

## Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), visits CFC Saharanpur



**4th April 2026, Saharanpur:** Mrs. Amrit Raj, IPoS, Addl. Secretary & Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, visited EPCH's Common Facility Center at Saharanpur. She was briefed about various wood working processes, including wood seasoning and preservation as well as initiatives taken by EPCH on alternative timber species such as *Melia dubia*, *Holoptelea integrifolia* and *Terminalia arjuna*.

Thereafter, she visited the Saharanpur handicrafts cluster and met with member exporters. Discussions were held on key challenges faced by exporters, including EUDR compliance, along with possible solutions such as increasing timber plantations. The visit concluded



on a positive note, with meaningful interactions and insights aimed at further strengthening the region's handicrafts sector. ■

## EPCH Participates at Northern Regional Consultation on New Textile Schemes (Budget 2026–27)

**9th April 2026, New Delhi:** EPCH participated in the Northern Regional Consultation Workshop on New Textile Schemes (Budget Announcements 2026–27), organised by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Executive Director, EPCH, joined the breakout session on the Samarth 2.0 component as a panelist, where he actively contributed to discussions on key issues to be addressed under the scheme. The session placed significant emphasis on strengthening academic–industry partnerships to enable future-ready skilling aligned with evolving industry needs.

The session was mentored by Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Textiles and Mr. Rajiv Kumar Ranjan, Director (Samarth), Ministry of Textiles. It witnessed participation from leading industry stakeholders and institutions, including Shahi Exports, Pearl



Textiles and IIT Delhi, fostering a collaborative dialogue on enhancing skill development frameworks within the textile and handicrafts sectors. ■