



Seen on the dais at the Handicrafts Export Awards function are (LtoR): Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman, IEML and Executive Director, EPCH; Dr. HR Nagendra, founder Vice Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore; Mr. Ajay Tamta, Minister of State for Textiles; Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles; Mr. O P Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Shantmanu, DC (Handicrafts); and Mr. Ravi K Passi, Vice Chairman, EPCH

22nd Handicrafts Export Awards

136 export organisations felicitated for their outstanding contribution to the promotion of handicraft exports



Union Minister for Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, being greeted by Chairman, EPCH, Mr. O P Prahladka; Minister of State for Textiles, Mr. Ajay Tamta, being greeted by Vice Chairman, EPCH, Mr. Ravi K Passi; and Mr. Shantmanu, DC (H), being welcomed

EPCH organised its 22nd Handicrafts Export Awards Function with a vibrant ceremony on 19th December 2018, at India Expo Centre & Mart, New Delhi NCR. Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani was the Chief Guest and Minister of State for Textiles, Mr. Ajay Tamta was the Guest of Honour. The occasion was also graced by Mr. Shantmanu, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). Also present were Mr. O P Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman, IEML and Executive Director, EPCH; Vice Chairmen, EPCH-Mr. Ravi K Passi and Mr. Sagar Mehta; Mr. R K Verma, Director, EPCH, senior officials of the Govt. of India, luminaries from the industry, member exporters of EPCH and other dignitaries.

Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani presented 136 awards to handicraft exporters for their excellent export performance during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on Mr. Vinod Khanna of Nodi Export, Moradabad, towards outstanding contribution for promotion of Indian handicrafts sector and contribution for his social services to the Moradabad Mega Cluster for health and other causes of people. Special Commendation Awards towards recognition of services to the Indian handicraft sector were conferred on Dr. A M Singh, IFS, for standard development of timber legality system; Mr. Vishal Dhingra, President, Speciality

Merchandising Services, for his role of exceptional matching between buyers and sellers as a buying agent; and Mr. Najmul Islam, for exemplary social service to artisans in the Moradabad region. The Special Commendation (Institutional) Award was given to Gramin Vikas Evam Chetna Sansthan (GVCS) for women empowerment for their livelihood in the desert area of Rajasthan. M/s C L Gupta Exports Ltd. of Moradabad got the Top Export Award Trophy for All Handicrafts for both the years - 2015-16 and 2016-17.



Union Minister for Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani with CoA members, EPCH, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Director, EPCH; and Mr. R K Verma, Director, EPCH

Out of 136 Awards, 54 trophies (including hat-tricks), 69 Merit Certificates and 13 Platinum Performer Certificates were given under each product category which includes, artmetalware; EPNS handicrafts; woodwares; zari handicrafts; lace, laces & embroidery; India items, textiles based handicrafts; fashion jewellery; marble alabaster & crafted stone; papier machie; iron crafts; jute handicrafts; glass; artware; ceramic artwares; aluminium artwares; aggarbatties as handicrafts; handicrafts of handmade paper products; handicrafts of leather; handicrafts of eco-friendly; shawls as artwares; handicrafts of smoking accessories and misc. crafts. 38 merit certificates were also awarded for top exports in different product categories. 10 merit certificates were given away for both years towards



Mr. O P Prahladka,
Chairman, EPCH

top performance on regional basis. Hat Trick trophy was given to a total of 2 companies. 6 enterprises got awards in the Women Entrepreneur (regionwise) category.

The function was initiated by a welcome address by Mr. O P Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH, who took the audience through a

brief journey of the handicrafts industry in manufacturing, exports and international reach since the awards were instituted way back in 1989.

While congratulating the award winners for their excellent work, Union Minister for Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin



Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani,
Union Minister for Textiles

Irani advised them to keep the momentum intact and do even better in future. "I believe that this kind of healthy competition keeps the momentum going. Not only do the concerned individual exporters benefit, their efforts pave way for enhancement of foreign exchange earnings for the country, thereby creating a

brand image for Indian handicrafts in overseas markets while nurturing the millions of artisans and crafts persons back home in our craft clusters," she added. The Minister congratulated EPCH on reaching a membership of 11000 member exporters and also applauded the Council's initiatives in the field of education for children of artisans. Taking a significant step towards building skilled workforce, EPCH has started an industry oriented diploma course that these children can do post their class 12th. She also appreciated the Council's CSR initiative of contributing towards education of the girl child in leprosy affected families.

