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## Northern Region Conference : 2025

### Energy Efficiency: Pathway to a Sustainable Future



The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) successfully concluded its conference, **NCON-2025**, organized by the Northern Region and its Chapters jointly with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Government of India, on 17TH Dec 2025 at Hotel Ramada, Jalandhar. The two-day event brought together industry leaders, policymakers, financial institutions, and technology providers to discuss the critical theme of "Energy Efficiency: Pathway to a Sustainable Future."

NCON conference with BEE, highlighting their unwavering dedication to advancing the cause of energy efficiency in the foundry sector. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Himanshu Agarwal, Deputy Commissioner of Jalandhar, who emphasized the importance of energy conservation in driving social progress and technical advancement. **The event was graced by Shri Mohender Bhagat, Cabinet Minister, Government of Punjab & notable dignitaries, including LPU Vice Chairman Aman Mittal, IIF Northern Region Chairman Mr. Balram Kapoor, IIF Northern Region Vice Chairman Mr. Lokesh Lohia, Chandigarh Chapter Chairman Mr. Sanjeev Juneja.**

Over 150 delegates from across the country participated in the conference, which featured a comprehensive technical program, including keynote addresses, panel discussions, and an exhibition showcasing innovative energy-efficient solutions. **The conference provided a unique platform for industry stakeholders to share best practices, discuss challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration and growth.** The technical sessions covered a range of topics, including energy-efficient technologies, sustainable practices, and policy frameworks aimed at accelerating the adoption of energy-efficient practices in the foundry sector. The conference featured insightful presentations from renowned speakers, including Mr. Rahul Kumar Singh, Zonal Manager, UCO Bank, discussed innovative financing models for energy-efficient projects; Mr. P. Shyam Sundar, Director, BEE, Government of India, presented the national roadmap for industrial energy conservation and led an interactive session on the ADDEETIE SCHEME; Dr. P. Thareja, shared cutting-edge research on low-temperature casting; and representatives from Hitachi High-Tech India, Inductotherm India, and SIDBI, highlighted state-of-the-art equipment and credit facilities for MSMEs.



BEE, as a key partner, played a crucial role in shaping the conference agenda, focusing on energy efficiency as a key driver for sustainable growth in the foundry sector. **The Bureau's initiatives and policies aimed at promoting energy efficiency were discussed in detail, providing valuable insights to the participants.** The conference emphasized the importance of energy efficiency in reducing energy consumption, lowering carbon emissions, and enhancing competitiveness in the foundry sector.

**A panel discussion on "Financing the Green Transition" brought together bankers, policymakers, and industry CFOs to discuss innovative financing mechanisms for energy-efficient projects.** The panelists shared their expertise and experiences, highlighting the importance of collaboration and partnerships in driving sustainable growth. A dedicated workshop on implementing Energy Management Systems provided hands-on guidance to participants, enabling them to develop practical skills and knowledge in energy management.

**The exhibition featured over 20 MSME stalls showcasing innovative energy-efficient solutions, including advanced induction heating systems, waste-heat recovery solutions, and energy-efficient furnaces.** The event provided ample opportunities for networking and collaboration, with participants engaging in lively discussions and exploring potential partnerships. The conference concluded with a series of awards and mementos being presented to individuals and organizations that made outstanding contributions to the cause of energy efficiency.





The NCON-2025 conference highlighted the importance of energy efficiency in driving sustainable growth and competitiveness in the foundry sector. **The event emphasized the need for collaboration and partnerships among industry stakeholders, policymakers, and financial institutions to accelerate the adoption of energy-efficient practices.** The conference also highlighted the potential for energy savings in the foundry sector, with case studies demonstrating energy savings of up to 30% in participating foundries.



The Institute of Indian Foundrymen expressed its gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and partners, and reiterated its commitment to continuing such initiatives as part of its broader mission to promote technological excellence and environmental stewardship within the metal-casting industry. The collective insights, shared experiences, and newly forged partnerships are expected to translate into tangible reductions in energy consumption, lower carbon emissions, and enhanced competitiveness for foundries across the nation.



The conference showcased BEE's efforts in promoting energy efficiency, including the development of energy-efficient technologies, capacity building, and awareness creation. The event demonstrated the potential for energy efficiency in the foundry sector and the role of BEE in driving this initiative forward. The conference provided a platform for industry stakeholders to engage with BEE and explore opportunities for collaboration and growth.



Overall, the NCON-2025 conference was a resounding success, highlighting the importance of energy efficiency in driving sustainable growth and competitiveness in the foundry sector. The event provided a unique platform for industry stakeholders to share best practices, discuss challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration and growth, with BEE playing a key role in shaping the conference agenda and promoting energy efficiency.



