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Koshy bags prestigious Italian award

New Delhi, Mar 18 – Italy’s ambassador to India Roberto Toscano today gave the prestigious Star of the Italian Solidarity Award to Dr Darlie Koshy, director general of the Apparel Export Promotion Council’s education and training initiatives.

The award is conferred by Italian president on individuals who illustrate themselves with their activities and who contribute to strengthen the friendly ties between India and Italy.

“Dr Darlie Koshy in his capacity of former Director of National Institute of Design (NID), the principal institute of Indian design, has greatly contributed to Indo-Italian cooperation in the field of design,” said Mr Toscano after giving the award.

Dr Koshy is the chief executive officer of Apparel Training and Design Centres and the Institute of Apparel Management which form an integral part of the council's strategic activities. Last year, he was conferred the Premio II Ponte Award for his contribution to design for development and quality of life instituted by the Fondazione Europea Guido Venosta at Milan in Italy.

His recent book “Indian Design Edge” published by Roli Books has received wide critical acclaim as a pioneering and thought provoking work.

Before joining the AEPC in late last year, Dr Koshy was director of the Ahmedabad-based NID for two terms of office (2000-08). He initiated and drafted the country's first national design policy which was approved by the government in February 2007. Dr Koshy also set up two new campuses of the NID.