On behalf of EPCH, Smt. Smriti Irani donated a cheque of Rs. 11 lakhs to the Divya Prem Sewa Mission (a Haridwar based foundation to help leprosy affected families) towards this noble endeavour. She also congratulated team EPCH under its capable leadership for being chosen as the partner country for Messe Frankfurt's Ambiente show scheduled in Germany, early in 2019.





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On behalf of the Council and the handicraft exports fraternity, Mr. O P Prahladka, Chairman, EPCH, thanked the Hon'ble Minister for her presence at the function. Taking the audience through EPCH's journey, he mentioned how a proactive approach has helped make every year a year of achievements, consistently recording growth in exports. Mr. Prahladka also shared the major milestones of EPCH like,

membership of 11,000 ability to successfully conduct over 300 programs throughout the year, consistently maintaining IHGF-Delhi Fair's record in the Limca Book of world records as the 'World largest congregation of handicrafts exhibitors', reaching out to new markets like Nigeria, etc. He mentioned of EPCH's recent foray into the Nigerian market with participation in the recently held Niigeria IGF Expo.

The vote of thanks for the function was proposed by Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH.



Life-time Achievement Award



Mr. Vinod Khanna for his outstanding contribution towards promotion of the Indian Handicrafts Sector – specially to the health and social welfare of artisans.

Mr. Vinod Khanna's journey in the handicrafts sector dates back to 1996 when he started his enterprise - Nodi Exports. Besides scaling heights in exports, Mr. Khanna has also significantly contributed to the formation of India Expo Centre & Mart as well as facilitation towards formation of the SEZ in Moradabad. A philanthropist by attitude and action, Mr. Vinod Khanna is also a trustee in the Moradabad Charitable Trust that facilitates health care support programs for the economically weaker sections of the society. He is Joint Secretary of Moradabad Charitable Trust & Health

Research Centre; Founder Trustee of 'Mokhshadham' a body for cremation support to families of deceased; Co-founder of Kan Gaushala and an affiliated school for the differently abled. He is a major contributor and nurturer of the Vivekanand Hospital in Moradabad. Mr. Vinod Khanna is Guardian of the Young Entrepreneur Society (YES), Moradabad and has also been deputed as the Brand Ambassador of Government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission for Moradabad. He is also a founding member of Moradabad based PMS School that is affiliated to CBSE.

This Lifetime Achievement Award is being given for his dedication and efforts in promoting exports from India.



Special Commendation Awards

Dr. A M Singh, IFS towards recognition of services to the Indian Handicrafts Sector for standard development of timber legality system.

Dr. Arvind Madhav Singh, Special Principal, Chief Conservator of Forest, Planning & CAMPA, E & F Department, Govt. of Assam and in additional charge as Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Assam, is an Indian Forest Service officer (IFS) from the 1986 batch of Assam Meghalaya Cadre. A Masters in Geology, a PG Diploma in Forestry and an M Phil, Dr. Singh during his illustrious service period of almost three decades, has rendered valuable service at many positions in the Centre as well as in the State Govts., some of them being, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India (Ministry of DoNER), Inspector General of Forests (IGF) in the Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India; Professor, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun, besides various assignments in Assam.

He has also presented many papers on various contemporary issues in Commonwealth Forestry Associations, IUFRO, ITTO, World Forestry Congress, Global Bamboo Summit and also co-authored a book on Forest Certification (Published by TERI). He has also represented India in United Nations Forum on Forestry (UNFF), FAO, World Forestry Congress, CITES, etc. He was one of the expert members at ITTO, Yokohama, Japan, representing South East Asia.



Mr. Vishal Dhingra towards recognition of services to the Indian Handicrafts Sector through his role for exceptional matching between buyers and sellers as a buying agent.

