

Symposium on Niryat Bandhu and Exports of Handicrafts from Uttar Pradesh - Challenges & Opportunities

19th December, 2015; Moradabad



Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Chairman, EPCH, delivers the welcome address and initiates the symposium at Moradabad

In order to explore opportunities for enhancing exports of handicrafts from the state of Uttar Pradesh and find solutions to the challenges being faced by exporters of the region, EPCH organized a "Symposium on Niryat Bandhu and Exports of Handicrafts from Uttar Pradesh - Challenges & Opportunities", on 19th December, 2015, at Moradabad.

This was chaired by Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for MSME & Export Promotion, (Govt. of UP). The occasion was also graced by Dr. Rajneesh Dube, Principal Secretary (MSME & EP); Mr. R.K Singh, Joint Export Commissioner, Export Promotion Bureau, UP; Mr. Sumeet Jerath, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade (Delhi CLA); Mr. Satish Kumar, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade (Delhi CLA); Mr. Tejveer Singh, FTDO; Dr. Shashank Yadav, IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Custom; Mr. Omkar Singh, DIG, Moradabad range; Mr. Subhas Chandra Sharma, IAS, Commissioner; Dr. Rama Shankar Maurya, Addl. Commissioner, Director of Industries; Mr. Anjani Kumar, Additional

Commissioner (Sale Tax); and Mr. Chanranath Som, Joint Dy. Director General, FIEO. The EPCH and industry representation included Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Mohd. Abbas, President, Moradabad Handicrafts Exporters Association; Mr. Sudhir Tyagi, Member COA - EPCH; and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH. Other government officials from various departments such as Custom, Central Excise, DGFT, Concor, Director of Industries, Fire and Pollution Control Board etc. were also present during the symposium.

Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Chairman, EPCH, in his welcome address, thanked the Hon'ble Minister for sparing his valuable time from his busy schedule and agreeing to chair the symposium.

Welcoming the guests and thanking them for their presence, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH, drew attention to exports of handicrafts from the State of Uttar Pradesh through a detailed presentation. He also spoke of the Council's initiatives for the promotion of handicraft exports.

Mr. Satya Pal, a leading exporter from Moradabad initiated the session through a point wise agenda. The discussion on various issues pertaining to electricity, Commercial Tax, VAT refund, Industries Department, Pollution Board, Employees State Insurance and Moradabad Development Authority, took place. The Hon'ble

Minister and Dr. Rajneesh Dube, Pr. Secretary, Government of UP, offered a patient hearing to all the issues as well as suggestions and assured of all possible help from the State Government, towards promotion of exports from Moradabad.

In his address to the participants at the symposium, Mr. Nitin Agarwal made some announcements. He said that very soon, the State Government will set up a Council to be known as UP Export Promotion Council for the exclusive purpose for promotion of exports in UP. The name of District Industry Centre shall be changed to 'District Industry Facilitation

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- District Industry Centre to be renamed as 'District Industry Facilitation Centre'
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Centre' to indicate its specific role more prominently. The Saharanpur Wood Depot, lying closed at present, shall begin to operate under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model so that it functions more purposefully and effectively. The Government shall also set up a National Institute of Design in the state.

The Hon'ble Minister assured that the UP Government is committed to speedy industrialization of the state and all possible help will be given to exporters as well. State level issues would be addressed through Udyog Bandhu meetings so that solutions are arrived at quickly. The meeting of Udyog Bandhu shall be held every month for speedy disposal of issues at a local level. ■



Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Minister of State (IC) for MSME & Export Promotion, (Govt. of UP), assures of his office's committed to speedy industrialization of UP



Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH, draws attention to exports of handicrafts from the State of Uttar Pradesh

