

Time to get SMART

The Indian apparel industry is a key pillar of manufacturing and employment generation in India contributing 4 per cent to GDP, 14 per cent to industrial production and 20 per cent to exports. It currently employs 10 million people in the garment sector and over 38 million in the entire textile and apparel value chain.

However, the apparel industry is going through challenging times with escalating costs, tighter delivery schedules and shrinking availability of well-trained and skilled human resource. There is also an expanding demand for trainers who can further train workforce across various domains of the apparel industry.

The Apparel Training & Design Centre-SMART Training of Trainers' Academy (ATDC-SMART TOT) well understands crucial requirements and is rapidly becoming a solution provider to this fundamental concern of availability of trained trainers to create skilled employable workforce.



ATDC-SMART TOT Academy started with a pilot mode at ATDC Rohini and later started its full-swing operation at ATDC's national head office in Gurgaon in February-March 2011. Since then the academy has conducted various training programmes to upgrade the knowledge base and skill levels of ATDC's lecturers, instructors and trainers as well as interested apparel industry participants.

Recently, the academy conducted a workshop on *Work-aids and Attachment-making for Increasing Efficiency in Apparel Construction*, in collaboration with Juki Corporation, Japan. Takahashi San from Sewing Research Institute, Juki Corporation was the lead expert trainer.

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