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**GJEPC TO HOST 10TH EDITION OF SIGNATURE IIJS FROM 7TH TO 9TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT
THE BOMBAY EXHIBITON CENTRE**

4TH EDITION OF IGJME TO EXHIBIT THE LATEST IN G&J TECHNOLOGY AT THE SAME TIME

- ***Premiere jewellery and G&J technology shows to jumpstart the new buying season***
- ***Business hours extended on first two days of the Show till 8 pm***
- ***Phase 1 of Visitor Registration extended up to 31st January 2017***
- ***All booths in IGJME relocated to Hall No. 1 with new Entry & Exit***

Mumbai, 9th December 2016: The 10th edition of Signature IIJS 2017 is all set to unveil the most coveted premium jewellery and kick-start the new buying season from 7th (Tuesday) – 9th (Thursday) February, 2017 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon. The 4th edition of India Gem & Jewellery Machinery Expo (IGJME) – one of the leading gem and jewellery (G&J) technology fairs - will be held in conjunction with SIGNATURE IIJS on the same dates and at the same venue.

Due to the preponement of the presentation of the Government's Union Budget and the prevailing socio-economic market conditions, the National Exhibition Sub Committee of the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) has decided to reschedule the show date/ timings and reorganized the floor plan for better convenience of the visitors & making the show compact. The duration of the show will now comprise of 3 weekdays instead of 4 days over the weekend as announced earlier. For convenience and to facilitate better interactions between exhibitors and visitors.

The New Exhibition business hours are as follows,

7th February, 2017 : 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

8th February, 2017 : 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

9th February, 2017 : 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

All the booths of **IGJME** are being re-located to a new location in **Hall No. 1** with new Entry and Exit separate from IIJS Signature.

As a concession to visitors impacted by the recent demonetization scenario, ***Phase 1 of Visitor Registration has been extended up to 31st January 2017*** (Phase II of Visitor registration has been withdrawn). The charges for registration fees as per Phase III will be applicable from 1st February 2017.

Mr. Praveenshankar Pandya, Chairman, GJEPC, said, *“In the 50th anniversary year of the Council, Signature IJS, which is India’s top-of-the-line jewellery show, completes a decade of showcasing the best jewellery collections crafted by over 500 of the country’s leading manufacturers. Signature IJS demonstrates that India’s jewellery manufacturing strengths are now established as a reliable and competitive source for retailers & consumers from across the world. The global trade bases their buying cycles around these dates to replenish their inventories and get insights/perspective on future styles, forecasts and trendspotting.”* He added, *“IGJME, one of the leading gem and jewellery technology fairs, showcases the latest product innovation and technological advancements to boost the quality and quantity of production requirements. IGJME, over the years, has emerged as one of the most technologically advanced show of the global industry.”*

Signature IJS show features well defined sections of Diamonds, Gemstones, Gold and studded Jewellery. The main highlight of the show is Signature Club, which showcases the most exquisite couture jewellery by the leading manufacturers of the Country. The event is poised to witness more than 550 exhibitors, 1000+ stalls and is expected to draw 13000 visitors from 455 + cities, towns, pan India and 55 + countries (9000 visitors pre-registered already).

Buyer delegations from countries such as **UK, Iran, Russia, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Lebanon, China, Hong Kong, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh & Nepal** amongst others will be visiting the show. Technology & Educative Seminars are also being organised for the first two days of the show.

Signature IJS provides a perfect platform for the country’s leading manufacturers and retailers to facilitate an exchange of market insights and knowledge, providing networking opportunities for business. In addition to that, an exclusive ‘By Invitation Only’ Networking Evening has been organised for exhibitors and buyers to further explore business opportunities and strengthen existing business ties.

For more details, logon to: www.ijs-signature.org/www.gjepc.org/igjme

About GJEPC

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) was set up by the Ministry of Commerce and industry, Government of India (GoI) in 1966. It was one of several Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) launched by the Indian Government, to boost the country’s export thrust, when India’s post-Independence economy began making forays in the international markets. Since 1998, the GJEPC has been granted autonomous status. The GJEPC is the apex body of the gems & jewellery industry and today it represents over 6,000 exporters in the sector. With headquarters in Mumbai, the GJEPC has Regional Offices in New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Surat and Jaipur, all of which are major centres for the industry. It thus has a wide reach and is able to have a closer interaction with members to serve them in a direct and more meaningful manner. Over the past decades, the GJEPC has emerged as one of the most active EPCs, and has continuously strived to expand its reach and depth in its promotional activities as well as widen and increase services to its members.

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