

## Ministry of Textiles

### Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of March, 2021

#### 1. Policy Decisions:

Two Craft Tourism Villages at Amer (Rajasthan) and Kovalam (Kerala) have been sanctioned for setting up of Crafts Tourism Village, under Infrastructure and Technology Development scheme.

#### 2. Important Achievements:

##### i. Handlooms Sector:

(a) To support the handloom and handicraft sectors and to enable wider market for handloom weavers/artisans/producers, steps have been taken to on-board weavers/artisans on Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. As on 31-03-2021, 1,75,749 weavers/artisans/ handloom entities have been registered on GeM portal.

(b) Under Weavers' Mudra Scheme, In March 2021 alone, 81 number of MUDRA Loans worth Rs. 45.00 crore were sanctioned.

(c) In order to promote Handlooms in overseas market, Four International Expos - Indian Handwoven and Hometextiles Sourcing were participated by Handloom Export Promotion Council in different countries on virtual mode during March 2021 at Australia & New Zealand; USA & Canada; Japan and Spain, France & Italy.

- ii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of March, 2021 were 29.91 lakh bales. Out of which, 9000 bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.
- iii. **TUFS:** During the month of March, 2021, 130 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 499.65 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 40.81 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).