Mr. Vishal Dhingra, President, Speciality Merchandising Services, started his career in 1981 in South India in the Textile city of Salem and then came to Delhi in 1984 to work in the handicrafts industry of Moradabad till 1990. From 1990-1992 he worked for a buying house before founding 'Speciality Merchandising Services' in 1992. His primary focus has been to create a way of life that thrives on quality. Mr. Dhingra is passionate about global sourcing with a competitive edge. He understands the business of persuasion, and constantly searches for new trends and methods. With more than three decades of global sourcing experience, he leads the organisation with innovation to deliver unique and tailored sourcing solutions, together with customers to suit merchandising needs. Today, he assists several American and European retailers and wholesalers, successfully providing them with quality services. He also strongly believes in giving back to the society and has been associated with running of an old age home and a kitchen catering to a 1000 fellow Indians a day since 1995. He owes his success to his family who have been his pillar of support all through his career.





Mr. Najmul Islam towards recognition for exemplary social service to artisans in the Indian Handicrafts Sector.

Mr. Najmul Islam has been involved in promoting Indian Handicrafts and in particular traditional brass artwares in international markets. He has encouraged exporters of handicrafts and artisans working in various craft pockets and assisted them in manufacturing quality products of handicrafts. Mr. Islam is actively engaged in Social Service and through the Artisan Welfare Trust has provided benefits to small and marginal artisans. He has been instrumental in promotion of Handicrafts trade in general and Moradabad in particular. His active contribution to the growth in exports of handicrafts and artisans welfare is commendable.

Mr. Islam is also the acting Chief Warden of Citizens Safety, Moradabad Chapter and has been conferred the Presidents Medal in 2014 for his praiseworthy work done for the Citizens Safety.

Special Commendation Award (Institutional)



Smt. Ruma Devi, President, GVCS towards recognition of services to the Indian Handicrafts Sector for women empowerment for their livelihood in the desert area of Rajasthan.

GVCS has been instrumental in changing the lives of thousands of under privileged tribal women artisans of the Jodhpur region, providing them with avenues for income generation and better standard of living. GVCS is the first NGO that has ventured into the field of apparel using techniques of Applique and Ajrakh besides bringing out home textile products. Their tribal folk art, an unique amalgamation of tradition & modernity helps women artisans reach out to national and international consumers alike. GVCS works towards establishing an environment that strives to reach out to every member of the

community, to instill in them, self-respect, awareness and also provide them a status where they can value themselves as contributors in the Indian economy. 'GVCS' is a family in itself, nurturing equality camaraderie and love. GVCS has many distinctive achievements to its credit and has been felicitated by many National and International entities. The organisation is spearheaded by Smt. Ruma Devi, who has also compiled and initiated the book 'Thar handicrafts'.

Top Export Award 2015-16 & 2016-17

ALL HANDICRAFTS

C. L. Gupta Exports Limited, Moradabad

“We have been in business since 1955. Our organisation is the biggest in India with vertically set up units across almost 50 acres of land, employing 7000 people directly. Our manufacturing space covers almost 2.2 million sq ft area. We deal in all materials - metal, glass, wood, ceramic, etc. and we are also in all categories- decoratives- tabletop, lighting and furniture. Our motivation comes from our previous generations and their inspirational hard work that has consolidated and grown this business over years. The business is in the third generation at present. Our fourth generation is also in business in continuation.



Also important for us is giving benefits to more people involved in this sector and help in uplifting as many as possible, especially the artisans and crafts persons from Moradabad.

The message I have for other organisations is - Believe in the power of give and take. It is important to take care of the people who work for you. As far as promoting 'Brand India' is concerned, I would say, India as a brand has the talent but what we need is better infrastructure for its manifestation. Indian goods already have a good market overseas.”

Ajay Gupta & Raghav Gupta

Platinum Performer

Kishoriji Exports, Moradabad

EPNS HANDICRAFTS



Malani Impex Inc., Jaipur

TEXTILES BASED
HANDICRAFTS



Krishna Beads Industries, Mumbai

FASHION JEWELLERY



Designco, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



Stalwart Homestyles, Gurgaon

GLASS ARTWARES



Designco, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM ARTWARES



A. L. Paper House, Jaipur

HANDICRAFTS OF
HAND MADE PAPER
PRODUCTS



Ahujasons Shawl Wale (P) Ltd., New Delhi

SHAWLS AS ARTWARES



Top Export Awards (Category wise)

Jagdamba Cutlery Pvt. Ltd., Sonipat

ARTMETALWARES



Highlands Exports, Moradabad

EPNS HANDICRAFTS



Prince Art Exporter, Jodhpur

WOODWARES



Exmart International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

ZARI HANDICRAFTS



D. C. Exports, Kolkata

LACE, LACES & EMBROIDERY



Kavitra Export Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

INDIA ITEMS (TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFTS TEXTILES PRODUCTS)



