

Self Generation of Upgraded eBRC on DGFT Portal Awareness Session at Kolkata; 15th March 2024



EPCH organized an awareness session on 'Self-Generation of Upgraded eBRC on DGFT Portal' on March 15th, 2024, at the EPCH Meeting Hall in Kolkata, West Bengal. The seminar aimed to enlighten member exporters about the recently launched upgraded electronic Bank Realization Certificate (eBRC) system. The key speakers at the seminar included Mr. R.L Meena, Deputy Director, DGFT; and Mr. Surjodeep Mal, FTO, DGFT, Kolkata Zone.

Mr. R.L Meena, Deputy Director, DGFT, highlighted the evolution of the eBRC system, which was first digitized in 2012 and recently allowed for self-generation by exporters in November 2023, reducing overall business costs. The guest speakers from Kotak

Mahindra Bank Ltd. informed that the new eBRC system is a significant stride towards ease of doing business and builds trust in exporters' compliance with guidelines and rules.

The session featured a detailed presentation by Mr. Surjodeep Mal, DGFT official, covering the salient features of the new eBRC system. A live demonstration illustrated the simplicity of self-generating eBRCs from the DGFT portal. Currently, 46 banks are onboarded, with 700 eBRCs generated. The speakers addressed queries from the 56 participating members, concluding the session with a vote of thanks from Mr. Aditya Tikrewal, who expressed gratitude to all participants for their engagement. ■

Bringing Toys Back to Life-Revival cum New Design Innovation of Kinnal Wooden Toys Workshop inaugurated at Koppal District, Karnataka; 27th March 2024

The EPCH Southern Regional Office in Bangalore inaugurated a one-month training project titled "Bringing Toys Back to Life-Revival Cum New Design Innovation of Kinnal Wooden Toys," fully financially supported by the SIDBI Karnataka chapter, for a batch of 40 artisans.

The inauguration program took place at the DIC Conference Hall in Koppal District, Karnataka on March 27th, 2024. The occasion was graced by Mr. Satyaki Rastogi, Chief General Manager, and Mr. B Ulagiyani, Deputy General Manager, Regional Office, SIDBI; Mr. Rajesh Prajapati, Designer; and Mr. Santhosh Kumar Chitragar, Master craftsman.





A group photo with the artisans selected for the training

Mr. Satyaki Rastogi, CGM of SIDBI, inaugurated the project and spoke about the importance of reviving the dying Kinnal craft. He also explained the various benefits, such as connecting all the artisans to various e-commerce platforms, the ONDC platform, etc.,

which the artisans will receive after completing this project. Mr. B. Ulagiyan, Deputy General Manager, SIDBI Bangalore, addressed the audience with a keynote speech and interacted with the artisans.

EPCH as Training Partner for implementation of SAMARTH Project initiates training in Bareilly and Saharanpur

Samarth (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector) is a flagship skill development scheme approved in continuation to the Integrated Skill Development Scheme for the 12th FYP, Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs. The industry is facing a shortage of skilled workers and provides many opportunities for unemployed youth in the country who are trained in the sector.

To address the issue, the Central government of India has launched the Scheme for Capacity Building in the Textile Sector (SCBTS) and named it the Samarth Scheme. The objectives of the



scheme are to provide demand-driven, placement-oriented skilling programs to incentivize the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, to promote skilling and skill up-gradation in the traditional sectors

through respective sectoral divisions/organizations of the Ministry of Textile, and to provide livelihood to all sections of society across the country. The Scheme would target to train 10 lakh persons over a period of 3 years (2017-20) with an estimated budget of 1300 crores and has invited the participation of Textiles Industry/Associations registered under Central or State Government/ Chambers of Commerce of Central or State Government.

EPCH is the Training Partner for the implementation of the Samarth Project. The approved training numbers in the handicrafts sector are 3030 persons. EPCH has initiated the



program and enrolled 330 candidates under the project. Currently, programs are running in Bareilly and Saharanpur.

