



DHFL Launches Skill Development Training Centres to Empower Youth

~To empower 2000 youth this year in skill development courses~

Mumbai, July 11, 2016: Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL), India's leading housing finance company in the private sector launched state-of-the-art skill development training centres in Chandrapur and Kolhapur to train the youth from economically weaker section of the society. These training centres will offer courses for professions like business correspondent, masons, carpenters, electricians and loan approval officers. These courses are being currently accredited by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and other competent authorities.

As part of the initiative, DHFL aims to provide training and support to over 1000 youth in each centre and a total of 2000 youth this year. The company will provide both theoretical knowledge and practical trainings to the youth for each of the courses for a period of three months. Post the three month course they will be provided with a one month on the job training and will also be assisted in placements.

Announcing the launch of the program, Mr. S. Govindan, Head CSR said, ***"India will have a surplus manpower of over 4 to 5 crore by next decade out of which majority will come from tier 2 and tier 3 locations. This makes it imperative to empower our youth with skills and abilities to tackle global challenges, and make the best of the demographic dividend."***

He further added, "DHFL with its over 3 decade focus in empowering economically weaker sections of the society is well placed to empower youth with relevant knowledge and skills thereby making them employable. This initiative is also towards our commitment to become a reliable partner to the government in building our nation by catalysing the skills landscape in India."

DHFL recently adopted five villages in the Phulambhari block of Aurangabad district to help the drought affected people of the Marathwada region of Maharashtra. It has made a commitment for the next three years to implement a holistic watershed and development program in these villages. DHFL has also adopted around 990 Aganwadies in Vasai Phalghar talukas for all round development and capacity building to support the integrated child development program of the Government and make Aganwadies far more effective in meeting its objective.

The company is also sponsoring a government-supported campaign in Palghar to provide world-class education to children studying in rural schools across Maharashtra. It has also organized financial education road shows across Maharashtra to promote financial literacy and enable home ownership among the low and middle income group families.

About DHFL

DHFL was founded in 1984 by Late Shri Rajesh Kumar Wadhawan with a vision to provide financial access for Indians to own a home of their own. Today, led by Mr. Kapil Wadhawan, CMD, DHFL, the company is CARE AAA rated and reckoned as one of India's leading financial institutions with a large presence across the country, in addition to representative offices in Dubai and London.

Throughout its years of growth, DHFL has stayed true to its core vision of financial inclusion, especially to the low and middle income customers across India. The company's wide network, coupled with insights into local customer needs, has enabled the company to provide meaningful financial access to customers even in India's smallest towns. With a strong business foundation, an extensive distribution network, proven industry expertise and a deep understanding of the Indian customer, DHFL is a respected and trusted financial services company in India with a concerted focus towards enabling home ownership to the low and middle income customer. For further information, please [visit www.dhfl.com](http://www.dhfl.com)