



Seen on the dais: Mr. Manvendra Singh, Joint DGFT, Kanpur; Mr. R K Singh, Export Commissioner, Export Promotion Bureau, UP; Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH; and Mr. Bhagwat Saran Gangwar, Minister of State for Small Scale Industries and Export Promotion, Govt. of UP

Exploring Possibilities of Exports from Uttar Pradesh and Contribution of the Youth

23rd January, 2015; Indira Gandhi Pratisthan, Lucknow

A seminar was organized by the Export Promotion Bureau at Lucknow, UP, on "Exploring possibilities of exports from Uttar Pradesh and contribution of the youth", on the 23rd January 2015. This one-day program was aimed at youngsters to take up exports as vocation and also encourage entrepreneurship.

This was graced by Chief Guest - Mr. Bhagwat Saran Gangwar, Minister of State for Small Scale Industries and Export Promotion, Govt. of UP; and Mr. Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary- Industries, Govt. of UP.

Speakers at the seminar included, Mr. R K Singh from Export Promotion Bureau, UP; Dr. Punit Mohan, Senior Faculty Member, Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI), Lucknow; Mr. Y S Garg from Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO); Mr. Manvendra Singh from Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT); Mr. Sidhnath Singh, Chairman, Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC); Mr. O P Pandey from Council for Leather Exports (CLE); Mr. Prabhakar Jha from Reserve Bank of India (RBI); Mr. Rajesh Kumar from Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC); and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH.



Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH, addresses the gathering on promoting exports and urges youth to take responsibility

In a very encouraging address, the Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Bhagwat Saran Gangwar, Minister of State for Small Scale Industries and Export Promotion, Govt. of UP, welcomed the participants and specially mentioned about Mr. Rakesh Kumar's contribution towards export promotion of handicrafts. He expressed satisfaction over the fact that UP alone produces around 44% of the country's total exports of handicrafts and with the efforts of the Govt. of UP, export promotion agencies and young entrepreneurs from the state, this could even increase in the future.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, presented an overview of the handicrafts sector, exports as well as various activities undertaken by the Council for promotion of exports from the country. He urged the participants to come forward and take up handicrafts exports. He also spoke about skill development, necessary compliances and international markets for handicrafts. ■



Socio Legal Standards Handbook

EPCH has brought out handbook on necessary compliances in the handicrafts sector - released in 11 regional languages



EPCH has brought out a Guidance Handbook on Socio Legal Standards which contains chapters providing knowledge and information of the applicable laws/ rules as well as the international standards that pertain to social and environmental compliance within the industry. For more details please visit:

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