



Press Release

HITACHI OPENS MODEL SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS FOR ANDHRA YOUTH

Vijaywada, 12th October 2018: In a landmark initiative by an Air-Conditioning company towards skilling and making the youths more employable, two model skill development centers (MSDC) have been opened in the state.

A joint collaboration between the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), Industrial Training Center and Johnson Controls - Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited (JCH-IN), the Kakinada based skill development center commenced its first batch of air conditioning repair and maintenance course on 10th Oct'18 and the Vijayawada based center commenced its program on 12th Oct'18.

It will offer courses in AC Repair and Maintenance for four batches of 20-30 candidates in a year. The duration of the courses will be 3 months. While the syllabus will be provided by Hitachi, the certification will be done jointly by Hitachi and APSSDC.

An outcome of a brief meeting held in June in Vijaywada between Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Shri Gurmeet Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, JCH-IN, these centers will be providing training which will enable unemployed youth and school dropouts to take up the AC technician course (AC repair and maintenance). The trained technicians can be employed by any AC dealer/company or even generate self-employment avenues for themselves.

The next phase would have centers in Nellore, Anantpur and Vishakhapatnam by end of next year.

Mr. K. Sambasiva Rao, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, APSSDC and Gurmeet Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, JCH-IN visited the Vijaywada Center and addressed the students. During the interaction, Gurmeet expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu for showing confidence in the expertise of Hitachi and providing this opportunity to the company to serve the people of the state.

JCH-IN, a joint venture between Johnson Controls, U.S.A and Hitachi Appliances, Japan is undertaking the project as a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. Hitachi will bear the entire cost of running the MSDCs, including AC units for training purposes, salary of instructors/support staff, stationary, furniture, consumables, logistics support etc. . It will also provide training equipment and tool kits to trainees.



Mr. Singh also appreciated Chief Minister’s vision of creating smart manpower to enable people to make smart decisions with smart technologies, as a move towards self-sufficient and sustainable development. “Hitachi is a global leader in air conditioning technology and we hope to produce world-class technicians in this center. Our vision is to work for society and create value for people.”

Mr. K. Sambasiva Rao said, “The center will prove a game changer in addressing youth unemployment in the area. We hope trainees will benefit from Hitachi’s technical expertise.”

Hitachi is a leading global manufacturer of air conditioning products, with its head office and plant at Kadi, Gujarat. As part of its CSR activities, Hitachi has initiated various projects at the local and national level covering the ambit of health, sanitation, education, skilling of rural youth, safety and empowerment of differently-abled. Hitachi has an ongoing project in skilling of rural youth in air conditioning repair and maintenance in partnership with ITI Kadi in association with Gujarat government and the company intends to replicate a similar model for the rural youth of Andhra Pradesh.

About Company:

Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited is a joint venture company of Johnson Controls, US and Hitachi Appliances, Japan. Through this joint venture, we have combined the rich heritage and innovative technology of Hitachi with the industry leading expertise and a global network of Johnson Controls. The partnership is aimed at addressing the cooling needs faster, smarter and much more efficiently than ever before. Our customers will stand to benefit from our world-class R&D centers, where our researchers work tirelessly to provide innovative solutions and quality products that are designed to meet every expectation. Johnson Controls – Hitachi Air Conditioning Company has global presence, out of which India unit is called “Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited”

Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited manufactures a wide range of products under Hitachi brand, such as room air-conditioners (Split & Window ACs) to commercial air-conditioners including Chiller, Cassette Air conditioners , Ductable air-conditioners, Telecom Air conditioners & VRF system. Our company is not just limited to making air conditioners but also, into trading of Refrigerators and Air Purifiers.

Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited’s headquarter is situated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat with manufacturing plant in Kadi, Gujarat. We have a total installed capacity of 9, 00,000 Room Air conditioners per annum (in a single shift). In addition to that, the Company also has the capacity to manufacture 120,000 Tons of Ductable units, 9000 VRF ODUs and 300 Chillers per annum. Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning India Limited is amongst the top air-conditioning companies in India.