# फाऊंड्री उद्योग से जुड़े लोगों की पहल-प्रदूषण पर नियंत्रण और ऊर्जा में दक्षता दि इंडस्ट्रीयूट ऑफ इंडियन फाऊंड्रीमैन ने जालंधर में किया नॉर्डन रीजन कांफ्रेंस का आयोजन

जालंधर, 17 दिसम्बर (अनिल पाहवा): फाऊंड्री उद्योग में ऊर्जा दक्षता और टिकाऊ भविष्य की दिशा तय करने के लिए दि इंडस्ट्रीयूट ऑफ इंडियन फाऊंड्रीमैन (आई.आई.एफ.) के नॉर्डन रीजन और चंडीगढ़ चैंप्टर की ओर से एक अहम पहल की गई। इसी पहल के तहत जालंधर के स्थानीय होटल में नॉर्डन रीजन कांफ्रेंस एन.सी.ओ.एन. 2025 का आयोजन किया गया। पंजाब केसरी ग्रुप के डायरेक्टर अभिजय चोपड़ा इस दौरान विशेष आतिथि के तौर पर उपस्थित हुए। आई.आई.एफ. नॉर्डन रीजन के चेयरमैन बलराम कपूर, चंडीगढ़ चैंप्टर के चेयरमैन संजीव जुनेजा, उपाध्यक्ष जसजीत बेदी, बरिंदर कलसी और सचिव मनीष क्वात्रा ने उनका स्वागत किया।

इस सम्मेलन का मुख्य विषय 'ऊर्जा दक्षता बढ़ाना-एक स्थायी भविष्य की ओर रास्ते' रखा गया था, जो मौजूदा दौर में उद्योग जगत के लिए सबसे बड़ी जरूरत बन चुका है। इस दौरान फाऊंड्री टेक्नोलॉजी और ऊर्जा दक्षता से जुड़े नए प्रयोगों, चुनौतियों और अवसरों पर खुलकर चर्चा हुई। आयोजन के दौरान ब्यूरो आफ एनर्जी एफिशिएंसी (बी.ई.ई.) के निदेशक शाम सुंदर ने फाऊंड्री उद्योग से जुड़े लोगों को ऊर्जा बचत से लेकर अन्य तकनीकी पहलुओं के बारे में जानकारी दी।

सम्मेलन में देशभर से 150 के करीब फाऊंड्रीमैन, उद्योग विशेषज्ञ और शोधकर्ताओं ने हिस्सा लिया। ऊर्जा दक्षता, पर्यावरण संरक्षण, नई तकनीकों और उद्योग के भविष्य से जुड़े कई तकनीकी सत्र और विचार-विमर्श आयोजित किए गए। इस



● आई.आई.एफ. के आयोजन के दौरान बी.ई.ई. के निदेशक शाम सुंदर को सम्मानित करते पंजाब केसरी के निदेशक श्री अभिजय चोपड़ा, साथ ही आई.आई.एफ. के चेयरमैन बलराम कपूर, संजीव जुनेजा, मनीष क्वात्रा, जसजीत सिंह बेदी, धर्मिंदर मेहता व अन्य। (ठाकुर)



● फाऊंड्री उद्योग से जुड़े एक स्टाल पर उत्पाद देखते पंजाब केसरी के निदेशक अभिजय चोपड़ा

दौरान क्वात्रा ने अपने संबोधन में जहां उर्जा संरक्षण पर जोर दिया, वहीं सभी का फोकस था कि प्रदूषण पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिए विशेष कदम उठाए जाएं ताकि इस समस्या के निपटारे के लिए इंडस्ट्री की तरफ से

अपना उचित योगदान दिया जा सके।

इस अवसर पर धर्मिंदर मेहता, विशाल गौतम, विनय लूथरा, अजय राय, पलविंदर जुनेजा, गौरव चोपड़ा, अतिन चोपड़ा, नरेंद्र सिंह सग्गू, गुरनाम सिंह भगज, रूपिंदर नंदा, अनुराग भदौरिया, लोकेश लोहिया, तुषार जैन, अखिल कपूर व अन्य उपस्थित रहे।

इस दौरान जसजीत सिंह बेदी, उपाध्यक्ष आई.आई.एफ. चंडीगढ़ चैंप्टर ने कहा कि आई.आई.एफ. की तरफ से इस आयोजन का जो मुख्य उद्देश्य है, वह है ज्यादा से ज्यादा बिजली बचत पर ध्यान केंद्रित करना। एक दौर था, जब बिजली की काफी कमी थी और उसका नुकसान उद्योगों को भी हो रहा था, लेकिन अब देश में बिजली की कमी लगभग खत्म हो चुकी है। मनीष क्वात्रा, सचिव आई.आई.एफ. चंडीगढ़ चैंप्टर ने कहा कि तकनीक के मामले में चीन ने काफी तरक्की की है। नई नई तकनीक लाकर उसने उत्पादों को तैयार करने में आने वाली लागत पर बड़ी कटौती की है, जिसके कारण वह बाजार में सस्ता माल बेच पा रहा है। हमें भी नई तकनीक के साथ लागत में कटौती करनी होगी।

## चीन को मात देने के लिए 'कॉस्ट कटिंग' जरूरी: बलराम कपूर

नाथन रीजन इंडस्ट्रीयूट आफ इंडियन फाऊंड्रीमैन के चेयरमैन व संयुक्त प्रबंध निदेशक जे.एम.पी. इंडस्ट्रीज बलराम कपूर ने कहा कि टेक्नोलॉजी में रोजाना कुछ न कुछ नया आ रहा है और रोजाना ही कुछ न कुछ नया सीखने को मिलता है।

इस तरह के इवेंट करने का एक ही बड़ा कारण है कि जो फाऊंड्री उद्योग से जुड़े लोग हैं, उन्हें मशीनों की नए तकनीक से लेकर उक्त मशीनों खरीदने के लिए उचित दरों पर लोन की सुविधा उपलब्ध हो सके। फाऊंड्री उद्योग में इस समय सबसे ज्यादा काम बिजली बचत पर किए जाने की जरूरत है। फाऊंड्री उद्योग में तैयार हो रहे उत्पाद में 15 से 20 प्रतिशत जो लागत है, वो बिजली के खर्च की है और कोशिश की जा रही है कि इस लागत को और कम किया जाए, क्योंकि जब यह लागत कम होगी, तभी भारतीय उद्योग अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में टिक पाएगा।

