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Relevance of eco-profit projects underlined

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An awareness programme on eco-profit projects was organised by GTZ-ASEM Eco-Profit Projects, New Delhi, at Gurgaon Industrial Association (GIA) House here recently.

RK Kataria, deputy commissioner, Gurgaon, was the chief guest, while Hamvir Singh, DGM, HSIIDC, Gurgaon, was the guest of honour. VP Bajaj, president of the GIA, presided over the function.

Bajaj maintained that eco-profit projects improved the ecological situation and strengthened the industries economically by using environment-friendly technologies in basic areas of industrial importance like energy, water, waste management, etc.

Dr J. Bishoff, director, GTZ-ASEM, outlined the objective and project structure of eco-profit projects. He pointed out that the highly competitive environment had compelled the industries to keep production costs stable or low over a longer period of time, which had become difficult to sustain due to the rising prices of energy, skilled workforce, raw material, etc.

Appreciating the GIA support for eco-profit projects, Dr Bishoff asserted that three initial projects had proved to be self-sustaining and these had not received any direct financial support since 2006.

Markus Moeller, from Stenum GmbH, Austria, and Raghu Babu from GTZ-ASEM, made illustrative presentations on the working of eco-profit projects.

KC Papreja, honorary general secretary of the GIA, proposed the vote of thanks.