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A program on industry institute interaction was organised in Mechanical and Production Engg Department of GNDEC in collaboration with QCFI Hyderabad. Dr. R.K Garg Director (Northern region, QCFI) and two experts elaborated how academia can help industries for improving productivity with small investments and data collection/handling. It was agreed upon unanimously that research initiatives need to be taken in collaboration with institutions for the overall development and growth of industries. Around 30 MDs and CEOs and officials of top industries of Ludhiana (mostly linked to FICO) and government officials attended this program. Detailed deliberations were made by Mr K.K Seth (Seth Industrial corp.), Mr Ranjodh Singh (GST group of industries), Mr G.S Kular (Kular International), Dr. M.S Saini (Director GNDEC), Dr. R.S Seehra and Dr. S.B Singh (Ex- Principals GNDEC), Dr. Sehijpal Singh -HOD –Mechanical Engg Deptt) and other faculty members of GNDEC. A MoU between Federation of Industrial and Commercial Organisation (FICO) and GNDEC was signed. The primary purpose of this MoU is to increase the mutual participation of industry and institution in technological developments. A model is envisaged in which groups of second year students will be adopted by the industries for enhancing their engineering skills. Mr G.S Kular President of FICO made a commitment that the industries shall create a healthy and sustainable link with GNDEC to consistently mentor the students from their second year. FICO and QCFI had agreed to open a chapter of QCFI in Ludhiana for providing training to the industries on quality issues and creating effective interaction between industries and GNDEC.