उदाहरण के तौर पर लोहे को पिघलाने के लिए किसी समय 1000 यूनिट प्रति टन की लागत आती थी, जो अब लेटेस्ट मशीनों तथा तकनीक के माध्यम से 550 से 600 यूनिट प्रति टन तक लाया गया है।

अभी भी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में चीन हमसे आगे है। चीन में लोहा पिघलाने के लिए प्रति टन 250 से 350 यूनिट का खर्च आ रहा है, जिसके कारण चीन में तैयार उत्पाद की लागत भी कम रहती है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारतीय उद्योग को अगर टिकना है, तो इस लागत



को कम करना होगा। आज के आयोजन में भी आई.आई.टी. जालंधर तथा आई.आई.टी. चंडीगढ़ के छात्रों को बुलाया गया था ताकि वे उनकी इंडस्ट्री की समस्याओं के बारे में जानकारी हासिल कर सकें और नए आयुधिया दे सकें।

इसके अलावा उत्पाद की क्वालिटी इस समय सबसे जरूरी चीज है, जिसे बनाए रखना समय की जरूरत है। आजकल उपभोक्ता जागरूक हैं और उसे क्वालिटी चाहिए, जिसके पास बेहतर क्वालिटी होगी, वह उसी तरफ चला जाएगा।

ऐसे में भारत की क्वालिटी को वर्ल्ड क्लास तक ले जाने के लिए नई मशीनों की जरूरत है, जो तकनीकी तौर पर पहले से बेहतर हों। इसके लिए मैं केंद्र सरकार का धन्यवाद करना चाहूंगा कि वह उद्योगों में नई मशीनों के लिए लोन की सुविधा को पहले से आसान बना रही है।

आई.आई.एफ. की तरफ से आयोजित इस तरह के इवेंट फाऊंड्री उद्योग के लिए बेहद फायदे का सौदा साबित होते हैं, क्योंकि यहां पर आकर एक तो नई मशीनों तथा नई तकनीक की जानकारी मिलती है। दूसरा सरकार की योजनाओं के बारे में भी जानकारी मिल जाती है, जिसमें कम दरों पर नई मशीनों के लिए कर्ज मुहैया करवाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में टिकने के लिए लेटेस्ट मशीनों को स्थापित करना समय की जरूरत है, क्योंकि इससे जहां क्वालिटी बेहतर करने



में आसानी होगी, वहीं लागत में भी कमी आएगी। अब वो समय नहीं है, जब जो सामान तैयार कर दो वो बिक जाता था, अब तो उपभोक्ता क्या चाहता है, किस तरह की क्वालिटी चाहता है, ये सब देखना जरूरी होगा। कास्टिंग इंडस्ट्री की ही बात करें तो एक दौर था, जब यू.के., यू.एस. तथा जर्मनी इस मामले में किंग होते थे और भारत का दूर-दूर तक कहीं नाम नहीं होता था, लेकिन नई तकनीक को अपनाकर भारतीय उद्योगों ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में खुद को न केवल स्थापित किया, बल्कि आज स्थिति यह है कि उक्त देशों में भारतीय कास्टिंग का नाम कई ऊंचा हो गया है।

-बरिंदर कलसी, कार्यकारी सदस्य जालंधर आटो पार्ट्स एसोसिएशन व निदेशक कलसी मेटल वर्क्स प्रा.लि.



**आई.आई.एफ. ने एनर्जी एफिशिएंसी पर उद्योग जगत को किया जागरूक**

दैनिक सवेरा के मुख्य संपादक श्री शीतल विज ने आई.आई.एफ. की सराहना की, नॉर्दर्न रिजन के चेयरमैन बलराम कपूर के नेतृत्व में कॉन्फ्रेंस का सफल आयोजन

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कार्तिक के जिला अग्रज एवं पूर्व विभाजक कमिश्नर देवी को स्मृति विमल भेट करते हुए दैनिक सवेरा के मुख्य सम्पादक श्री शीतल मिश्र, आनन्द कपूर, विमल सुन्दर, मनीष अग्रज, अजय राय, अजीत कुमार, जगदीश मिश्र देवी अर्पित। (सभी छोटी : मुसीवी)

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भाजपा के प्रदेश प्रजाधन एवं युवा विप्लवक केडी भंडारी को सम्मानित करते हुए सततन कजूर, साधु जी हरिन्दर सिंह सगु, हरिन्दर कलसी, अजय राय, विरजल गौतम, डा. सी. बनेज व पालविंदर जूनेजा।



एनिस सारेठ के मृत्यु सांझक से होत दिज बा बागल काने हूए अईजाईक के नौईन रिजम के घेबरसैत कलरम कपूर, शिवाक बाबा डैंगरी, अजय राय मनीष बाबा, मनीष जनेजा, सनीष मेहता, जयदीप सिंह देवी, राकेश मेहता, सुषम जैन अदि।



कार्यक्रम में मौजूद सैनिक राठौर के मुख्य संरक्षक की प्रशिक्षण विज, किरायाक बाबा हैनरी, बलराम कपूर, जसजीत सिंह बेदी, राठौर बेहा, बुधर जैन, संजीव जूनेजा, मनीष ठाकुर व अन्य।



