

CDOS ESTABLISHES STONE RESEARCH CHAIR

Jaipur, 26 December: The Jaipur based Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) is establishing a research chair at the Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) in Jaipur.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed today in the presence of Principal Secretary Industries and Chairman CDOS, Mr. Sunil Arora and Managing Director RIICO, Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat. The MOU was signed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO), CDOS, Mr. R.K. Gupta and Director, MNIT, Mr. Prof. I.K. Bhat.

On the occasion the Chairman of CDOS, Mr. Sunil Arora said that this Chair is being established subsequent to the announcement of the Chief Minister, Mr. Ashok Gehlot at the inaugural function of India Stone Mart 2011. He further informed that the setting up of the Chair will give a thrust to research in burgeoning dimensional stone sector.

Mr. Arora further informed that the Chair would cover research in the areas of mining, processing, conservation and restoration. Specifically, it would focus on standardization of Indian natural stones for structural applications, gainful utilization of stone waste generated during mining and processing of stones, physical, mechanical and thermo characterization of stone properties for promoting uses of stones as a sustainable green building material for various structural applications.

The Managing Director RIICO, Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat said that the research period would be for 7 years extended upto another 5 years. The annual financial support will be provided by CDOS to the extent of around Rs. 35 lakhs. He further informed that this initiative will go a long way in sustainable development of stone industry of the country.

Director, MNIT, Mr. Prof. I.K. Bhat expressed this gratitude to the State Government and CDOS for establishment of the Chair in the new research area relating to dimensional stones. He informed that the Chair would be operational from the next academic session. He further informed that this will enable students of mechanical and civil disciplines to pursue the research in the stone sector.

Mr. Rakesh Gupta of Nice Exports and Mr. Kamal Khetan of Khetan Tiles as well as senior officers of RIICO, CDOS and senior faculty of MNIT were also present on the occasion.

It may be recalled that on 23 December a similar MOU for establishing research Chair at Department of Geology at Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur was signed between CEO, DOS, Mr. R.K. Gupta and Mrs. Nirmla Meena, Registrar, in the presence of Vice Chancellor and eminent stone fraternity of Jodhpur.



In the presence of Principal Secretary Industries and Chairman CDOS, Mr. Sunil Arora and Managing Director RIICO, Mr. Rajendra Bhanawat CEO, CDOS, Mr. R.K. Gupta (right) and Director, MNIT, Mr. Prof. I.K. Bhat (left) exchanging the MOU documents today at Udyog Bhawan.

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