

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

- 1.1 H.E. Bardish Chagger, House Leader and Minister of Small Business and Tourism, Canada and her delegation had a meeting with Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and his delegation on 29th March, 2017.
- 1.2 The 1st Korea-India SME Working Group Meeting was also held on 30th March, 2017 wherein Indian delegation was headed by Shri Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Korean delegation was led by H.E. Young-sup Joo, Hon'ble SME Minister of South Korea. The two sides discussed plans for co-operation in areas of technology transfer, joint ventures etc.
- 1.3 Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) proposed the first ever MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between AICTE and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for getting the engineering students, especially the post-graduates trained in various MSMEs.
- 1.4 A delegation of Wufeng University Taiwan led by Mr. Li Tien-Hsin (Vice President), visited IGTR (Indo-German Tool Room), Aurangabad on 9th March, 2017 and had discussions on signing Memorandum of Understanding for conducting Joint International Training Programme in the area of Automation, Tool and Dye-Technology.
- 1.5 World Bank Mission undertook mid-term review of Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP) and appreciated the implementation of the project. It upgraded the programme in various parameters. It is hoped that construction in all 13 Technology Centres will be in full swing during this financial year.
- 1.6 The long pending issue of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) with Odisha MSEFC (Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council) has been resolved thus taking away available liabilities of more than Rs.200 cr. on NSIC.
- 1.7 Additional PS to PM Shri P.K. Mishra held a meeting regarding Solar Charkha, Moringa Feed Mission, Palmgur Mission and Honey-bee Mission on 8th March, 2017 which was also attended by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Giriraj Singh.
- 1.8 The 24th Meeting of the Scheme Steering Committee of SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) was held on 21st March, 2017

wherein it was decided to sanction 9 new projects with Government grant of Rs. 11.97 cr.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2.1 Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), being implemented by KVIC, 4,63,833 applications were received till 31.03.2017 for the year 2016-17 under the scheme. Out of the said applications and the pending cases of 2015-16 already sanctioned by the banks, Margin money subsidy of Rs. 1280.93 crore was disbursed by the banks upto 31.03.2017 which will facilitate setting up of 52,912 micro enterprises.
- 2.2 Various Institutes and organizations under the Ministry imparted entrepreneurship/skill development training to 23,147 persons during the month of March, 2017.
- 2.3 NSIC provided Common Facility Services to 999 micro and small enterprises and also assisted MSMEs with supply of basic raw materials worth Rs. 1,947.47 crore during this month. NSIC participated in 5 Foreign Exhibitions and 15 Domestic Exhibitions in India.