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INDIA MSME CONCLAVE 2025

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REPORT

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Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

Greetings and best wishes to the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry – FKCCI for organizing the India MSME Conclave, in association with other leading entrepreneurial bodies. Such efforts seek to strengthen the foundation of India's economy by bringing together diverse stakeholders in a meaningful dialogue.

Today, FKCCI carries forward the legacy of Sir M. Visvesvaraya to serve the interests of India's manufacturing and enterprise domains. It represents several enterprises across trade, services, and industry, while acting as a bridge between policy and practice.

Be it the redefinition of MSMEs to include more enterprises under the ambit benefits, the expansion of access to credit, or the scrapping of thousands of redundant compliances - our goal has been to simplify, support, and scale up MSMEs.

The India MSME Conclave 2025 is a thoughtful initiative which helps by fostering linkages between MSMEs, PSUs, and corporate entities, and by encouraging the development of indigenous capabilities. This platform aligns well with the spirit of Make in India.

I am confident that such initiatives will open new avenues for collaboration and innovation, helping India transform swiftly into a global manufacturing hub.

As we march towards our collective vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, MSMEs will continue to be at the heart of India's growth story. It is reassuring to see that institutions like FKCCI and its partners are also recognising and amplifying this pivotal role through their efforts.

Once again, I wish all participants and organisers a fruitful and productive conclave.

(Narendra Modi)

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INDIA MSME CONCLAVE 2025: REPORT

Date: 30th, 31st May & 1st June 2025, Venue: Tripura Vasini, Palace Grounds, Bengaluru



The mega SBI India MSME Conclave 2025, held from May 30 to June 1 at Tripura Vasini, Palace Grounds in Bengaluru, concluded as an extremely significant event aimed at bolstering the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in Karnataka and across India. Jointly organized by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), and Peenya Industries Association (PIA), the Conclave brought together policymakers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and financial institutions to discuss and promote the growth of MSMEs.

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for MSME and Labour & Employment, GoI, Sri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka and Minister for Major & Medium Irrigation and Bengaluru City Development, Sri M.B. Patil, Minister for Large & Medium Industries

and Infrastructure, Sri Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Minister of SSI and Public Enterprises, GoK, top Officials and Departmental Heads, and Team FKCCI led by Sri M.G. Balakrishna, President and Office-Bearers chaired the meet along with OB of the co-organisers, viz. KASSIA and PIA.

The India MSME Conclave sought to bridge the gap between MSMEs, Public Sector Units (PSUs), and large corporate entities, fostering vendor development and promoting indigenous products under the 'Make in India' initiative, said Sri M.G. Balakrishna, President, FKCCI in his opening remarks and welcome address.

Team FKCCI led by Shri M G Balakrishna, Team KASSIA led by Shri M G Rajagopal and Team PIA led by Shri R Shiva Kumar interacted with the participants and representatives of various Affiliate Associations.



'Conclave, a Timely Intervention'



In his opening remarks and Welcome Address, Sri M.G. Balakrishna, President, FKCCI declared that when MSMEs thrive, all India thrives, and extended a very warm welcome to each and every one of the dignitaries who comprised a national congregation of minds, ideas, and actions dedicated to reviving and strengthening India's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.

"This Conclave is not just another industry event — it is a timely intervention at a critical juncture. Let us speak plainly: MSMEs, the backbone of India's economy and employment engine, are today in an ICU-like condition," he observed and stressed that "years of accumulated stress — from pandemic shocks, credit distress, and rising costs to policy unpredictability — have left them gasping. Our mission, our shared duty, is to move MSMEs from the ICU to the general ward — restoring a sense of normalcy, confidence, and growth."

"This Conclave offers far more than dialogue. It is a platform for action. Participants will gain insights into practical solutions — from digitization and export competitiveness to financing, skill development, compliance simplification, and market access," he said.

Stating that the sessions at the Conclave will cover pressing issues such as delayed payments, ease of doing business, global trade opportunities, green transitions, and technology adoption, he informed that

these discussions are designed not just to inform but to empower. "The networking opportunities here are truly invaluable. MSMEs will have the chance to connect directly with policymakers, senior bankers, business mentors, chartered professionals, and technology providers," he said.

