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SFURTI Mela at New Delhi

The Ministry of MSME has organized SFURTI Mela at Dilli Haat, New Delhi during 01 to 15 October 2022 in which artisans of Bhatinda Honey Processing Cluster have participated and displayed cluster products. In this Mela around 100 artisans from 50 SFURTI clusters have showcased their traditional products of Handloom, Handicraft, Khadi and Coir Products. SFURTI Mela was organised to promote traditional products of the country in local as well as International Markets.

Shri Narayan Tatu Rane, Hon’ble Union Minster of MSME, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Union Minister of State for MSME, Shri B. B. Swain, IAS, Secretary, MoMSME, GoI and Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman, KVIC visited the Mela and interacted with artisans in their respective stalls.

ni-msme is one of the Nodal Agency to implement SFURTI scheme sponsored by Ministry of MSME. ni-msme is implementing 24 clusters across 8 states namely: Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra Odisha, Punjab and Telangana.
UNIDO National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

UNIDO has initiated a project titled “Improving thermal energy efficiency in design, manufacturing and operation of industrial boilers for low carbon Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India” with an objective to scaleup and mainstream thermal energy optimization in manufacturing MSMEs through creation of ecosystem for the design, manufacturing and operation of efficient industrial boilers. The project helps in creation of market and ecosystem for enhanced thermal efficiency and use of innovative energy efficient boilers and capacity of industrial boilers manufacturers, boiler users and service providers through technology interventions. National Institute of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) is one of the implementing agencies of this project. UNIDO had organized National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on 15 September 2022 at UN Conference House, Delhi inviting officials, entrepreneurs and service providers.

Mr. Debajit Das, National Project Coordinator, UNIDO welcomed all the delegates and briefed about the project where as Mr. Sanjaya Shrestha, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO Vienna detailed about progress of the project and objectives of the workshop. Dr. S. Glory Swarupa, Director General, ni-msme has inaugurated the workshop and explained on work executed by ni-msme including profile of clusters, major issues and challenges in execution of project. She mentioned that the project will help MSMEs through technical interventions to improve their operational efficiency with improved quality. Later, the representatives of implementing agencies presented cluster profile and baseline scenario of Sircilla Textile & Rice Milling Cluster, Sindhudurg Food Processing Cluster, Ankleshwar Chemical Cluster, Bidar Pharma Cluster and Panipat Textile Dye Cluster. The experts from Sustech presented findings of field study and gender, social & environmental aspects of the project. Mr. Debajit Das steered feedback session and attended questions raised by the stakeholders. Dr. Rene Van Berkel, UNIDO Representative in his concluding remarks gave suggestions to the implementing agencies on research findings for further improvement of the report. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Debajit Das.
Director General, ni-msme Visits Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster

Dr. S. Glory Swarupa, Director General, ni-msme, Hyderabad has visited Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster on 25 September 2022 to review progress of SFURTI project. Dr. A. P. Achar, CEO, AIC-Nitte, Technical Agency has welcomed the Director General and other members. He presented progress of Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster. The Director General has congratulated all the stakeholders, expressed her satisfaction on progress of Jackfruit Processing Cluster and thanked the Ministry of MSME for approval the project. She advised Dr. K. N. Janardhan, Managing Director, SIRI, Implementing Agency to complete Hard Interventions by December 2022 and should be functional in January 2023.

Dr. K. N. Janardhan, MD, SIRI has briefed about the activities of SIRI including involvement of SHGs in different activities and sell the products in Common Brand. He also assured to complete the CFC and make it functional by January 2023. Mr. Naveen Nayak, Managing Director, Suphala Farmers Producers Company Ltd., SPV has expressed gratitude to the Director General, ni-msme, Technical Agency, Implementing Agency for their support in development of Jackfruit Processing Cluster.

Mr. D. Naveen Kumar, Consultant has advised the Implementing Agency to implement Social Security Schemes as per agreement and deposit the balance SPV contribution in cluster account. All the members have visited the Common Facility Centre which is under construction. The civil works completed up to lintel level and fabrication of trusses is under progress.
Dignitaries Visit Sukrigarha Gold and Silver Jewellery Cluster

Smt. Vandana Dadel, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Jharkhand visited the Cluster and CFC site to review the progress of SFURTI project on 12 October 2022. Later, she has also visited more than ten individual micro enterprises to understand business operations including production, marketing and profit. She interacted with the artisans on their earnings from business.

On 18 October 2022, Shri Oscar Kerketta, High Commissioner of India to Rwanda, Shri. Anjani Kumar, Ambassador of India to Malli, Ms Madhavi Mishra, District Collector, Ramgarh and other District Administration Officers along with officials of Technical Agency, JIIDCO and Implementing Agency, MMLKUVB, visited the cluster. The delegates have interacted with SPV members and visited the units in the cluster. The purpose of visit was to assess the export opportunity and potential for production of value added products in Sukrigarha Silver Jewellery Cluster, Ramgarh.