सैनिक बंदी के मुकाबले अधिकारी सैनिक को मृत्यु विधि से कराने हूँ। इन्स्टीट्यूट ऑफ डीपन वाइलडैम के नॉर्दन रिजन के चेयरमैन बलराम कपूर विनय लुधरा, किरणक बाबा हैनरी, अनुराग बट्टीरिया, कंजीव जनेज, जवाजीत सिंह सेठी, बनीष कपूर, राकेश बेहल, प्रदीप मेहता आदि।



ऐश्वर्यमय कलराम कपूर को मुन्नि दिन भर कागजों हुरी की सीतल दिवस, साथ ही मजीब बुनेल, अनुराग बरिहिया, जयजीत सिंह बेंदी, दिनेश मुखर्जी, अजय राय मनोहर कलाश, राजेश खेतल आदि।



अन्य भूभाग की सम्पत्ति काही हू, की गैरतन मिर, नव ई कानन हापूर, कतीव कुनै, जयजीत मिर ईरी, अनुमान बहीन, अजय गा, कर्षी राजा, कतीव कानन व लहेता मिर

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तुषार जैन को सम्मानित करते हुए बलराम कपूर, जीतल विज, विनय लुधरा, राकेश मेहता, अजय राय, अनुराग भट्टरिच आदि।



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## Year End Review 2025: Ministry of Heavy Industries

The key initiatives/achievements/events of Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) during the year are as under-

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components Industry, with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 25,938 crore aims to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities for Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) products, overcome cost disabilities and build a robust supply chain. Approved on 15.09.2021 the scheme covers the period FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28, with incentive disbursements from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29. The scheme offers incentives of 13%-18% for Electric Vehicle and Hydrogen Fuel Cell components and 8%-13% for other AAT components. There are 82 approved applicants, with an estimated investment of Rs. 42,500 crore, incremental sales of Rs. Rs. 2,31,500 crore, and [read more..](#)

## Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal visits Brussels for high-level dialogue with European Union's Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, concluded a significant two-day visit to Brussels (8-9 January 2026), marking a decisive step forward in the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. In a series of high-level dialogues with Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, both leaders provided guidance to negotiating teams to resolve pending issues and expedite the agreement.

The visit capped a week of intensive diplomatic and technical engagements in Brussels, underscoring the political resolve of both sides to deliver a comprehensive deal. The Ministerial engagement was preceded by high-level discussions between Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal and the Director-General for Trade, European Commission, Ms. Sabine Weyand, on 6-7 January 2026. The meetings focused on stocktaking the progress achieved across various negotiating tracks. The officials worked to "narrow divergences" and ensure clarity on outstanding issues, clearing the path for the Ministerial dialogue [read more..](#)



## Aatmanirbharta in defence is a national imperative & necessity for long-term strategic autonomy, says Defence Secretary at Defence Skilling Conclave

**"Evolving global supply chains & rapid technological advancements present unprecedented opportunities for our defence sector"**

Posted On: 10 JAN 2026 6:41PM by PIB Delhi

"India is at a decisive moment in its defence and industrial journey, where self-reliance has emerged as a national imperative," said Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh at the inauguration of Defence Skilling Conclave on Defence, Aerospace and Strategic Sector Skill Development in Chandigarh on January 10, 2026. Highlighting the transformation of India's defence industrial ecosystem over the past decade, he stated that guided by the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the sector has moved from import dependence to a vibrant ecosystem comprising Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), private industry, MSMEs and start-ups [read more..](#)





## Ministry of Steel invites applications for Bharat Steel Awards - 2026

The Ministry of Steel, Government of India has introduced a new award scheme titled "Bharat Steel Awards" to recognise exemplary performance and significant contributions across critical areas of the steel sector.

The awards shall be conferred across the following seven categories-

1. Efficiency Award (Company)
2. Export Award (Company)
3. Sustainability Award (Company)
4. Indigenization Award (Team)
5. Innovation through R&D (Team)
6. Safety Award (Company & Team)
7. Exceptional Contribution in Steel sector Award (Individual)

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## CAQM reviews Inspection Outcomes during 16-day enforcement drive across NCR, covering Industries, DG sets, C&D sites, Road Dust and Biomass Burning

Necessary Corrective Actions ordered against Major Violations and Non-compliances identified

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The 123rd meeting of the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) was held today to review enforcement and inspection activities carried out across the National Capital Region (NCR).

The review covered the reporting period from 22.12.2025 to 06.01.2026, spanning a total of 16 days. During this period, flying squads of the Commission conducted inspections across key air pollution sectors, including industries, diesel generator (DG) sets, construction and demolition (C&D) activities, road dust, and incidents related to biomass burning and municipal solid waste (MSW) accumulation [read more..](#)



## Union Environment Minister chairs Review Meeting on Action Plans of Rajasthan and Punjab to tackle Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR

The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, today chaired a high-level meeting to undertake a detailed review of Action Plans of the State Governments of Rajasthan and Punjab for tackling air pollution in Delhi-NCR. This was the fifth meeting in the series of such reviews, conducted on prescribed parameters and formats as directed by the Minister in the earlier review meeting held on 03.12.2025. Expressing concern over Delhi-NCR air quality throughout the year, the Minister informed that from January 2026, review of action plans would be held every month at the Ministerial level. The Minister directed that sector-wise targeted action plans be prepared, with clear responsibility for execution fixed on concerned departments. As the action plans are being prepared eight months in advance, it was expressed that efficient execution would lead to visible positive results in the next season. The Minister assured that all implementational roadblocks would be addressed through regular inter-State coordination meetings at the highest level [read more..](#)

