



Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC)

PROJECT UPDATES

JULY - AUGUST 2025

EU Green Deal Decoded: FMC Guides Panipat Exporters on Compliance & Traceability

FMC, under the EU-funded Green Threads programme, held a workshop with the Panipat Exporters Association to help exporters navigate Europe’s fast-changing sustainability rules. Experts from GFA, Reverse Resources, and Green Story shared insights on traceability, digital product passports, and green financing. FMC’s Executive Director Mukesh Gulati reaffirmed FMC’s commitment to support Panipat’s leadership in India’s sustainable textile journey.



FMC team at the Green Threads workshop – reaffirming our commitment to India’s sustainable textile transition.

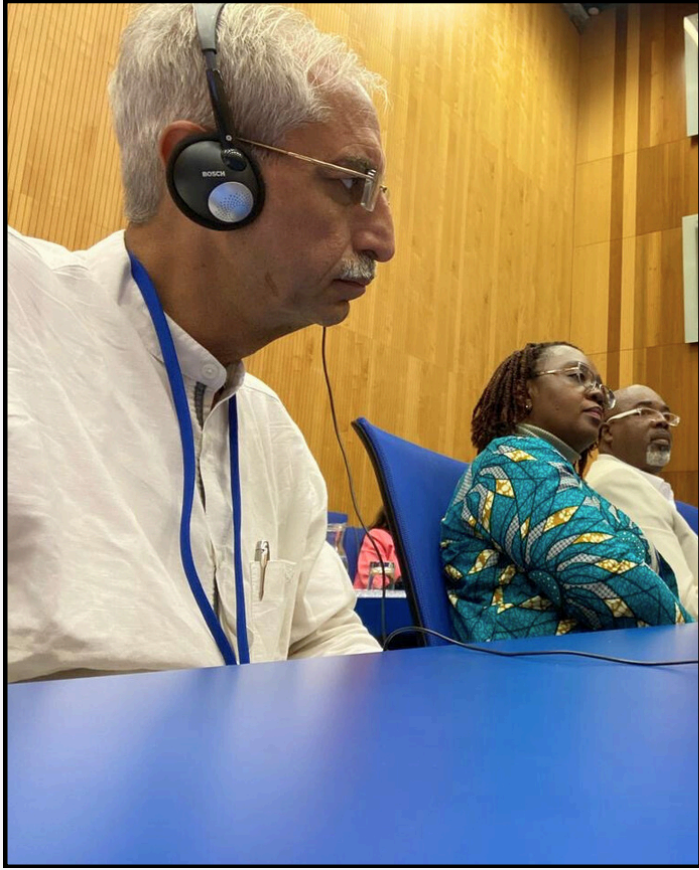
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On Independence Day, I reflected on the growing challenges posed by global tariff wars and their implications for India’s MSMEs. Enterprises that rely heavily on limited markets face heightened risks, particularly sectors like textiles and jewellery, which could be directly impacted. I believe there is an urgent need for MSMEs to diversify markets, innovate products, and strengthen competitiveness to withstand such global disruptions. Resilience cannot be built in isolation—it requires collective action by entrepreneurs, industry bodies, and policymakers. My message is both a caution and a call to action: India’s MSMEs must prepare today to remain sustainable and secure their place in tomorrow’s global economy.

- Mukesh Gulati

FMC Represents Indian MSMEs at UNIDO's Global Green Dialogue



On 8th July 2025, FMC's Executive Director Mukesh Gulati addressed UNIDO's Global Green Industrialization Dialogue in Vienna. He emphasized the need for convergence among governments, industries, and financial institutions to drive inclusive green transitions. Stressing solutions tailored to diverse geographies, he highlighted MSMEs as key engines of sustainable industrial growth, ensuring no enterprise is left behind.

Global Spotlight on Panipat: CBS Joins FMC's Green Threads Push for Textile Leadership

Mr. Peter Lund Thomsen from Copenhagen Business School visited Panipat to engage exporters, associations, and manufacturers under FMC's Green Threads initiative. Discussions centered on traceability, digital product passports, energy efficiency, and green financing. Stakeholders also shared views on EU textile rules, waste shipment regulations, and evolving buyer expectations, strengthening FMC's collaboration for Panipat's green transition.



10,000 Women Artisans to Gain Digital Skills: Cisco & FMC Drive Transformation



Under the Cisco CSR initiative, FMC is advancing digital empowerment for 10,000 women artisans this year. Ten e-learning centers are already operational, and 1,500 artisans have been initiated into drawing and colour theory training across 10 clusters in 5 states. In Assam, 50 artisans are set for social media training to boost market reach. By August, the project had already shown strong results, marking steady progress toward its larger goal of economic and digital empowerment of women artisans.

100 Artisans to Build Market-Led Textile Value Chains with HCL Foundation & FMC



FMC, with support from HCL Foundation, has launched a new project to strengthen value chains in four handloom clusters across Telangana, Odisha, Assam, and Madhya Pradesh. The initiative will connect 100 artisans with both online platforms like My E-Haat and offline channels such as exhibitions and wholesalers. The project aims to boost incomes by 15–20% while promoting India's rich textile heritage.

POLICY UPDATE

Schemes to bolster the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector

- **Mandatory Green Disclosure for Export-Oriented MSMEs:** The Ministry of Commerce and DGFT has introduced mandatory green disclosure norms for export-oriented MSMEs, requiring them to declare basic environmental compliance indicators while updating their Import Export Code (IEC).
- **Expansion of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Green MSMEs:** The Ministry of MSME and SIDBI have expanded the Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGTMSE) to include green transition investments, supporting MSMEs in adopting sustainable and clean technologies.
- **MSME Cyber Protection Framework 2025:** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME, has launched the MSME Cyber Protection Framework 2025 to strengthen digital security following the rise in cyber fraud cases among MSMEs.


ABOUT US

The Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC) is a non-government, not-for-profit trust dedicated to promoting and developing Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through clusters and value chains. FMC provides cutting-edge policy and research support, comprehensive training, and capacity-building programs. It leads initiatives to generate employment, alleviate poverty, and promote a green economy. FMC supports cluster-specific infrastructure, market linkages, and management support, fostering MSME growth and development. With 35 scholarly publications, FMC is a leading authority on MSME cluster development.

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Volunteer Opportunities:
Contribute your expertise to our ongoing projects and make a tangible impact on MSME development.

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Corporate Partnerships:
Collaborate with us to foster the growth and development of MSMEs across India. Your support can make a significant difference.

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