Turning to pressing issues faced by MSMEs, he said "at FKCCI, we have always championed the cause of the MSMEs. We have been urging the government to consider some key recommendations with utmost urgency, which I am happy to say that the government has accepted and for which FKCCI is grateful to the Chief Minister and the Government, pointing to the announcements made by the Chief Minister at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of KASSIA earlier regarding an exclusive polity for MSME, apart from a separate Department and Secretariat.

Recommendations by team India MSME Conclave

The recommendations in the main made by Shri M G Balakrishna:

Reduction in Minimum Wages in the State — to ensure viability for small enterprises without compromising on social security.

An exclusive MSME Policy that recognizes sectoral differences and supports innovation, marketing, and cluster development.

Creation of a dedicated Department for MSMEs — already approved in principle by the State Government — we now seek rapid implementation, with adequate budget and powers.

Rationalization of costs — including steep hikes in power tariffs, property tax, and garbage cess, all of which have become burdensome.

Key Highlights and Announcements Inauguration and Government Support

Inaugural Guest, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for MSME, Labour & Employment, Ms Shobha Karandlaje emphasized the pivotal role of MSMEs in India's economic development and acknowledged the challenges faced by MSMEs, particularly in accessing credit, and urged banks to simplify loan procedures and reduce paperwork to facilitate easier access to financing, while assuring full support to all initiatives of FKCCI for empowering the Industry.

"Our MSMEs are not just contributors to the GDP or employment statistics—they are agents of social transformation. They create livelihoods in rural and urban India alike, foster entrepreneurship among the youth, and are the bedrock of self-reliant industrial development," the Minister declared and added that "in the post-pandemic world, MSMEs have proven their agility and strength. This conclave recognises that resilience and seeks to build on it with new partnerships and opportunities".

Chief Guest, Sri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, and Minister for Major & Medium Irrigation and Bengaluru City Development announced a substantial investment of over ₹1 lakh crore over the next four to five years aimed at transforming Bengaluru's infrastructure, including roads and housing. He highlighted that MSMEs would be central to this development, contributing to job creation and supporting the 'Make in India' initiative. Sri Shivakumar also addressed infrastructure challenges such as electricity and water supply, assuring improved support for MSMEs.

Sri Shivakumar commended the organisers, FKCCI, KASSIA and PIA for taking such an aspirational initiative and said Karnataka's

rich industrial heritage, nurtured by visionaries like Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya, has laid a strong foundation for innovation and entrepreneurship.

"Today, as we stand on the cusp of a new economic era, our MSMEs are poised to lead Karnataka towards sustainable and inclusive growth," he said. Recognising the role of MSMEs, he said they contribute significantly to employment generation, innovation, and balanced regional development. They are instrumental in realizing our goal of a \$5 trillion Indian economy. However, to unlock their full potential, we must address the challenges they face, including access to finance, technology adoption, and market linkages, he averred.

In his address, Hon'ble Sri M.B. Patil, Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure declared that the Large industries and MSMEs are two pillars of our industrial ecosystem. While large industries bring in capital, technology, and global market access, MSMEs offer agility, innovation, and localized solutions. Their synergy is vital for a resilient and diversified economy, he said.

"We must view large enterprises and MSMEs not as separate entities but as essential partners. When large industries thrive, they create demand. When MSMEs rise to meet that demand, they generate employment and local value," he observed. Emphasising the importance of infrastructure in MSME development, he informed that the government is investing in industrial corridors, logistics parks, and technology clusters. These initiatives aim to provide MSMEs with the necessary facilities to scale operations and integrate into global supply chains.

Hon'ble Minister for SSI, Govt of Karnataka, Sri Sharanabasappa Darshanapur declared that the India MSME Conclave 2025 is a milestone not just for Karnataka, but for the entire nation as it brings together the backbone of our economy—our Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. "This Conclave celebrates their contribution and provides a powerful platform to connect, collaborate, and compete," he said.

Proposal for a Dedicated Railway MSME Park

Organizers proposed the establishment of a dedicated Railway MSME Park to support enterprises operating in the railway sector. Given that MSMEs currently supply 50% of railway components and parts, such a specialized park would address industry-specific requirements and boost industrial growth and employment opportunities within the railway segment.

