

# Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Ajay Tamta visits Moradabad

## Interacts with Handicrafts Exporters

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Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Govt. of India, Shri Ajay Tamta was the Chief Guest of an interactive session EPCH organised with the region's handicraft exporters at the Moradabad Resource Centre. The Minister was welcomed by EPCH COA Members, leading member exporters, primary producer groups and artisans from Moradabad.

On behalf of the handicraft exporters' fraternity, eminent member exporter and past Chairman, EPCH, Mr. Satpal initiated the session. After the opening remarks, he put forth the challenges being faced by the Moradabad handicrafts sector. The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient hearing to their submissions and desired to know of suggestions for possible solutions.

The forum discussed the issues of the region's handicraft sector and reduced growth of exports pertaining to issues like GST refund, drawback, rationalisation of House Tax on the units, infrastructural support for SMEs, subsidy on containers for export shipments, water storage compliance by fire department, etc. as well as Handicrafts Sourcing Hub,



*Shri Ajay Tamta Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Govt. of India, seen interacting with the audience. Also seen on the dias are (LtoR): eminent exporters from Moradabad - Mr. Satpal, Mr. Naved Ur Rehman, Mr. Neeraj Khanna, Mr. Sudhir Tyagi, Mr. Avadhesh Agarwal and Mr. Anoop Shankhdar; as well as Mr. R K Verma, Director, EPCH*

Technology upgradation of Metal Handicrafts Service Centre (MHSC), Moradabad, shifting of DGFT Office from Moradabad, etc.

A delegation of crafts persons from Moradabad urged Mr. Tamta to set up an artisan park and provide gas pipeline that will enable producers to remove furnaces used in the production process and reduce pollution.



The Hon'ble Minister was of strong opinion that Moradabad has achieved recognition as 'Peetalnagari' due to its crafts persons and best efforts will be made to support artisans and exporters for the growth of handicrafts from Moradabad. EPCH COA Members - Mr. Sudhir Tyagi, Mr. Neeraj Khanna, Mr. Anoop Shankhdar, and Mr. Naved Ur Rehman as well as Director, EPCH, R K Verma and eminent exporters from Moradabad were present on the occasion. ■