

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of January, 2021

1. Policy Decisions:

Signing of MoU between Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and M/s. Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Tokyo : In order to enhance exports and cooperation in textiles sector and to identify areas for optimizing the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and m/s Nissenken Quality Evaluation centre (NQEC), Japan signed and MoU on 27.01.2021. The main objective of the MoU is to provide required support to textile and industry for ensuring quality as per the requirement of Japanese buyers through Testing, Inspection & Conformity Assessment, Training & Capacity Building, Research & Development (R&D) and Consultancy. It is expected that the MoU will strengthen the bilateral trade by enhancing India's export of Textile and Apparels (T&A) to Japan.

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 31-01-2021, 1,75,749 weavers/artisans/handloom entities have been registered on GeM portal.

(b) Design Resource Centres (DRCs) are being set up in Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) through NIFT with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers for creating new designs. 7 such Design Resource

Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) at Delhi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Varanasi, Guwahati, Bhubaneswar and Mumbai and the DRC at Kancheepuram are expected shortly.

- (c) Ministry of Textiles has undertaken to develop Craft Villages in select Handloom and Handicraft pockets of the country on important tourist circuits for integrated sustainable development of Handlooms, crafts and tourism with the combined effort of both the State and the Central Governments. These Craft Villages are to be set up with the cooperation from the respective State Governments.
 - (d) Craft Handloom Village will be able to offer traditional hand-woven products to the consumers and tourists by inspiring knowledge about authentic weaving technique through "hands on" experience. Presently, construction work is going on for Crafts villages at Mohapara (Assam), Kullu (Himachal Pradesh), Srinagar (J&K), Kollam (Kerala) and Rampur, Bodhgaya (Bihar).
 - (e) Under Weavers' Mudra Scheme, In January 2021 alone, 2759 number of MUDRA Loans worth Rs.15.58 crore were sanctioned as well as disbursed too.
- ii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of January, 2021 were 79.44 lakh bales. Out of which, 13.99 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.
 - iii. **TUFS:** During the month of January, 2021, 79 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 2696.10 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 34.26 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).