Dulce Celia Designs, Kolkata

TEXTILES BASED HANDICRAFTS



Fashion Life, Gurgaon

FASHION JEWELLERY



Stonemen Crafts India Pvt. Ltd., Agra *Hat-trick*

MARBLE ALABASTER
& CRAFTED STONE



Akbar Art Gallery, Srinagar *Hat-trick*

PAPIER MACHIE



Jayanita Exports Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

IRON CRAFTS



La Opala Rg Ltd., Kolkata

GLASS ARTWARES



Dileep Potteries Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur

CERAMIC ARTWARES



Ellen Exports, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM
ARTWARES



Hem Corporation, Mumbai

AGGARBATTIES AS
HANDICRAFTS



Seet Kamal International, Jaipur

HANDICRAFTS OF
HANDMADE PAPER
PRODUCTS



Aesthetic Living Merchants Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

**HANDICRAFTS OF
LEATHER**



Vac International, Kolkata

**ECO FRIENDLY
HANDICRAFTS**



Zinnia India, Noida

SHAWLS AS ARTWARES



Venus India, Moradabad

**MISCELLANEOUS
CRAFTS**



JUTE HANDICRAFTS Ganges Jute Private Limited, Kolkata

Women Entrepreneurs (Region wise)

Craftex India, Jhajjar

NORTHERN REGION



Sharma International, Agra

CENTRAL REGION



Global Art Exports, Jaipur

**NORTH WESTERN
REGION**



SOUTHERN REGION

B. Anand & Co., Tiruchirappalli

EASTERN REGION

Roma International, Kolkata

Certificate of Merit (Category wise)

Alim Exports, Moradabad

ARTMETALWARES



Images Inc., Moradabad

EPNS HANDICRAFTS



Heritage Creations, Delhi

WOODWARES



Asian Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

LACE, LACES & EMBROIDERY



AVH Associates, Noida

TEXTILES BASED HANDICRAFTS



Plasma Impex Inc., Noida

FASHION JEWELLERY



Sharma International, Agra

MARBLE ALABASTER & CRAFTED STONE



Paramount Home Collections, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



Camilla International, Kolkata

JUTE HANDICRAFTS



Designco, Moradabad

GLASS ARTWARES



Times Art, New Delhi

CERAMIC ARTWARES



Paragon Metal Industries, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM ARTWARES



Parimal Mandir, Bengaluru

AGARBATTIES AS HANDICRAFTS



Flexo Lable, Pune

HANDICRAFTS OF HANDMADE PAPER PRODUCTS



Mahesh Handicrafts, Jodhpur

HANDICRAFTS OF LEATHER



Mir Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

SHAWLS AS ARTWARES



ZARI HANDICRAFTS Filadil Exports, New Delhi

ECO FRIENDLY HANDICRAFTS Bhalotia International, Kolkata

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS Hitaishi KK Mfg. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

Certificate of Merit for Excellent Export Growth (Category wise)

J. C. Antiques & Crafts, Jaipur

WOODWARES



Jumbo International, Delhi

TEXTILES BASED
HANDICRAFTS



Sharma India Pvt. Ltd., Agra

MARBLE ALABASTER
& CRAFTED STONE



R. R. Overseas, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



Pankaj International, Kolkata

JUTE HANDICRAFTS



N.N. & Company, Firozabad

GLASS ARTWARES



Handicraft Villa, Jaipur

HANDICRAFTS OF
LEATHER



Moonlight Exports, Sambhal

MISCELLANEOUS
CRAFTS



AGGARBATTIES AS HANDICRAFTS **Shakunthala Agarbathi Company, Bengaluru**

Regional Award - Certificates of Merit

Hem Corporation, Mumbai

WESTERN REGION



Heritage Creations, Delhi

NORTHERN REGION



Designco, Moradabad

CENTRAL REGION



Brawfed (Bodoland Regional Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-Operative Federation Ltd.), Assam

