

'Gurukul' – An employment enhancing and capacity building project



The newly set-up Gurukul Career Academy, Bilaspur

The 'GURUKUL – Skill development for Youth' initiative reached another milestone with inauguration of the Gurukul Career Academy, Mopka, Bilaspur (Chattisgarh) on 29 October, 2015. A project of **Fullerton India Credit Company Limited (FICCL)** and **TARA**, the programme, through the Academy provides a 45-day residential training programme **to rural and semi-urban youth in English speaking, personality development and basic banking skills**. The first such academy was launched in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh in September 2015.

The academy was inaugurated in the august presence of Mr. Rakesh Makkar, EVP & Head – Business & Marketing and Mr. Sameer Mishra, Senior VP – Rural from FICCL and Mr. Vijay Chaturvedi, Vice President from TARA. The other attendees of the inauguration ceremony included senior employees from FICCL, TARA and officers from the rural Fullerton branch, known as Gramshakti and interested students from Mopka and other neighbouring villages. Lighting of the lamp was followed by speeches from Mr. Rakesh and Mr. Sameer, asserting the need for increased participation from students in the programme and specifying the role of FICCL in linking the trained students with the market. Mr. Vijay's speech focused on the role of TARA in implementing the programme through its special purpose vehicle, **TARA Livelihood Academy (TLA)**.



Mr. Vijay Chaturvedi, Mr. Rakesh Makkar and Mr. Sameer Mishra (L-R), addressing the gathering