

BHARAT INNOVATES 2026 CONCLUDES IN NICE: INDIA EMERGES AS GLOBAL DEEPTech HUB

The **Bharat Innovates 2026 Summit**, held from **14–16 June 2026** at **Palais des Expositions, Nice, France**, concluded as a landmark event showcasing India's growing strength in deeptech and innovation. Jointly inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **French President Emmanuel Macron**, the summit was a flagship initiative under the *India-France Year of Innovation 2026*.

Over **2,000 delegates from 29 countries**, including **500+ French investors and corporate leaders**, participated in the summit. The event featured **120 curated Indian deeptech startups** and **45 technology projects** from premier institutions such as IITs and IISc. Nearly 60% of the showcased startups were incubated at IITs/IISc, reflecting India's strong academic innovation pipeline.

The summit generated **USD 254.5 million in funding commitments** and facilitated **50+ collaboration agreements**, including partnerships between Indian and French universities, incubators, and global corporations. Notably, **IIT Madras signed seven MoUs**, unlocking nearly USD 100 million in value for its startups.

The focus areas included **AI, semiconductors, biotechnology, healthcare, defence, climate tech, and space innovation**. These sectors were highlighted as critical to India's ambition of becoming a global leader in frontier technologies.

In his address, Prime Minister Modi emphasized India's innovation journey with the words: *"Bharat innovates with scale and speed... for a sustainable future... for the whole world."* Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal described the summit as a **"landmark initiative"** that showcased India's higher education ecosystem and entrepreneurial strength.

By connecting Indian startups with investors managing assets worth over USD 3 trillion, Bharat Innovates 2026 not only strengthened India's global innovation networks but also reinforced its position as a **trusted, transformative deeptech hub**. The summit underscored India's readiness to lead in technology-driven growth, aligning with the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*.

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MSME DAY 2026: DIGITAL PLATFORMS LAUNCHED TO EMPOWER INDIA'S MSMEs

The Ministry of MSME celebrated **MSME Day 2026** on 25 June in New Delhi, with Union Minister **Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi** and Minister of State **Sushri Shobha Karandlaje**

gracing the occasion. The event highlighted the crucial role of MSMEs in driving India's economic growth, fostering innovation, and ensuring inclusive development across diverse sectors. A major highlight was the launch of a **new generation of digital platforms**, designed to strengthen the MSME ecosystem by improving access to credit, ensuring transparency in delayed payments, and expanding market linkages. These platforms are expected to simplify compliance processes, reduce operational bottlenecks, and enhance competitiveness for small enterprises. The celebration reaffirmed MSMEs as the backbone of India's economy, contributing significantly to employment generation, grassroots entrepreneurship, and exports. The government emphasized its longterm vision of building a resilient, technology-enabled, and globally integrated MSME sector aligned with the national goal of *Viksit Bharat @2047*. By combining policy support with digital innovation, the Ministry showcased its commitment to empowering entrepreneurs, fostering sustainable growth, and positioning MSMEs as key drivers of India's transformation journey. This initiative marks a strategic milestone in strengthening India's MSME landscape and ensuring that small businesses remain at the forefront of the nation's development agenda.

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KHADI ROZGAR UTSAV EMPOWERS ARTISANS IN HARYANA

The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**, under the leadership of Chairman **Shri Manoj Goyal**, along with **Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini**, organized the *Khadi Rozgar Utsav* in Siwani where **3,645 machines and toolkits** were distributed to artisans. A significant boost was provided through the disbursement of **₹504.68 crore margin money subsidy** under the PMEGP scheme, supporting the establishment of **22,259 new units**. This initiative has generated employment for **58,796 artisans** through 96 Khadi institutions operating under KVIC's State Office in Ambala.

In his address, Shri Manoj Goyal emphasized KVIC's continuous efforts toward realizing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*, *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, and *Vocal for Local*. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini echoed this sentiment, stating that the resolve of *Vocal for Local* has been effectively realized through the Khadi Rozgar Utsav. The event highlighted Khadi's role not only in promoting self-reliance and sustainable

livelihoods but also in strengthening India's grassroots economy by empowering artisans and fostering inclusive development.

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FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN GAYA

The Union Minister for MSME Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi and Bihar Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary jointly laid the foundation stone for a new **Technology Centre in Gaya Ji**, marking a significant step towards strengthening the MSME ecosystem in Bihar. The upcoming centre will focus on **General Engineering, Heavy Engineering, and Textile Testing**, providing advanced facilities to support industry needs. It is designed to train nearly **7,000 trainees annually** through a mix of short-term and long-term industry-oriented programmes, thereby enhancing skill development and employability.

Speaking at the event, the Bihar Chief Minister emphasized that the Ministry of MSME is creating substantial employment opportunities and reinforcing the foundation of **self-reliance** in the state. The initiative reflects the government's broader vision of empowering MSMEs, fostering industrial growth, and aligning with the national goals of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and *Viksit Bharat @2047*. The Technology Centre is expected to serve as a hub for innovation, skill enhancement, and sustainable development, contributing to both local and national economic progress.

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MARKETING OF DIVYANGJAN VISHWAKARMA PRODUCTS THROUGH OSOP

The Ministry of MSME announced the marketing of **Divyangjan Vishwakarma products** through the **One Station One Product (OSOP)** initiative under the **PM Vishwakarma (PMV) scheme**. This effort is aimed at providing traditional artisans and craftspeople, particularly Divyangjan, with resources and opportunities to enhance their skills, access wider markets, and improve their livelihoods. The PM Vishwakarma scheme, built on the three pillars of **Samman, Samarthya, and Samriddhi**, is a flagship programme of the Government designed to support and uplift India's rich tradition of craftsmanship. By integrating Divyangjan artisans into the OSOP framework, the initiative not only promotes inclusivity but also

strengthens the vision of *Vocal for Local* and *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, ensuring that traditional skills are preserved while enabling artisans to achieve sustainable economic growth.

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NATIONAL SC-ST HUB SCHEME PROMOTES INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Ministry of MSME is actively promoting **inclusive entrepreneurship** through the **National SC-ST Hub Scheme**, which has been empowering Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) entrepreneurs since its launch in October 2016. The scheme provides targeted support to enhance market access, build capacity, and strengthen business competitiveness for SC-ST entrepreneurs. Over the years, numerous **success stories** have emerged, showcasing how the initiative has had a **transformational impact** by enabling entrepreneurs to establish sustainable enterprises and contribute to India's economic growth. By fostering inclusivity and self-reliance, the scheme aligns with the government's vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and ensures that marginalized communities are integrated into the mainstream entrepreneurial ecosystem.

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INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA MEETING FOR MSME COOPERATION HELD IN NEW DELHI

On **1st June 2026**, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) hosted a bilateral meeting at **Kartavya Bhawan - III, New Delhi**, led by Union Minister **Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi**. The delegation from the **Republic of South Africa** was headed by **Ms. Stella Tembisa Ndabeni**, Minister of Small Business Development. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between the two nations in the MSME sector, with emphasis on knowledge sharing, skill development, and expanding market opportunities for small businesses. The meeting highlighted the importance of international collaboration in fostering inclusive growth, innovation, and self-reliance, aligning with India's vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and *Viksit Bharat @2047*. This engagement marked a step forward in building stronger economic ties and promoting MSMEs as engines of sustainable development across both countries.

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