## Two Key Interventions Launched to Strengthen MSME Exports under Export Promotion Mission

The first intervention relates to interest subvention for pre- and post-shipment export credit, aimed at reducing the cost of export credit and easing working-capital constraints faced by MSME exporters. Under this intervention, interest subvention will be provided on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit extended by eligible lending institutions. A base interest subvention of 2.75 per cent has been provided, with a provision for additional incentive for exports to notified under-represented or emerging markets, subject to operational readiness [read more..](#)





## Year End Review 2025: Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector plays a crucial role in India's economic and social development. It generates significant employment at low capital cost, supports large industries as ancillary units, and promotes industrialization in rural and backward areas—helping to reduce regional imbalances and ensure more equitable income distribution. The Ministry of MSME, Government of India, in collaboration with its various organizations & institutes has pioneered initiatives that promote growth and development of the MSME sector, including Khadi, Village and Coir industries. A range of schemes are being implemented, providing credit support, technological assistance, infrastructure development, skill development and training, as well as measures to enhance the competitiveness and market access of MSMEs.

The year 2025 witnessed several milestone achievements by the Ministry of MSME, including the launch of new campaigns and initiatives, as well as the signing of Memoranda of Understanding with other countries to strengthen bilateral cooperation. The year has been particularly significant for the Ministry, with the introduction of multiple new programmes. Some of the key initiatives and achievements of the Ministry during 2025 are outlined below:

### 2.MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES DURING 2025:

#### 2.1 Formalization of MSMEs:

The Udyam Registration Portal was launched on 01.07.2020 to facilitate ease of registration for MSMEs and access to all the Schemes and benefits. The registration process is free of cost, paperless and digital. Further, Ministry launched the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) Portal on 11.01.2023, for bringing Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) into the formal ambit, and for availing Priority Sector Lending (PSL) benefits [read more..](#)



## Suspend PM E-DRIVE truck-scrapping rule for a year: Auto industry

According to the data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), India's auto retails delivered a confident close, with total retails at 2,81,61,228 units, registering a 7.71% Y-o-Y growth. The year, however, was a tale of two halves Jan to Aug remained subdued despite supportive macro cues such as direct tax relief in the Union Budget and RBIs cumulative rate easing through 2025. The turning point came from September onwards, when the landmark GST 2.0 rate rationalization including meaningful reductions for mass segments like small cars, two-wheelers (up to 350cc), three-wheelers and key commercial categories improved affordability and lifted sentiment, leading to a clear upshift through Sept-Dec. Category-wise, 2W grew 7.24%, PV rose 9.70%, CV expanded 6.71%, and Tractors posted 11.52%. Importantly, the year saw broad-based participation urban retail grew 8.20% and rural 7.31% and within PVs, rural demand was a standout, growing 12.31% versus 8.08% in urban markets, underlining the strengthening spread of personal mobility beyond metros [read more..](#)

## Bajaj Auto reports 14% rise in total sales to 369,809 units in December

Bajaj Auto Ltd on Friday reported a 14 per cent rise in total sales at 3,69,809 units in December 2025 as compared to 3,23,125 units in the same month of 2024.

Total domestic sales were at 1,69,373 units last month as against 1,62,420 units in the year-ago period, up 4 per cent, Bajaj Auto Ltd said in a regulatory filing.

Two-wheeler sales in the domestic market were at 1,32,228 units as against 1,28,335 units in December 2024, a growth of 3 per cent.

Exports of two-wheelers were up 24 per cent at 1,78,125 units last month as compared to 1,43,838 units in the same month a year ago [read more..](#)

## Electric vehicles transition boosts capacity buildup in auto ancillaries

India's auto component makers are entering a new phase of capacity expansion, driven less by pure volume growth and more by a structural shift towards electric vehicles (EVs), safety systems and higher electronics content per vehicle.

Localisation initiatives and production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes are accelerating investments, even as export-linked businesses remain cautious amid global trade uncertainty.

According to a report by Deven Choksey Research, the auto component industry is witnessing "steady growth momentum, driven by higher vehicle production, rising exports, and increasing content per vehicle led by premiumisation and electronics penetration."

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## Eight more companies to get incentives under auto PLI from FY27: MHI

Three additional vehicle makers and five more auto component makers will begin availing financial incentives under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the automobile sector from 2026-27 (FY27) onwards, Hanif Qureshi, additional secretary at the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), said on Wednesday. This will take the total number of companies receiving incentives under the scheme from the current 10 to 18 by the end of FY27. The auto PLI scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on September 15, 2021, with a total outlay of ₹25,938 crore over five years. Under the scheme, 115 companies applied, of which 82, including vehicle makers and auto component makers, were approved. During a media briefing here, Qureshi said the government will invoke the bank guarantees of 10 companies, of the 82 approved, which failed to make any investment over the last two financial years. He did not name the companies but said all 10 were auto component makers. "Every company has to give a bank guarantee to participate in this scheme. As the scheme says, if you have done zero investment in two consecutive years, then your bank guarantee can be invoked. There are about 10 companies that have invested zero rupees. So, we will be invoking their bank guarantees [Read more..](#)

## Escorts Kubota records 38.5% jump in tractor sales in Dec'25

Escorts Kubota Agri Machinery Business in December 2025 sold 7,577 tractors registering a growth of 38.5% as against 5,472 tractors sold in December 2024.

