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### **Centum Learning to be the Strategic Sponsor for the Fifth Edition of FICCI Global Skills Summit**

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- Launch of CEOs For Skills – a joint initiative of FICCI & Centum Learning

**New Delhi, September 4, 2012:** Centum Learning, a leading training and skill development organization with operations in 20 countries, today announced that it will be a Strategic Sponsor for the Fifth Edition of Global Skills Summit (GSS) scheduled on September 6-7, 2012 at FICCI's Federation House, New Delhi.

Centum Learning is proud to be associated with FICCI GSS this year, the theme of which is dedicated to the most important stakeholder in the national skills mission of India – the **'Learner First'**. The summit will examine relevant aspects of skill building and implementation from a learner's perspective. It will have focused sessions on technology, jobs, industry, sector councils, role of governments, etc. Several countries like UK, Germany, Canada, US, China, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh Sri Lanka etc are participating in this event.

On this occasion, Mr.Sanjeev Duggal, CEO & Director of Centum Learning said, "Centum Learning recognizes that the learner is the most important aspect of this entire gamut of Skills Development. This is why we have chosen to strategically partner FICCI GSS this year. We are committed to working with the stakeholders, especially the industry, government and academia to create sustainable and scalable skills propositions which will benefit the learner from all sections of society".

The Summit will witness the launch of 'CEOs For Skills' : a joint initiative of FICCI and Centum Learning. This premier forum of CEOs will lead the discussion around skill development, either as a viable commercial proposition, through PPP initiative, or as a CSR program for organisations.

Centum Learning has been associated with this prestigious annual event for three years in a row where stakeholders and top functionaries come together to debate contemporary issues impacting the skills industry. Over the years, this Forum has evolved as a platform for skills dialogue, policy ideation, industry engagement and sharing of best practices from around the world.

The Summit will launch FICCI Skills Pledge nationally and release FICCI-Ernst & Young White Paper on 'Learner First'. The Forum will also announce the first Skills Champions Awards.

## **About FICCI**

Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India. Its history is closely interwoven with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies. FICCI has contributed to this historical process by encouraging debate, articulating the private sector's views and influencing policy.

A non-government, not-for-profit organization, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry. FICCI draws its membership from the corporate sector, both private and public, including SMEs and MNCs; FICCI enjoys an indirect membership of over 2,50,000 companies from various regional chambers of commerce.

## **About Centum Learning Limited [www.centumlearning.com](http://www.centumlearning.com)**

Centum Learning, with more than 1000 learning & development specialists, provides end-to-end training and skill-building solutions to over 350 global firms, Central and State Ministries, PSUs across 20 countries. Its training solutions aim at enhancing productivity and business outcomes.

Centum Learning has set up more than 278 learning centres in rural and urban locations to provide employability skills to youth in tandem with industry requirements to enable sustainable transformation. In the skill building domain, in association with National Skill Development Corporation, it has also established Centum WorkSkills India Limited to skill 1.2 crore people and provide livelihood opportunities.

Centum Learning's accomplishments in training & skill building have been recognized in several leading national and global platforms.

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