

## EPCH participates in Trade Interaction Meeting organised by Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) and Inland Container Depot (ICD)



**31st January 2026:** A Trade Interaction Meeting was organised by Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), Inland Container Depot (ICD), Jodhpur, at Hotel Radisson, Jodhpur on 31st January 2026. This was graced by the presence of Mr. Sanjay Swarup, Chairman & Managing Director, CONCO; Mr. Nirmal Bhandari, COA Member, EPCH; Mr. Naresh Bothra, President, Jodhpur Handicrafts Exporters Federation & COA Member, EPCH; Mr. Hansraj Baheti, ex-COA Member, EPCH and eminent member exporter from Jodhpur; Mr. Ajit Kumar Panda, Director (Projects & Services), CONCOR; Mr. Mahesh Soni, Managing Director, Shree Ram India Gums Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Sharad Mehra, Area Head (North), CONCOR; and Mr. Vijay Singh, Cluster Head, CONCOR.

The session commenced with Mr. Amit Yadav, Terminal Manager, ICD Jodhpur, who introduced the dignitaries and outlined the objective of the programme. Mr. Vijay Singh welcomed the gathering and informed participants about the upcoming Inland Container Depot at Salawas, Jodhpur.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Sanjay Swarup, CMD, CONCOR, highlighted CONCOR's extensive network, connectivity, transit time

and services across Rajasthan. He emphasised Rajasthan's vital role in handicrafts exports and informed that the new ICD at Salawas will be operational from March 2026, significantly boosting exports from Jodhpur. He noted that major exports from Rajasthan include handicrafts and guar gum, reaffirmed CONCOR's commitment to promoting exports, and encouraged exporters to maximise utilisation of CONCOR services while sharing future requirements to strengthen logistics support.

Mr. Naresh Bothra welcomed the CMD and CONCOR officials, shared insights on CONCOR's journey in Jodhpur, appreciated its problem-solving approach, and suggested early commencement of double-stack train services. Mr. Nirmal Bhandari and Mr. Hansraj Baheti also offered suggestions focusing on cost optimisation, road services, and scheduled train services for handicrafts consignments.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Amit Yadav. Prominent EPCH exporter members Mr. Khemchand Khatri, Mr. Lalit Johari, EPCH Jodhpur representative, along with around 50 exporters, attended the programme. ■

# EPCH delegation participates in All EPCs Meeting with Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, to Review Export Opportunities Post India–EU FTA



**11th February 2026:** An EPCH delegation including Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Former Chairman, EPCH; and Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Executive Director, EPCH, represented the Council at the all EPCs meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, along with Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada; and Shri Lav Agarwal, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), to review export growth prospects following the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the India–US tariff reduction deal. The EPCH delegation, congratulated the leadership on these landmark trade agreements which are expected to significantly boost India's export competitiveness. The delegation also informed the Hon'ble Minister that a high-level EPCH team recently visited showrooms and warehousing facilities in the Netherlands, in anticipation of the proposed Warehousing and Fulfilment Scheme under the Export Promotion Mission. They urged that the scheme be rolled out at the earliest, as the current positive sentiment following the India-EU FTA presents a strong opportunity to expand India's market presence in Europe. The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient and encouraging hearing to the issues raised by the EPCH delegation. ■