Domestic tractor sales in December 2025 were at 6,828 tractors registering a growth of 36.1% as against 5,016 tractors in December 2024. The domestic tractor industry sustained its strong performance in December, propelled by supportive government policies, lower GST rates, and continued state subsidies that enhanced affordability for farmers. Industry benefited from a strong Kharif output, enhanced Rabi sowing as compared to last year, increased water availability, and positive rural sentiment, all of which contributed to heightened retail demand. With these encouraging factors in place, the industry is poised to sustain its growth momentum in the upcoming months [read more..](#)

## Mahindra & Mahindra tractor sales increase 39% in Dec'25

Mahindra & Mahindra Farm Equipment Business (FEB), part of the Mahindra Group, today announced its tractor sales numbers for December 2025.

Domestic sales in December 2025 were at 30,210 units, as against 22,019 units in December 2024, reflecting a 37% year-on-year growth.

Total tractor sales (Domestic + Exports) during December 2025 were at 31,859 units, as against 22,943 units for the same period last year. Exports for the month stood at 1,649 units, a growth of 78%.

Commenting on the performance, Veejay Nakra, President - Farm Equipment Business, Mahindra & Mahindra said, We have sold 30,210 tractors in the domestic market during December 2025, a growth of 37% over last year. Cash flow availability in the market has improved supported by favorable crop yields following the Kharif harvest. Additionally, conducive weather conditions and healthy reservoir levels have contributed to increase in Rabi sowing acreage, which is expected to sustain tractor demand in the coming months. In the exports market, we have sold 1,649 tractors, a growth of 78% over last year [read more..](#)

## Govt rolls out ₹7.3K cr schemes to boost MSME financing over six years

Government Initiatives for Small Exporters

The government has launched two measures aimed at enhancing trade finance access for small exporters, with a total allocation of ₹7,295 crore over a six-year period (FY26-31).

Interest Subvention Scheme

The scheme, named "Interest Subvention for Pre- and Post-Shipment Rupee Export Credit," targets MSMEs, helping them access export credit at competitive rates below market interest rates.

The budgetary outlay for this scheme is ₹5,181 crore over six years, beginning with clearing arrears worth ₹830 crore.

A base interest subvention of 2.75% is provided, with additional incentives for exports to under-represented or emerging markets, subject to operational readiness.

The scheme is part of a larger ₹25,060 crore export-promotion mission approved in November.

It revamps the discontinued "Interest Equalisation Scheme" (IES) and focuses mainly on small exporters, capping the annual benefit per firm at ₹50 lakh.

Additional incentives are offered for MSMEs exporting to new markets, covering 75% of tariff lines.

The subvention rates will be reviewed periodically based on domestic and global benchmarks.

The RBI, in conjunction with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), will implement the scheme, and detailed guidelines will follow.

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## Rural economy spurs tractor sales in 2025, tilling fertile ground for 2026

India's tractor industry closed 2025 on a firm footing, nearing a million units in retail sales — posting double-digit growth in volumes — and entering 2026 with expectations of sustained demand, according to industry executives and analysts.

This, they added, was backed by healthy farm economics, improved rural cash flows and favourable crop conditions.

According to Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (Fada) Research data, tractor retail sales in CY25 stood at 996,633 units, up from 893,706 units in CY24, a growth of more than 11 per cent [read more..](#)

## CreditQ Launches RS 10,000 'Silver Plan' Designed Specifically for Small Businesses and MSMEs to Prevent Defaults and Address Cash Flow Challenges

CreditQ, India's first business credit management and information platform developed by Business Alert Infotech Pvt. Ltd., today announced the launch of its "Silver Plan." Priced at just ₹10,000, this plan is designed to address the critical problem of delayed payments and credit defaults plaguing India's MSME sector and mitigate their impact on cash flow.

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India has over 63 million MSMEs, and it is estimated that 90-95% are struggling with delayed payments and defaults from buyers. Key insights from the sector revealed that small vendors often lack the power to settle stuck payments, and courts and other professional methods were previously considered too expensive [read more..](#)

## Market Access Support Scheme to Boost Global Reach of Indian MSME and Priority Sector Exporters under EPM

The Government of India launched the Market Access Support (MAS) Intervention under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), a flagship initiative approved by the Union Cabinet. The MAS Intervention is being implemented under the NIRYAT DISHA sub-scheme of EPM and is aimed at strengthening international market access for Indian exporters, particularly MSMEs, first-time exporters and firms from priority sectors.

Under the Market Access Support Intervention, structured financial and institutional support will be provided for activities including Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs), participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions, Mega Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMs) organised in India, and trade delegations to priority and emerging export markets [read more..](#)



