

## Haryana to contribute its part for Aatmanirbhar Bharat: DGIC

- **AEPC hosts Vanijya Utsav to showcase Haryana's exporting prowess**

**Gurugram, 21 Sep 2021: Haryana Director General of Industries and Commerce Dr Saket Kumar** said that the country's fifth largest exporting state is well prepared to significantly contribute towards realizing the nation's vision of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.

Speaking as the **Chief Guest** of **Vanijya Utsav**, a two-day event to celebrate 75 years of independence at **Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)** in **Apparel House, Dr Saket Kumar** said the state is giving all assistance to promote industry and exports.

"With joint efforts of the Government of India and the well-meaning state government along with the industry department and captains of industry, I am sure Haryana can contribute significantly to make India an industrial and export powerhouse.

"We have various incentives that are lined up for investors coming to Haryana. Apart from the incentives, it is how the government facilitates that is of equal importance for business growth. We are trying to provide all assistance from the government side so that any new need or service request that arises could be processed on priority. We can easily achieve the goal of Aatmanirbhar Bharat," **Dr Kumar** said.

**Dr Kumar** gave a detailed presentation elaborating the government policies, business performance and prospects in Haryana. The state contributes about 4% of India's total exports. Exports from Haryana grew 152% from Rs 69,284 crore in fiscal 2014-15 to Rs 1,74,572 crore in 2020-21, he said. Apparels contributed 10.19% of Haryana's total merchandise exports, while it was 20.64% for handloom and handicraft in 2020-21.

**Mr Abhimaniu Sharma, Joint DGFT, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India**, urged the industry captains, especially from Haryana, to look into how they could take advantage of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

"When we see Haryana, it's a diverse mix of industries especially apparel export, engineering, pharmaceuticals, agro-processing and automobile. Haryana ranks fifth among the states in terms of exports from the country. Thanks to the Haryana government for making policies for the ease of business," **Mr Sharma** said.

**AEPC Chairman Dr A Sakthivel** said, "We are really thankful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for initiating this kind of event to commemorate 75 years of India's independence and highlight the progress made in exports and manufacturing in different states and UTs.

"We're glad that AEPC has got the opportunity to conduct this event for the state of Haryana. Industries that were keen to import from China are now shifting to India. We have grown very well under the leadership of our dynamic PM Shri Narendra Modi in the past few years. He is the only Prime Minister since independence who has a focus on the export sector with a vision to quadruple exports from India," **Dr Sakthivel** said.

The inaugural day of the event, part of weeklong '**Vanijya Saptah**' to commemorate '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**', had a huge gathering of exporters and business leaders

from both within and outside the state. Panel discussions and exhibitions are being held at the two-day event to promote and facilitate exports from the state.

Exhibitions are showcasing products manufactured and exported from Haryana. These products are from various sectors like textiles and apparels, automobile, Basmati rice, agriculture products, engineering goods, footwear, handmade carpets and handloom.

The event was attended by key representatives of important stakeholders like Customs, DGFT, ECGC, SBI, APEDA, EEPC and various other industry associations.

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Pic Caption: Chief Guest Dr Saket Kumar, IAS, DGIC, Govt of Haryana, Dr A Sakthivel, Chairman AEPC and Dr L B Singhal, SG AEPC (from right to left) inaugurated the Vanijya Utsav event at Apparel House in Gurugram.

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