

प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister <u>MESSAGE</u>

It is heartening to learn about the 8th India International MSME Trade Fair Expo & Summits 2022 and Akhil Bharatiya Laghu Udhyami Sammelan organised by MSME Development Forum in New Delhi. Greetings and best wishes to all the participants for both the occasions.

MSMEs play a crucial role in strengthening our economy and in providing employment opportunities to millions of people. From easier access to capital through MUDRA Yojana to the ECLGS which saved lakhs of industries during the COVID-19 pandemic, from providing a level playing field to MSMEs in government procurement through GeM portal to defence reforms that help make India self-reliant, while also increasing opportunities, empowering this sector has been a persistent focus of our government.

Our MSMEs, in the last few years, have led the way in making an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Be it the recent success story of India's toy exports, or the record engineering goods exports in 2021-22, or the overall goods exports surge, MSMEs have shown what resilience is all about.

Today, the world looks towards India with hope and confidence to provide solutions to various challenges. Equipped with technological innovations and a young population, India is taking confident strides towards becoming a manufacturing hub and valuable part of the global supply chain. In this mission, MSMEs have a crucial role to play.

During the Amrit Kaal, which is the 25 years till 2047 when we celebrate the centenary of our Independence, our steadfast efforts will remain focused on powering MSMEs as enterprises of the future. New India's growth will be made truly meaningful only when our micro, small, and medium enterprises become strong pillars in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

The gathering of various stakeholders at this Summit will lead to a vibrant interaction and exchange of best practices. I am sure that the discussions will lead to a practical roadmap for MSMEs to play an even bigger role in the growth of India.

May the 8th India International MSME Trade Fair Expo & Summits-2022 and Akhil Bharatiya Laghu Udhyami Sammelan be a resounding success.

(Narendra Modi)

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