

AEPC, IGNOU ink pact for a slew of skill-based programmes

New Delhi, Oct 12: The AEPC and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) have signed a memorandum of understanding for a variety of apparel industry specific educational programmes.

The MoU aims to institute educational programmes in the skill-based domain of apparel, garments, fashion designing which will ensure employment to a large cross-section of the society. AEPC's Institute of Apparel Management (IAM) and Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDCs) have developed some programmes for niche areas of functioning in the apparel industry.

The pact will ensure IGNOU certification and scaling up for further domain knowledge. The move will give a boost to professionals in fibre-to-fashion chain of textile, apparel and retail industries.

The MoU was signed on October 12 by AEPC's director general for education and training Darlie Koshy and IGNOU's registrar (administration) U.S. Tolia in the presence of AEPC's chairman Rakesh Vaid and IGNOU's vice chancellor V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai.

The agreement also ensures exploration of possibilities to set up an activity centre to create avenues for gainful employment in textile, apparel, lifestyle and retail sectors.

The tie-up will especially address following areas of interests: exclusive use of networks of IGNOU, IAM and ATDC to get skill-development of the unreached segment of the society, innovative tech-voc academic programmes by share of expertise, joint market surveys to develop need-based approach to help the professionals in their career pathways, creation of ICT-driven delivery culture, development of new concepts and white papers for bridging education and industry requirements.