

Jindal Stainless organizes professional training for local fabricators at Gwalior
Company's key initiative to provide better job opportunities; over 7200 fabricators trained so far

Gwalior, November 30, 2018: Adding another chapter to the *Skill India* campaign of the Govt of India, Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturing group, organized a fabricator training workshop at Hotel Clarks here today, providing expert guidance to around 150 local fabricators. A key focus area of the company, this monthly drive was inspired by the government's *Skill India* initiative way back in 2015. Since then, the company has trained more than 7200 fabricators across 69 cities. Commenting on this initiative, **Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal** said, ***"With a CAGR of 9% over the last decade, India is one of the fastest growing markets for stainless steel. Unlike other metals, the fabrication and welding of this metal require special expertise. As industry leaders, we've taken it upon ourselves to strengthen the skill set of all fabricators in India. This will enhance employment and earning opportunities for local fabricators, and augment the availability of stainless steel to the end consumer."***

The workshop is designed to educate fabricators about stainless steel usage across industrial applications along with its varied benefits. It equips participants with knowledge on tools and machines to be employed in order to maximize productivity. The training takes them through a meticulously designed skill program, including welding, cutting, and polishing of stainless steel. Attended by local vendors, manufacturers, and dealers, the workshop provides a platform for Jindal Stainless to identify key fabricators in every city. Since these fabricators manufacture customer/consumer-facing end products, an essential part of the training is to school them on improving customer/consumer engagement and delivering quality products.

A stainless steel showcase van, exhibiting various industrial and household applications of stainless steel will also be present at the venue. Used as a stainless steel school on wheels, this van traverses the length and breadth of the country, educating masses on the health, hygiene and cost benefits of switching to stainless steel.

As compared to conventional materials like mild steel and carbon steel, stainless steel is a green metal. Given its properties of resistance to corrosion, heat, pressure, and ageing, the metal finds application in diverse sectors, including railways, metro projects, bridges, transportation, heavy machinery etc. As India marches ahead on the development curve, the use and demand of stainless steel is poised to grow. Government initiatives such as Smart Cities, expansion and modernisation of Railways, development of ports, *Swachhta* Mission, National Solar Mission, *Bharatmala Pariyojana*, industrial corridors, airport modernization, etc., will further necessitate

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use of stainless steel. As the only *counter-magnet* city in Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior promises a high growth potential in stainless steel consumption pattern. Regular hands-on training and expert professional guidance will help in boosting the domestic manufacturing sector.