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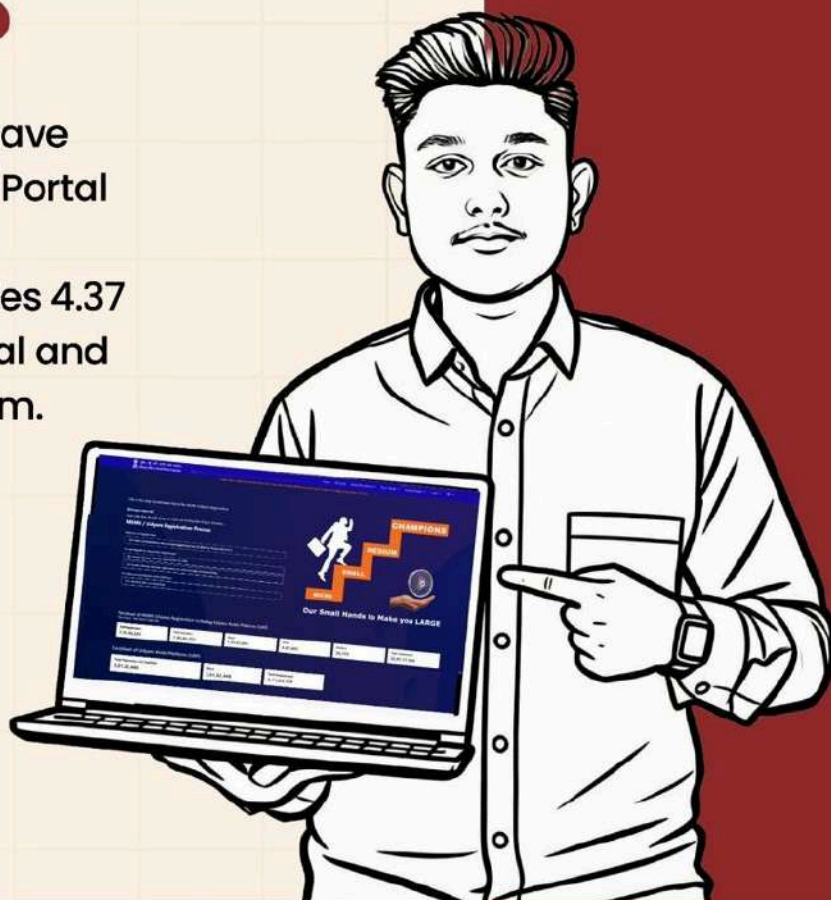
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## Achievements

More than **7.30 crore** enterprises have registered on Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform, from 01.07.2020 to 17.12.2025. This includes 4.37 crore registrations on Udyam Portal and 2.92 crore on Udyam Assist Platform.



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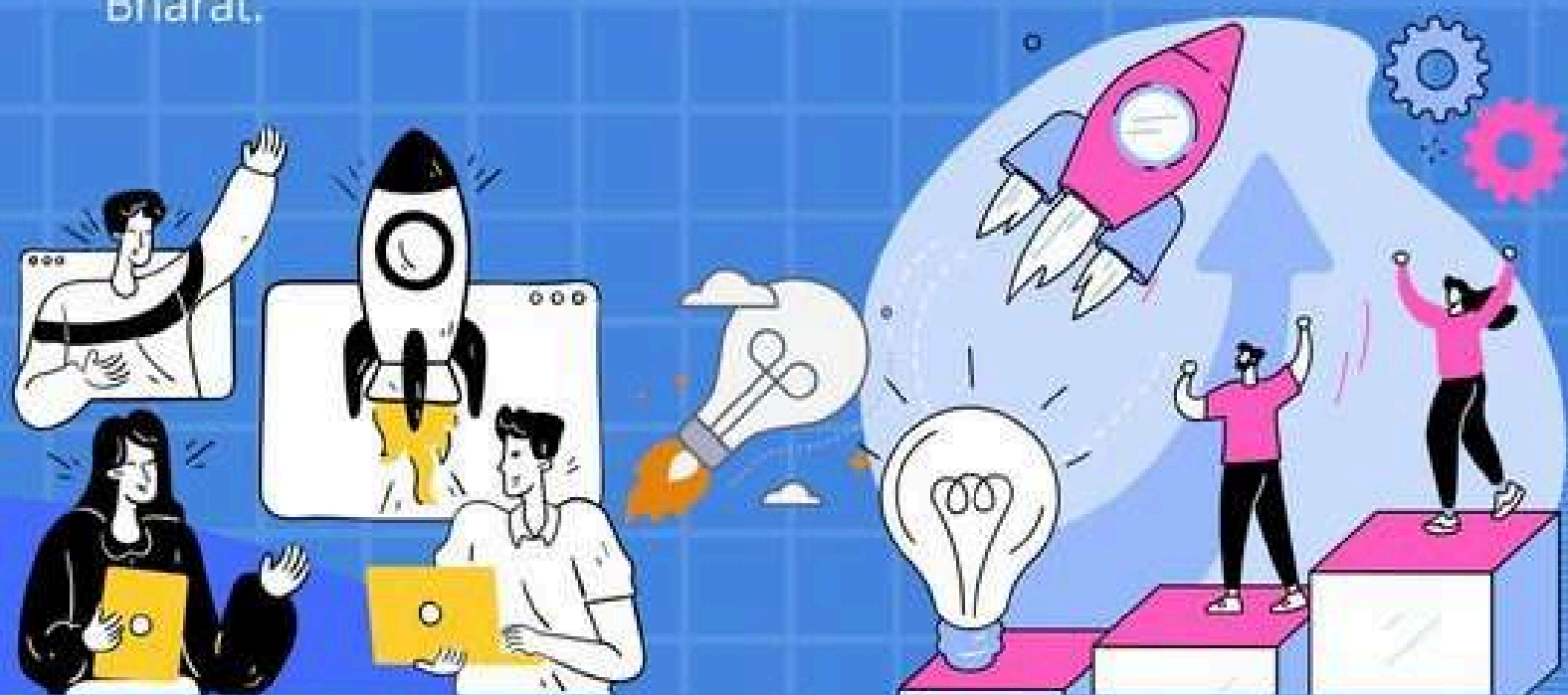
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**Real-Time Case Tracker:** Monitor live case status and updates.

