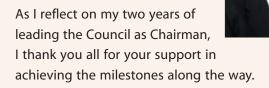


Mr. O P Prahladka took charge as the new Chairman, EPCH at the 154th meeting of Committee of Administration (COA)

Outgoing Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Exporters,

I warmly welcome our new Chairman, Mr. O P Prahladka, my very able fellow COA member.



The International Lace Trade Centre (ILTC) in Mega Lacecraft Cluster-Narsapur became fully developed and operational; and the Moradabad Resource Centre at Moradabad was inaugurated. As a major relief to woodcraft exporters, EPCH's timber legality standard- Vriksh got international recognition. EPCH also got the CITES approval for issuing Vriksh Shipment Certificate in lieu of the CITES permit, in case of rosewood and sheesham products.

Most significantly, I will fondly remember EPCH's 30 years landmark celebrations during my tenure.

(Dinesh Kumar) Outgoing Chairman, EPCH

New Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Exporters,

I am humbled by this new leadership position bestowed upon me by my fellow COA members. As I take this bigger responsibility as Chairman of this dynamic Council, I hope to work to strengthen the sector and sustain



this growth through international marketing initiatives, cluster development projects, design and product development as well as new policy initiatives.

It is my pleasure to share that the 6th edition of Home Expo India has been well received as an important April sourcing event. Many artisans and primary producers from various focus regions got international market exposure through this platform. Our IHGF Delhi Fair publicity road shows in Hong Kong met with enthusiastic buyer response and we look forward to welcome many of them to the fair this autumn.

I look forward to your valuable suggestions. Do write in to me at chairman@epch.com.

(O P Prahladka)

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Chairman, EPCH