

IMPORTANT EVENT, SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2017:

- 1.1 A delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Kalraj Mishra, visited Mauritius from May 12th to 14th May, 2017 to participate in the 2nd India-Mauritius Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) wherein it was proposed to set up a virtual technology exchange centre. The Hon'ble Minister (MSME) inaugurated the International SME Innovation & Technology Fair, 2017.
- 1.2 H.E. Ms. Ann Linde, Hon'ble Minister of EU Affairs and Trade of Sweden met Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Kalraj Mishra to discuss about enhancing cooperation in MSME Sector.
- 1.3 A first ever meeting of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on Public Procurement Policy on Defence Production was held on 1st May, 2017. Also a meeting was held with heads of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to discuss the various aspects on procurement of goods by them from Micro and Small Enterprises belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs.
- 1.4 Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of new building of Institute for Design of Electronic Measuring Instruments (IDEMI) at Mumbai was held on 10th May, 2017 by Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra also attended the function.
- 1.5 A delegation from Taiwan visited National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) Technical Services Centre, New Delhi and appreciated the efforts of NSIC for creating modern facilities for imparting practical training.
- 1.6 On 21st May, 2017, Steel Charkha was unveiled and inauguration of Charkha Museum function was graced by Shri Amit Shah, President BJP at Palika Bazar, Connaught Place, New Delhi in the presence of Hon'ble Minister (MSME) and other dignitaries of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
- 1.7 Shri Giriraj Singh, Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises accompanied by Chairman KVIC, inaugurated the Khadi Fashion Show on 18th May, 2017 at Mumbai along with the launch of Khadi collection named 'Raymond Khadi' by Raymond Limited. Shri Giriraj Singh, MoS (MSME) also distributed Solar Charkha to the Artisans at Nawada, Bihar. He also reviewed the progress

of fabrication work of fully automatic Anugraha –Thejas looms for production of geo textiles.

- 1.8 Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) started Bee-keeping Training Programme (Apiculture Training Course) for Gardeners of President's Estate at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Also a five day training programme was launched by Chairman, KVIC on Beekeeping, Handmade Paper Conversion, Charkha Spinning, Soap & Detergent Making, Agarbatti etc. in Tihar Jail for young inmates.
- 1.9 Common Facility Centres (CFC) of Madurai Coir Cluster of Tamil Nadu was visited by the Secretary(MSME) on 18th May, 2017. Livelihood Business Incubation Centres of Coir Board under ASPIRE at Thanjavur was also visited by the Secretary (MSME) and the incubation activities were reviewed.

2. **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- 2.1 Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), being implemented by KVIC, 63,155 applications were received till 31.05.2017 for the year 2017-18 under the scheme. Out of the said applications and the pending cases of 2016-17 already sanctioned by the banks, Margin money subsidy of Rs. 137.51 crore was disbursed by the banks upto 31.05.2017 which will facilitate setting up of 5,578 micro enterprises.
- 2.2 Various Institutes and organizations under the Ministry imparted entrepreneurship/skill development training to 15,480 persons during the month of May, 2017.
- 2.3 NSIC provided Common Facility Services to 440 micro and small enterprises during this month. NSIC participated in 1 International Exhibition held abroad and 8 Domestic Exhibitions in India.
- 2.4 The Coir Exports from the country recorded an all-time high of Rs.2281.65 cr. and 957045 MT in terms of value and quantity respectively.