

EPCH Welcomes New Leadership

Dr. Neeraj Khanna takes over as New Chairman and
Mr. Sagar Mehta as Vice Chairman, EPCH

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Left: Dr. Neeraj Khanna, new Chairman, EPCH, being congratulated by Mr. Dileep Baid, outgoing Chairman, EPCH, along with Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director General in the role of Chief Mentor EPCH and Chairman IEML; Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH; Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Addl. Executive Director, EPCH and Members of COA, EPCH. Right: Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman II, EPCH elevated as new Vice Chairman of EPCH, congratulated by Dr. Neeraj Khanna, Chairman, EPCH, along with Mr. Dileep Baid, outgoing Chairman, EPCH; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director General in the role of Chief Mentor EPCH and Chairman IEML; Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Addl. Executive Director, EPCH and Members of COA, EPCH.

Below: The newly elevated leadership with COA members and senior EPCH dignitaries



The Committee Administration extended full support and congratulations to the new Chairman and Vice Chairman, expressing confidence in their leadership to boost exports and drive new initiatives for handicrafts growth.



Dr. Neeraj Khanna, Chairman, EPCH

Dr. Neeraj Khanna, a second-generation exporter, joined Nodi Exports in 1996 and has led the company to 800% growth, establishing it as a major player in international trade. Known for his strategic vision, innovation and commitment to excellence, he has been recognised at both state and national levels. Appointed to the UP Industrial Development Advisory Committee by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, he also received the prestigious Atal Gaurav Award 2024 for export excellence. His philanthropic work includes medical & health support through Diwa Sewa Prem Mission, Moradabad Charitable Trust, and Asian Vivekanand Super Speciality Hospital.



Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH

Mr. Sagar Mehta leads the QTL Group, established in 2005 and based in New Delhi, is a leading manufacturer and exporter of fashion jewellery accessories, and bags. Under the leadership of Mr. Mehta, the company has earned national recognition for its outstanding export performance and growth in the segment. With a strong global presence, QTL Export House exports to markets including Spain, Chile, and Greece.

Dr. Neeraj Khanna, Vice Chairman, EPCH, has been elevated as the new Chairman and Mr. Sagar Mehta as the new Vice-Chairman, EPCH. This was announced during the meeting of the Committee of Administration (COA) held at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh on 3rd June 2025.



Dr. Neeraj Khanna warmly welcomed at the EPCH Office New Delhi, by Members, COA, EPCH-Mr. Ravi K Passi, Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Mr. Avdesh Chandra Agarwal and Mr. Naved Ur Rehman; Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Addl. Executive Director, EPCH and several eminent member exporters from Delhi/Moradabad and EPCH staff



Dr. Neeraj Khanna assumed the Chairmanship from Mr. Dileep Baid, who completed a successful two-year term. The COA, EPCH, extended heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Baid for his visionary leadership. Through his wisdom and leadership, several initiatives such as product development, packaging innovation, brand creation, enhanced productivity, improved quality and standards, sustainable development, and compliance with international norms were launched that significantly contributed to export growth, particularly the "Teen Guna Tees Tak initiative" aiming to triple export of handicrafts by 2030.

Passing the Baton

Mr. Dileep Baid said, "As I conclude my tenure as Chairman of the Council, I'm honoured to reflect on the remarkable achievements we've made together. Under my leadership, we've undertaken significant initiatives that have propelled our export growth. I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of COA and stakeholders for their unwavering support and dedication. As I pass the baton, I assure the new Chairman and Vice Chairman, my full support and commitment. Together, we'll continue to drive export

promotion to unprecedented heights. I'm confident that our collective efforts will yield even greater successes in the future."

Dr. Neeraj Khanna expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Committee of Administration and handicrafts exporters for their trust and support. "I am dedicated to working towards enhancing exports of Indian handicrafts and achieving higher growth trajectories in the future," he said and added that the initiatives undertaken by his predecessor will be pursued with greater vigor. "We will work with greater determination together to fulfill the 'Teen Guna Tees Tak' mission, positioning Indian handicrafts globally with renewed strength," he affirmed.

Mr. Sagar Mehta said, "I look forward to contributing to the strategic growth of Indian handicrafts and working collaboratively with the industry and Council to enhance exports."

Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director General in the role of Chief Mentor EPCH and Chairman IEML, congratulated the new leadership and expressed confidence that their roles will usher in a dynamic era of growth, innovation and enhanced global presence for the Indian handicrafts industry. ■