**National Case Database:** Enables monitoring of pendency, disposal statistics, and performance metrics.

**Digital Access:** View case documents, orders, and records securely online.

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## Key Features of ODR Portal:

### Responsive

**User-Centric Design:** Simple and intuitive interface for easy navigation.

**Automated Case Processing:** Streamlined digital workflow for quick actions.

**24×7 Accessibility:** File, track, and manage disputes anytime, anywhere.

**Prompt Communication:** Instant alerts, messages, and notifications for all stakeholders.

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1	Copper Armature Scrap, Cu 99%	Delhi	1,120,000	As on 16 Jan
2	Copper Armature Scrap,BME, Cu 98%	Mumbai	1,171,000	As on 16 Jan
3	Copper primary CC Wire rods (CCR),BME, 8 mm, Cu 99.99%	Mumbai	1,256,000	As on 16 Jan
4	Copper primary CC Wire rods (CCR), 8 mm, Cu 99.99%	Delhi	1,235,000	As on 16 Jan
5	Copper secondary CC Wire rods (CCR), 8 mm, Cu 99.99%	Delhi	1,205,000	As on 16 Jan
6	Ferro Manganese, HC 70%, 25-150 mm	Durgapur	71,900	As on 16 Jan
7	Ferro Manganese, HC 70%, 25-150 mm	Raipur	71,900	As on 16 Jan
8	Ferro Manganese,MC (Mn 70% min), 10-150mm	Durgapur	94,000	As on 15 Jan
9	Ferro Molybdenum (FeMo60%), Mo 60%, 10-100mm	Nagpur	2,934,000	As on 16 Jan
10	Ferro Silicon, FeSi 70%,25-100 mm	Guwahati	94,000	As on 16 Jan
11	GP 120 GSM, 0.6 mm	Mumbai	67,300	As on 15 Jan
12	GP 120 GSM, 0.6 mm	Chennai	69,000	As on 15 Jan
13	GP 120 GSM, 0.6 mm	Delhi	66,000	As on 15 Jan
14	GP 120 GSM, 0.6 mm	Hyderabad	69,000	As on 15 Jan
15	GP 120 GSM, 0.8 mm	Mumbai	65,800	As on 15 Jan
16	GP 120 GSM, 0.8-1.6 mm	Chennai	67,500	As on 15 Jan
17	GP 120 GSM, 0.7 mm	Delhi	64,500	As on 15 Jan
18	GP 120 GSM, 0.8 mm	Hyderabad	67,500	As on 15 Jan
19	HC Ferro Chrome (Low Silicon), HC 60%, Si -2%, 10-150 mm	Jajpur	111,000	As on 15 Jan
20	HC Ferro Chrome (Medium Silicon), HC 60%, Si-4%, 10-150 mm	Jajpur	106,500	As on 16 Jan
21	Melting Scrap ,CR Bushelling (Loose)	Ludhiana	38,200	As on 16 Jan
22	Melting Scrap ,CR Bushelling (Loose)	Mandi Gobindgarh	38,700	As on 16 Jan
23	Melting Scrap ,CR Bushelling (Loose)	Jalna	33,600	As on 16 Jan
24	Melting Scrap ,CR Bushelling (Bundle)	Chennai	32,000	As on 13 Jan
25	Melting Scrap ,CR Bushelling (Bundle)	Ahmedabad	34,500	As on 16 Jan
26	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Mumbai	32,200	As on 16 Jan
27	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Jalna	30,600	As on 16 Jan
28	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Alang	32,800	As on 16 Jan
29	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Raipur	33,600	As on 16 Jan
30	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Durgapur	33,300	As on 16 Jan
31	Melting Scrap, HMS (80:20)	Mandi Gobindgarh	34,700	As on 16 Jan
32	Nickel Cathode, BME, Ni 99.99%	Mumbai	1,640,000	As on 16 Jan
33	Pig Iron, Foundary Grade	Ludhiana	42,000	As on 16 Jan
34	Pig Iron, Foundary Grade	AHMEDABAD	41,000	As on 16 Jan
35	Pig Iron, Foundary Grade	Delhi	41,500	As on 16 Jan
36	Pig Iron, Foundary Grade	Durgapur	40,000	As on 16 Jan
37	Pig Iron, Foundary Grade	Kolhapur	42,000	As on 16 Jan
38	Pig Iron, Steel Grade	Durgapur	37,450	As on 16 Jan
39	Pig Iron, Steel Grade	Raipur	37,100	As on 16 Jan
40	Pig Iron, Steel Grade	Hyderabad	33,500	As on 31 Dec
41	Pig Iron, Steel Grade	Ludhiana	40,200	As on 16 Jan
42	Pig Iron, Steel Grade	Raigarh	37,600	As on 16 Jan
43	Tin Pure Ingot, BME, Sn 99.99%	Mumbai	4,713,000	As on 16 Jan



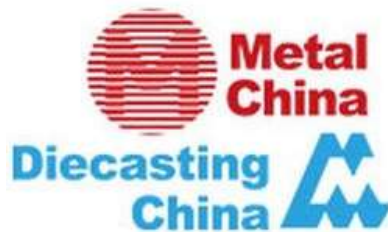


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