

# Goldsmith Academy for Training Jewelers

**The Academy was established in Madurai in 2012.**

**The aims of the academy are as follows**

- Training traditional goldsmiths to fit contemporary needs
- Specializing in jewel designing, casting techniques, stone setting, refining and assaying, polishing and electroplating, and gem and diamond grading techniques
- Adopt technology to introduce innovative products and services as well as increase the value of products on an on-going basis and produce them at reasonable rates.
- Update the knowledge and skills of the human capital to provide quality customer support.
- The objective of the academy is to develop skill and prevent exodus of traditional goldsmiths who are losing their business with the arrival of major jewelry retailers.
- The institute will collaborate with the District Industries Centre (DIC) and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Institute (MSME DI) to train goldsmiths.
- The institute has the capacity to train 40 students per appraisal course, which are ten days for non-goldsmiths and four days for goldsmiths.