr. K Narendra Shenoy; Mrs. Manisha Sajjan Bhatcar; Mr. Mohd. Asif; Mr. Punit Prahladka; and Mr. Dipak Dholey. ■