

Press Release

EDII observes the International Day of Persons with Disabilities; felicitates Differently Abled Entrepreneurs

Monday, 04 December 2023: The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), in association with Directorate of Social Defence and Gujarat State Handicapped (Divyang) Finance and Development Corporation, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Govt. of Gujarat has set up the Centre for Empowerment of Differently Abled (CEDA). Today, EDII observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities by felicitating successful Divyang entrepreneurs and inviting noted professionals to talk about the need to have an inclusive society with opportunities for all.

Shri Kalpesh Vaniya, Deputy Director, Office of Directorate of Social Defence, Govt. of Gujarat, Chief Guest at the event, said, "The society has to bring in empathy in its approach towards the differently abled. The focus should be on Empowerment through training, skill building and counselling. New opportunities need to be created for them and they need to be assimilated in the mainstream. The Government is working in this area with support of institutions like EDII."

On this occasion, noted Divyang Entrepreneurs were awarded for rising above their limitations. The awardees included Patel Amitkumar Ashokkumar (Meetsun Renewable Technology); Patel Shubhadraben Babubhai (Grisha Computer & Common Service Center) and Zala Manguben Bhalabhai (in the field of animal husbandry). Each was presented with a citation.

The occasion was designated as an engaging session focused on overcoming challenges experienced by individuals with disabilities, aiming to create a more inclusive world for them.

About Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad was set up in 1983 as an autonomous and not-for-profit Institute with support of apex financial institutions - the IDBI Bank Ltd., IFCI Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd. and State Bank of India (SBI). The Government of Gujarat pledged twenty-three acres of land on which stands the majestic and sprawling EDII Campus. EDII has been recognized as the CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. The Institute has also been listed as the Institute of National Importance by the Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat. For more information visit: www.ediindia.org

About SBIF

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) has partnered with the State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) for the skill development and training of 750 persons with disabilities (PwDs) under SBI's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project – Swavlamban. EDII will implement the project in Anand, Kheda, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, and Arvalli districts of Gujarat.

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