

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of February, 2021

1. Policy Decisions: NIL

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

- (a) To support the handloom and handicraft sectors and to enable wider market for handloom weavers/artisans/producers, steps have been taken to on-board weavers/artisans on Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. As on 28-02-2021, 1,75,749 weavers/ artisans/ handloom entities have been registered on GeM portal.
- (b) Design Resource Centres (DRCs) are being set up in Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) through NIFT with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers for creating new designs. 7 such Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) at Delhi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Varanasi, Guwahati, Bhubaneswar and Mumbai and the DRC at Kancheepuram are expected shortly.
- (c) Ministry of Textiles has undertaken to develop Craft Villages in select Handloom and Handicraft pockets of the country on important tourist circuits for integrated sustainable development of Handlooms, crafts and tourism with the combined effort of both the State and the Central Governments. These Craft Villages are to be set up with the cooperation from the respective State Governments.

- (d) Craft Handloom Village will be able to offer traditional hand-woven products to the consumers and tourists by inspiring knowledge about authentic weaving technique through "hands on" experience. Presently, construction work is going on for Crafts villages at Mohapara (Assam), Kullu (Himachal Pradesh), Srinagar (J&K), Kollam (Kerala) and Rampur, Bodhgaya (Bihar).
- (e) Under Weavers' Mudra Scheme, In February 2021 alone, 1338 number of MUDRA Loans worth Rs.6.91 crore were sanctioned as well as disbursed too.
- (f) In order to promote Handlooms in overseas market, one International Expos - Indian Handwoven and Hometextiles Soucrching was participated by Handloom Export Promotion Council in different countries on virtual mode during 9th - 13th February 2021 at Sweden and Denmark.

ii. **Handicrafts Sector:** The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has inaugurated the Indian Toy Fair 2021 on 27.02.2021 virtually. 1178 exhibitors are participating the fair being held virtually with involvement of 8 Ministries of Government of India

iii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of February, 2021 were 49.57 lakh bales. Out of which, 1.96 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.

iv. **TUFS:** During the month of February, 2021, 107 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 464.22 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 34.03 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

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