Participation and Exhibitions

The Conclave featured participation from MSME entrepreneurs, public sector undertakings, large corporations, financial institutions, policymakers, and industry experts. It included exhibitions, conferences, seminars, and vendor development programs, providing networking opportunities for MSMEs to connect with potential customers, investors, and strategic partners. The event also facilitated discussions on procurement needs, enabling MSMEs to compete in the global market through vendor development and focusing on the creation of indigenous products.

Encouragement for Regional Participation

Prior to the event, the FKCCI among many initiatives urged micro and small-scale industries from the region to participate in the conclave. A delegation from FKCCI, KASSIA, and PIA visited the Hassan Industrial Association to promote participation and

support. The event was described as a golden opportunity for entrepreneurs, with 250 stalls showcasing various industry innovations.

The India MSME Conclave 2025 successfully brought together various stakeholders to discuss and promote the growth and development of the MSME sector in India. Through government support, proposals for specialized infrastructure, and opportunities for networking and collaboration, the event aimed to empower MSMEs and integrate them more effectively into the broader economic framework.

Sri M.G. Rajagopal, President, KASSIA presented a brief on the highlights and features of the India MSME Conclave 2025, a gist of which is given below:

Objectives

The India MSME Conclave 2025 with key focus on Engineering and Manufacturing Sectors aimed to:

Enhance Connectivity: Strengthen the link between MSMEs and PSUs/corporate entities under the government's procurement preference scheme.

Vendor Development: Facilitate vendor development programs to help MSMEs understand procurement needs and standards.

Promote Indigenous Products: Encourage the creation and adoption of indigenous products aligning with the 'Make in India' initiative.

Skill Development: Address the skill gap by promoting training programs tailored to industry needs.

Policy Advocacy: Engage with policymakers to discuss challenges and opportunities within the MSME sector.

Key Discussion Points

- ❖ **MSME Park Development:** Strategies for developing more MSME parks and promoting industrial growth.
- ❖ **GDP Contribution and Employment Support:** The role of MSMEs in contributing to the country's GDP and providing employment opportunities.
- ❖ **Government Support:** Policy initiatives and financial assistance from the Government of India and Government of Karnataka to support MSMEs.
- ❖ **Railway MSME Park:** The potential benefits of developing an MSME park specifically for the railway industry

Key Components:

Exhibition Stalls: Over 250 stalls showcasing products and services from various MSMEs.

B2B Meetings: Facilitated interactions between MSMEs and PSUs/corporates for potential collaborations.

Conferences & Seminars: Sessions led by industry experts discussing trends, challenges, and opportunities in the MSME sector.

Workshops: Hands-on sessions focusing on skill development, quality standards, and compliance.

Focus Sectors

The Conclave highlighted the following sectors:

Machine Tools & Accessories ; Automation & Robotics; Instrumentation & Controls ; Hydraulics & Pneumatics; Auto Components & Accessories; Castings & Forgings; Electrical & Electronics; IT Products & Services; Light & Medium Industries; Storage Systems; Laser Technology; Pumps & Valves; EV & Renewable Energy; Power Tools; Wires & Cables Harness; Lubricants & Adhesives; Material Handling Equipment; Disposal Industry; Metal & Steel; Packaging Machinery

& Equipment; Plastics Machinery & Equipment; Sheet Metal Components; Safety & Security Equipment; Testing & Measuring Instruments; Pollution Control Systems & Equipment; Welding Machines, Equipment & Technologies

Participants

MSME Entrepreneurs: From various sectors seeking growth opportunities.

Public Sector Units (PSUs): Looking to source products and services from MSMEs.

Corporate Entities: Interested in vendor development and collaborations.

Government Officials: From both state and central levels, involved in policymaking and implementation.

Financial Institutions: Offering financial products and services tailored for MSMEs.

Industry Experts & Academicians: Sharing insights and knowledge on industry trends and best practices.

Participation Details

Subsidies:

100% Subsidy: For Women and SC/ST Entrepreneurs from Aspirational Districts.