NORTHEASTERN REGION



Dileep Industries Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur

NORTH WESTERN REGION



SOUTHERN REGION
Shakunthala Agarbathi Company, Bengaluru

EASTERN REGION
Ganges Jute Private Limited, Kolkata

Platinum Performer

Krishna Beads Industries, Mumbai

FASHION JEWELLERY



Stonemen Crafts India Pvt. Ltd., Agra

MARBLE, ALABASTER & CRAFTED STONES



Stalwart Homestyles, Gurgaon

GLASS ARTWARES



A. L. Paper House, Jaipur

HANDICRAFTS OF HAND MADE PAPER PRODUCTS



Top Export Awards (Category wise)

Jagdamba Cutlery Pvt. Ltd., Sonipat

ARTMETALWARES



Ahujasons Shawl Wale (P) Ltd., New Delhi

SHAWLS AS ARTWARES



Kishoriji Exports, Moradabad

EPNS HANDICRAFTS



Country Art & Craft LLP, Jodhpur

WOODWARES



House of Incas, New Delhi

ZARI HANDICRAFTS



D. C. Exports, Kolkata

LACE, LACES & EMBROIDERY



Kavitra Export Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

INDIA ITEMS (TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFTS TEXTILES PRODUCTS)



Sharco Enterprises, Delhi

TEXTILES BASED HANDICRAFTS



Fashion Life, Gurgaon

FASHION JEWELLERY



Sharma International, Agra

MARBLE ALABASTER & CRAFTED STONE



Muzafar & Co. (Regd.), New Delhi.

PAPIER MACHIE



Designco, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



2016-17

S. L. Packaging Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

JUTE HANDICRAFTS



La Opala Rg Ltd., Kolkata

GLASS ARTWARES



Times Art, New Delhi

CERAMIC ARTWARES



Designco, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM ARTWARES



Hem Corporation, Mumbai

AGGAR BATTIES AS HANDICRAFTS



Seet Kamal International, Jaipur

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VAC International, Kolkata

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Alim Exports, Moradabad

CENTRAL REGION



Global Art Exports, Jaipur

NORTH-WESTERN REGION



SOUTHERN REGION

B. Anand & Co., Tiruchirappalli

EASTERN REGION

Roma International, Kolkata

Certificate of Merit (Category wise)

Nodi Exports, Moradabad

ARTMETALWARES



Images Inc., Moradabad

EPNS HANDICRAFTS



Heritage Creations, Delhi

WOODWARES



Exmart International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

ZARI HANDICRAFTS



Asian Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

LACE, LACES & EMBROIDERY



Dulce Celia Designs, Kolkata

TEXTILES BASED HANDICRAFTS



Overseas Trade Linkers, Agra

MARBLE ALABASTER & CRAFTED STONE



Alamgir Papier Machie House (Regd.), New Delhi

PAPIER MACHIE



Dewan & Sons, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



Richie Bags & Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

JUTE HANDICRAFTS



A N S, Mumbai

GLASS ARTWARES



Paras Impo-Expo Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

CERAMIC ARTWARES



Paragon Metal Industries, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM ARTWARES



Marvel Fragrances Company, Mumbai

AGGARBATTIES AS HANDICRAFTS



Flexo Lable, Pune

HANDICRAFTS OF HANDMADE PAPER PRODUCTS



Newage Leathers Private Limited, Noida

HANDICRAFTS OF LEATHER



Tromboo Crafts Company Pvt. Ltd., Mount Abu

SHAWLS AS ARTWARES



Exmart International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS



2016-17

Certificate of Merit for Excellent Export Growth (Category wise)

Alim Exports, Moradabad

ARTMETALWARES



Jasleen Overseas, Panipat

TEXTILES BASED
HANDICRAFTS



Designco, Moradabad

MARBLE ALABASTER
& CRAFTED STONE



Anuraj Exports, Moradabad

IRON CRAFTS



Shri Sitaram Glass Works, Firozabad

GLASS ARTWARES



Goel Exports, Delhi

CERAMIC ARTWARES



SAG New Look, Moradabad

ALUMINIUM
ARTWARES



PMC Exports, Indore

HANDICRAFTS OF
LEATHER



WOODWARES

Rajdhani Crafts Industries Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

William Goodacre & Sons India Pvt. Ltd., Alleppey

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Designco, Moradabad

CENTRAL REGION



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SOUTHERN REGION



Ecoline Exim Private Limited, Kolkata

EASTERN REGION



Dileep Industries Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur

NORTHWESTERN REGION