Awareness Programme on Social Security Schemes

The SPV of Wooden Inlay Cluster, Hoshiarpur, Punjab has organised Awareness Programme on Social Security Schemes on 09 September & 03 October 2022. Initiated to implement Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Yojana Pension Scheme for the benefit of 40 artisans from Naru Nangal village and 50 artisans from Bhundian village. They also applied for artisan card from Handicrafts Department.
Two day workshop was conducted on 26 & 27 September 2022 at the office of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in New Delhi regarding the revised procedure of Funds Flow through PFMS. The Ministry officials informed that they have designated KVIC as the Central Nodal Agency to implement all cluster (SFURTI) Schemes. The KVIC officials informed that they have opened Central Nodal Agency (CAN) Account with Bank of Baroda, New Delhi (Parent Account). All the implementing agencies are informed to open the two Bank Accounts in their respective locations. All the clusters are informed to open Three Bank Accounts in their respective locations to receive and account for the funds received under the Scheme.

All most 60 officials from all nodal and implementing agencies have attended the meeting. Mr. G. Bhaskar Rao, Consultant (Finance) and Mr. Surya Prakash Goud, Faculty Member, SED of ni-msme had attended the meeting. All the issues with regard to opening of Accounts and funds flow were discussed at length. The bank officials from Bank of Baroda explained solutions for the issues and guided for smooth operation of funds flow. They have developed suitable software and demo was given. Robust MIS for handling accounting and reconciliation at each level were developed in the software. The bank officials have to provide necessary reports and a user-friendly dash board to implementing agencies to monitor utilization of funds by clusters.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by officials of Ministry of MSME, GoI, Bank of Baroda and KVIC.

Prakriti Environment Society, Implementing Agency of Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster, Telangana State has organised an Awareness Programme on Value Added Bamboo Products with Green Bamboo on 09 September 2022 for the benefit of 35 artisans at Battulapalli village of Kallur Mandal. Mr. Abhishaik Yadav, Business Advisor and Mr. P. Srinivasa Reddy, CDE have explained the artisans on Bamboo treatment process, production of value added bamboo products using machinery and available market opportunities.
Exposure Visit for Farmers of Bundu Lac Cluster

Mukhya Mantri Laghu Kutir Udyog Vikas Board (MMLKUVB), Implementing Agency has organised exposure visit for 50 farmers on 03 September 2022 to JASCOLAMPF Lac Factory located at Namkum, Ranchi. The JASCOLAMPF lac factory, a Jharkhand State Government undertaking under the Co-operative Department, has been into production of value added lac products. The production process of Seed lac, Button lac, Shellac flakes, Lac sealing stick and Aleuritic acid was explained to the farmers through practical demonstration.

The officials from JASCOLAMPF; Mr. Sanjit Kumar and Mr. Praveen Kumar have briefed the farmers about primary processing of lac and its value added products. They have given details of the state scheme for lac farming and processing which included distribution of brood lac and Ten (10) day training program on lac processing & value added products.

They demonstrated raw lac sampling method, crushing of raw lac, raw lac washing using washing barrels, lac drying and sieving to produce ‘Seed Lac’. They also have shown other seed lac based value added products such as ‘Button Lac & Lac Sealing Sticks’.
Sus Artisans Visit CMAI Fab Show

The artisans of Sus Garment Cluster, Pune, Maharashtra visited CMAI (Clothing Manufacturers Association of India) Fab Show at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai on 19 September 2022 in which the Fabric manufacturers and accessories suppliers have participated in Fair. The artisans have interacted with exhibitors and explored market linkages.

New Products of Sus Garment Cluster

The artisans of Sus Garment Cluster have produced new range of textile garments for Kids and Girls in the month of September 2022 for Peppermint and Accoutre Hub Brands including Kurtis, Half Shirts, full Shirts, Tops and dresses for girls.
Basantrai Cluster Participates in Exhibition cum Trade Fair

The SPV members of Basantrai Badge and Embroidery Cluster, Godda participated in a five day Exhibition cum Trade Fair during 14 to 18 October 2022 at Morabadi, Ranchi. They showcased their Badge and embroidery products like Police & Army Badges, Embroidery frame with Jharkhand Logo and various hand embroidered artistic designs. SPV members received work order of Rs. 5.00 lakh from the visitors at Exhibition cum Trade Fair.