80% Subsidy: For General Category participants registered under UDYAM in MSME.

b. Contingency Expenditure:

Coverage: 100% for travel, publicity, and freight, up to a maximum of ₹25,000 or actual expenses, whichever is lower.

Eligibility: One representative from each participating unit is eligible for travel reimbursement, limited to AC II tier train fare or Economy Class Airfare per event.

The India MSME Conclave 2025 ended with a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants by Sri R. Shiva Kumar, President, PIA.

GALA AWARDS PROGRAMME

The Gala Dinner event on the second day of the Conclave was chaired by Hon'ble, Dr G. Parameshwara, Home Minister and Sri Ramalinga Reddy, Transport & Muzrai Department Minister, Govt of Karnataka.

The organisers, FKCCI, KASSIA and PIA reiterated that the success of the mega India MSME Conclave was mainly due to the support of both the Central and State Government and said the participation of the Chief Guests at the Gala Dinner meet added an extra dimension to the Conclave.

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Mr. Nitesh K Patil, IAS Director. MSME Govt. of Karnataka Mr. Shiva Shankara N, IAS, MD, Bescom Mr. Shashi Kumar M, Joint Director, MSME Development Centre, GOK Ms. Premlata Sinha, Sc.D and Joint Director, BIS Mr. Pawan Kumar Burman, AGM ECGC Limited were the main speakers.

Institutional Finance & Funding

Main Speakers: Ms. Parvathi Moorthy, AVP National Stock Exchange of India Mr. Siba Prasad Nayak, DGM SIDBI, Peenya Branch Mr. Virjin Jawahar, AGM, "Consultancy Services Cell", SBI Mr. Mahesha J, RH, DGM, Union Bank of India, Ms Divya Hariharan AGM & RH, Exim Bank, Sri Hitendra Kumar, AGM Canara Bank.

Going Beyond

Main Speakers: Mr. Dayananda A Birader, Consultant-in Chief Trinetra Consultancy Mr. Ullas Kamath, Founder UK&Co Mr. Sivaram Kuppachi, Founder, CEO Zamstars Mr. T.K Ramesh, MD Ace Micromatic Dr. Nagahanumaiah, Director, Central Manufacturing Technology Institute,

Harnessing Technology to Innovate

Main Speakers: Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director Software Technology Parks of India Dr. Shubhamangala Sunil, CISO Mr. T R Anand, Chair Matrix Forum, TiE Bangalore Mr. Sanjeev Keskar, CEO, Arvind Keskar Consultancy Mr. Mustafa Wajid, MD & CEO MEHER Group

Managing Gen Z- Skilling & Workforce

Main Speakers: Mr. Nagaraja N.M. IAS, MD Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, GOK

Mr. Ram Kumar Seshu, Author and Founder, Born to Win Mr. Madan Padaki, Founder & Director IBridge Mr. Surya Mohapatra, Talent Skilling Head Industry Cloud, Digital & Artificial Intelligence, Wipro Mr. Srikanth Chandrasekaran, Country Head & Senior Director IEEE India.

Vendor Development

Main Speakers: Mr. T R Parasuraman, Chairman ASSOCHAM Karnataka State Development Council, Dr. Vinod Kumar, Director, Promotion Directorate, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre Mr. Amarjeet Singh, Mgr Bharat Electronics Ltd. Mr. Lakshminarayan S, GM, MM, HVDC & VFD Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd, Dr K.K. Suresh, NSSHO, National Small Industries Corporation Limited.

Future Opportunities

Main Speakers: Mr. Aditya Gokarn, MD M/s Trinton Valves, Shri K P Rudrappaiah, MD Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd, Ms. Deepthi Anantharam, Vice-President (Data & AI), Canarys Automation Limited, Mr. Nandeesh Kumar HR, COO- Solar Applications EMMVEE Photovoltaic Power Private Limited

MSME Clinic

Main Speakers: Mr. Kenny Ramanand, Inventor & Owner, Techabble, Mr. Kishore Jagirdar, President, Vision Karnataka Foundation, Prof. (Dr.) Samit Ray, Founder Chancellor, Admas University, Founder Chairman, Rice Group, Ms. A. Kokila, Manager (Marketing), National Small Industries Corporation Limited

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