

Design and Trends Forecast for Spring/Summer'26

Awareness Workshop for Home Furnishings, Fashion Jewellery and Accessories in New Delhi; 22nd February 2025



Speakers at the seminar: Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Former Chairman, EPCH; Ms. Rachael Gentner, Creative Director of Active at Fashion Snoops; Dr. Preetha Hussain, Professor, NIFT-Delhi; Ms. Srishti Srivastava, Business Development Manager, Fashion Snoops; and Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH

The Spring/Summer 2026 forecast in home furnishings, fashion jewellery and accessories highlight themes of adaptability, inclusivity, and sustainability, with innovative details setting the tone for upcoming collections. Jewellery trends, in particular, reflect a harmonious fusion of tradition and modernity.

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Active at Fashion Snoops; Dr. Preetha Hussain, Professor, NIFT-Delhi; Ms. Srishti Srivastava, Business Development Manager, Fashion Snoops; and Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH. The event saw the participation of a large number of member exporters from Delhi/NCR. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where speakers addressed members' queries, offering valuable insights. ■

Awareness Workshop for Wooden Decoratives & Gift Items in Saharanpur, UP; 27th February 2025

The workshop aimed to provide valuable insights into the latest design trends, innovative product ideas, and market preferences for the upcoming season, with a special focus on wooden decorative and gift items.

Key Participants were, Ms. Vandana Bhandari, Design Advisor, EPCH; Ms. Srishti Srivastava, Business Development Executive, Fashion Snoops; and Ms. Diptashree Pal, Business Development Associate, Fashion Snoops.

Ms. Vandana Bhandari highlighted the significance of design and trend awareness in product development, stressing the need for continuous innovation. Ms. Srishti Srivastava provided insights into seasonal trends, explaining how to interpret forecasts, apply patterns and colors, and adapt global trends to market preferences. She also shared geographical perspectives to enhance understanding of



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design trends and their impact. The workshop concluded with an interactive session where participants shared their experiences and insights, appreciating EPCH's efforts in fostering innovation and market-driven design strategies. ■

Export & Technology possibilities on Granite - Marble Sector

National workshop at Jalore, Rajasthan; 24th February 2025



A National Workshop on Export & Technology Possibilities in the Granite & Marble Sector was organised by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, in association with EPCH, DIC Jalore, RIICO Jalore, Laghu Udyog Bharati Jalore and the Granite Association Jalore at the Granite Association Hall, Jalore.

Present on the occasion were, Mr. S R Dewasi, General Manager, DIC Jalore; Mr. Balram Meena, Assistant Director, MSME - DFO, Jaipur; Mr. Dinesh Goyal, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Jalore; Mr. Ashokan P, Chief Scientist, CSIR - AMPRI, Bhopal; Mr. Pradeep K. Dammala, Assistant Professor, IIT Jodhpur; Mr. Prakash Parmar, Vice President,

Granite Association, Jalore; and Mr. Rais Ahmed, Director, Jodhpur Institute of Export & Shipping, Jodhpur.

The workshop focused on export growth, technological advancements and improving product quality in the granite sector, a key industry in Jalore. Discussions included government initiatives, subsidies and the adoption of advanced machinery to enhance efficiency and competitiveness. Officials and industry experts shared insights on export opportunities, government assistance and technological advancements.

EPCH representative highlighted export schemes, international fairs, design services and training programs available for artisans and exporters. He emphasised the strong global reputation of Jodhpur exporters and how their established relationships with foreign buyers can benefit new entrants. Mr. Rais Ahmed delivered a presentation on starting an export business, required documentation, and buyer acquisition strategies, while other experts provided insights into departmental schemes and industry support programs. The workshop saw participation from over 200 industry professionals, reinforcing the commitment to boosting exports and innovation in the granite sector. ■

Interactive Session on Customs Clearance

Interaction with CCHAA at Kolkata; 28th February 2025

The EPCH Eastern Regional Office organised an Interactive Session on Customs Clearance in collaboration with the Calcutta Customs House Agents Association (CCHAA) on 28th February 2025, at the EPCH Meeting Hall, Kolkata.

The session aimed to address key aspects of import/export practices, customs regulations, clearance procedures, duty calculations and challenges faced by exporters in navigating customs processes. Distinguished speakers included Mr. Farid Zamal, President, and Mr. Uday Pan, Executive Committee Member of CCHAA, who provided valuable insights into customs procedures.

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House Agents' Association (CCHAA). The session was facilitated by Mr. G D Kothari and Mr. Sunil Malu, EPCH Eastern Regional Committee Member. ■