

Dedicated platform for handicraft artisans at IIMTF

EPCH Eastern Region Convenor highlights EPCH's vital role in sector
India International Mega Trade Fair, Kolkata; 5th - 26th December 2025



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The India International Mega Trade Fair (IIMTF) is an annual event held in Kolkata, serving as a platform for exhibitors from India and abroad to showcase a diverse range of products. It is jointly organised by The Bengal Chamber and GS Marketing. The recent edition took place from 5th to 24th December 2025 at the Science City Ground, Kolkata.

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Mr. O P Prahladkar delivered a valuable speech highlighting the vital role of the Export Promotion Council of Handicrafts in strengthening the handicraft sector. He emphasised the continued support of EPCH towards artisans, exporters, entrepreneurs & IIMTF.

Mrs. Amrit Raj, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, along with Mr. Sandip Kumar, Regional Director, O/o DC (Handicrafts), Eastern Region; and Mr. Sudarshan Das, Assistant Director, O/o DC (Handicrafts), Kolkata, visited IIMTF Kolkata 2025. She visited various stalls of artisans and exhibitors and interacted with them. Mr. Chidrup Shah, Managing Director, GS Marketing, welcomed her on behalf of the organisers and accompanied her during the interactions and fair visit.

The fair witnessed participation from more than 17 foreign countries along with exhibitors from almost all Indian states. Gujarat and Rajasthan were the partner states, while Afghanistan and Ghana were the partner countries. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh were designated as the focus states, and Thailand and Tunisia were the focus countries for this edition. IIMTF featured around 1,000 stalls across diverse segments such as food, clothing, furniture, interiors, electronic appliances, healthcare, cosmetics & lifestyle, handicrafts and consumer durables from across the world. ■