National Rural Women Farmers Day in L-Kota Cluster

Jai Kisan Farmer’s Producer Organisation, SPV of L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster has celebrated National Rural Women Farmers Day on 15 October 2022 at Timidi village, Vizianagaram District in which around 100 farmers have participated. Dr. Srinivas Babu and Dr. Sangappa, Scientists from Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR) have interacted with farmers and explained about production of value added Millet Products and its benefit for health. Smt. Saraswathi, Manager, SABALA-NGO and Mr. Rama Krishna, CDE have explained about SFURTI Scheme and Common Facility Centre to be established at L-Kota. The SPV has also displayed various Sesame based products in the programme.
ni-msme as Nodal Agency reviewed progress of SFURTI clusters with focus on completion of hard interventions. Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, Faculty Member, Mr. D. Naveen Kumar, Consultant and Mr. L. Vijay Kumar, Consultant were present in the meeting.

The progress of Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster was reviewed on 05 September 2022 in which Ms. Jaya Sree, CEO of Prakriti Environment Society, Implementing Agency has explained the progress of the cluster and requested to approve their proposal for installation of electrical transformer. Shri R. K. Mehta, Technical Agency has explained that vendor is shortlisted for procurement of machinery and waiting for completion of work shed. Mr. Goud has suggested to issue purchase order to machinery supplier along with supply schedule. He also insisted to submit the updated data of artisans immediately.

The Managaon Bamboo Cluster was reviewed on 06 September 2022 to discuss on progress of the cluster interventions in which IA/TA/SPV were participated.

The Implementing Agency has briefed about status of the cluster including completion of work shed and procurement of part machinery which are yet to be installed. Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, Faculty Member has instructed IA to take estimation from Maharashtra Electricity Board for installation of transformer at Common Facility Centre.

The interventions in 7 Jharkhand Clusters were reviewed on 13 September 2022 by ni-msme team in which Mr. S. K. Baryar, Special Officer, Clusters has explained the progress of the clusters with the support of officials of Technical Agency. He informed that 149 machines are supplied by the vendors for Bundu Bamboo Cluster which are yet to be installed whereas civil work is stopped due to cost escalation in Bundu Lac Processing Cluster. He also informed that the machinery supplier has refused to supply the machinery, due to cost escalation of steel.

In case of Lohardaga Honey Processing Cluster, the civil work has been completed and machinery is ready for dispatch. The transformer is yet to be installed. The Civil works is under progress in Basantrai Badge &Embroidery Cluster, Anantdev Wood Craft Cluster and Kariyatpur Brass Articles Cluster whereas procurement process has been completed in the above three clusters. In Sukhgrah Gold & Silver Jewellery Cluster, the civil work is completed and issued work order for machinery.
On 01 October 2022, ni-msme has organised Review Meeting of 8 Clusters viz., Pudur Vegetable & Fruit Processing Cluster, Pulivendula Banana Processing Cluster, L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster, Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster, Deomali Millet Processing Cluster, Bapatla Millet Cluster, Chintapalli Turmeric Cluster and Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster. The Implementing Agencies have explained the progress of respective clusters.

1. Pudur Vegetable & Fruit Processing Centre – Civil work is under progress, completed up to plinth beam level and procurement of machinery is under process.

2. Pulivendula Banana Processing Cluster - Civil work is under progress, completed up to plinth beam and procurement of machinery is under process.

3. Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster – Civil work is under progress, completed up to lintel level and fabrication of trusses is under progress, procurement of machinery is under process, three machines were finalised.

4. Deomali Millet Processing Cluster – Civil work is under progress and procurement of machinery is yet to initiate.

5. Bapatla Millet Processing Cluster – SPV contribution yet to deposit in HI account. Preparation of civil estimates is under progress.

6. Chintapalli Turmeric Cluster – The Implementing Agency has published Tender for civil works and procurement of machinery is yet to initiate.

7. Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster – The Implementing Agency is yet to publish Tender for Civil Works and Technical Agency has prepared the Tender document for Civil Works and finalised specifications for machinery.

8. L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster – Civil work is under progress, foundation & footing work completed, plinth beam is under construction. The Implementing Agency has published Tender for machinery procurement.
Research on Women & Ecology

The faculty of Hyderabad Central University, Prof. Sheela Suryanarayan along with her students initiated a research study on Women & Ecology in Mothkur Ikkat Handloom Cluster, Telangana. They have visited the cluster on 29 October 2022 to understand the cluster development ecosystem and interacted with artisans in the Common Facility Centre to understand impact of various SFURTI interventions. They had detailed discussion with women weavers on their socio-economic conditions including their participation in weaving activities.

Kondapally Wooden Toys Cluster, Andhra Pradesh

On 22 October 2022, the Implementing Agency has organised meeting along with SPV & Technical Agency. The IA has shown the Common Facility Centre and Machinery received and kept in the CFC. Mr. H. K. Chari, Technical Agency has advised the Implementing Agency to have meeting with District Collector and discuss regarding allotment of work space and distribution of tool kits to the artisans. In this meeting General Manager, DIC, Executive Engineer, AP Housing Corporation, Project Director, DRDA etc., were present.

ni-msme invites MSMEs, Artisans, Associations, Academicians and Officials to join hands for development of MSME Clusters

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