

MINISTRY OF MSME'S TEAM INITIATIVE EMPOWERING SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS INDIA THROUGH DIGITAL COMMERCE ENABLEMENT

The Ministry of MSME's TEAM (Trade Enablement and Access to Market) Initiative is a three-year program launched under the RAMP framework with an outlay of ₹277.35 crore to digitally empower micro and small enterprises across India. Implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation in partnership with ONDC, the scheme aims to onboard five lakh MSEs—half of them women-owned—onto the ONDC digital commerce ecosystem. It provides end-to-end support including cataloguing, packaging, logistics, and account management, with subsidies for product listing, packaging design, and transportation. By focusing on digital onboarding and compliance facilitation, the initiative helps enterprises from remote regions such as Jammu & Kashmir and Manipur expand their market access, connect with national and global buyers, and formalize their operations. TEAM is designed to strengthen competitiveness, improve efficiency, and make MSMEs export-ready, while ensuring inclusivity for rural and women-led businesses. In essence, it positions small enterprises as digitally empowered growth engines, bridging regional divides and fostering a resilient, self-sustained economy.

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INTEGRATED COMMERCE HUB UNVEILED AT MUMBAI

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, has announced plans for an Integrated Commerce Hub in Mumbai that will bring together 46 key organizations under one roof. The hub is envisioned as a central platform to streamline trade facilitation, policy coordination, and industry support services, thereby reducing fragmentation and enhancing efficiency in India's commercial ecosystem. By consolidating institutions related to exports, trade promotion, logistics, and industry development, the initiative aims to provide businesses—especially MSMEs and startups—with a single-window access to resources, guidance, and regulatory support. The Minister emphasized that the hub will not only strengthen India's ease of doing business but also position Mumbai as a global commerce gateway, fostering innovation, investment, and international competitiveness. This integrated approach is expected to accelerate capital growth, improve coordination among stakeholders, and contribute significantly to India's vision of becoming a leading global trade and investment destination.

Source: <https://ddnews.gov.in/en/piyush-goyal-unveils-plan-for-integrated-commerce-hub-in-mumbai-to-connect-46-organisations-under-one-roof/>

RAJASTHAN GETS ITS FIRST SEMICONDUCTOR PLANT

India's semiconductor journey reached a new milestone with the inauguration of the country's first SME-led semiconductor facility by Sahasra Semiconductors at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. This marks Rajasthan's entry into the strategically important semiconductor industry, a sector critical for electronics manufacturing, digital infrastructure, and national technological self-reliance.

Union Minister for Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, hailed the development as a landmark achievement, emphasizing that the facility will empower small and medium enterprises to participate in high-tech manufacturing and reduce dependence on imports. The plant is expected to catalyze local employment, foster innovation, and strengthen India's semiconductor supply chain.

Alongside this, the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) developed by ELCINA at Salarpur was also inaugurated, providing shared infrastructure, testing facilities, and incubation support for electronics and semiconductor startups. Together, these initiatives signal a strong push toward building a robust semiconductor ecosystem in India, aligning with the government's vision of making the country a global hub for electronics and advanced manufacturing.

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INDIA ADVANCES BRICS MSME COOPERATION UNDER 2026 CHAIRSHIP

The Ministry of MSME successfully convened the 2nd SME Working Group Meeting under the BRICS PartNIR track, focusing on the theme "Enhancing Access to Technology for MSMEs." The discussions among BRICS member countries centered on harnessing innovations and technology commercialization to empower MSMEs, particularly in areas of digital inclusion, skill development, and global competitiveness.

This initiative reflects India's commitment, as BRICS Chair for 2026, to strengthen international cooperation and create a supportive ecosystem for MSMEs to integrate into global value chains. By prioritizing technology access and innovation exchange, the meeting underscored the importance of MSMEs as engines of growth, resilience, and sustainable development across BRICS nations. The collaborative framework is expected to open new opportunities for cross-border incubation, trade facilitation, and knowledge sharing, positioning MSMEs at the forefront of inclusive economic progress.

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GLOBAL MSME CONCLAVE 2026

The Global MSME Conclave 2026 hosted by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) brought together policymakers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals from across the world to deliberate on the future of micro, small and medium enterprises in a rapidly evolving global economy. The conclave emphasized the role of MSMEs as engines of inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainable development, while highlighting the need for stronger international cooperation and technology-driven transformation.

Key discussions focused on digital enablement, access to finance, global market integration, and skill development, with special attention to empowering women-led and rural enterprises. The event also showcased successful MSME models, cross-border incubation opportunities, and collaborative frameworks under platforms like BRICS and G20.

By convening diverse stakeholders under one roof, the conclave reinforced MSMEs as central to achieving resilient supply chains, equitable growth, and global competitiveness, positioning them as vital contributors to India's and the world's sustainable economic future.

Source: <https://globalmsmeconclave.fkcci.org/>

EMPOWERING THE GRASSROOTS ECONOMY: PUSH FOR RURAL AND SEMI-URBAN MSMEs

The Government of India has unveiled a comprehensive strategy to empower rural and semi-urban MSMEs, recognizing their critical role in job creation, local industrialization, and inclusive growth. The initiative focuses on expanding access to credit, digital platforms, skill development, and market linkages for enterprises operating at the grassroots level. Special emphasis is being placed on women-led businesses, artisan clusters, and micro enterprises in underserved regions to ensure equitable participation in the national growth story.

Key measures include strengthening digital credit frameworks, promoting common facility centers for shared infrastructure, and enhancing entrepreneurship training programs tailored to rural and semi-urban contexts. By integrating these enterprises into supply chains and e-commerce platforms, the government aims to reduce regional disparities and boost productivity. This push is expected to not only uplift local communities but also contribute significantly to India's vision of building a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable MSME ecosystem that supports long-term economic development.

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