

Shri Narayan Rane says in last 10 years under transformative leadership of the Prime Minister there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of women entrepreneurs in India

Three new initiatives launched to give impetus to women entrepreneurship Panjikaran se Pragati, WEP- Unnati-Udyamita se Pragati and Mentorship Platform

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Union Minister for MSME Shri Narayan Rane said in the last 10 years, under the transformative leadership of the respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi better policies as well as a better environment were created to promote women entrepreneurship, as a result of which there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of women entrepreneurs in India.



Addressing the 9th Annual Shakti International Women Entrepreneurs Summit held in New Delhi today he said we are extremely proud to say that there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector also. Shri Rane said today more than 1.40 crore MSMEs are led by women. The Union Minister said Zed Certification of women owned MSMEs is now completely free.

During this program focused on women entrepreneurship, women entrepreneurs who were beneficiaries of the CGTMSE scheme as well as better performing women entrepreneurs were honored.



The Summit saw launch of three new initiatives

- 1) Launch of a joint integrated national campaign by Ministry of MSME and Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) 'Panjikan Se Pragati.' This national campaign is a clarion call to women entrepreneurs across the nation to get Udyam registered and unlock a world of opportunities.
- 2) Joint program of the Ministry of MSME and the Women's Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) 'WEP Unnati _ Udyamita se Pragati tak.' This MSME – WEP Award-to-Reward (ATR) programme is a ground-breaking initiative to take Women MSME's to the next level of growth by providing comprehensive capacity building support through WEP.
- 3) The 'mentorship platform' of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)



Shri S.C.L. Das, Secretary, , Ms. Anna Roy Senior Advisor Niti Aayog, Ms. Mercy Epao, JS – SME and Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Additional Development Commissioner, Office of DC-MSME, women entrepreneurs, industry experts, and government leaders from around the country were present on the occasion.

The annual Shakti International Women Entrepreneurs Summit is held each year in observance of International Women's Day with an aim to empower aspiring and established women entrepreneurs while also celebrating achievements of emerging women entrepreneurs from varied industry sectors .



Hosted by the India SME Forum and the Ministry of MSME in association with the Women Entrepreneurs Forum, the event connected participants with the nation's most successful women entrepreneurs and international experts. Through inspirational discussions and interactive sessions, attendees gained practical advice on business innovation, leadership, and achieving excellence as women entrepreneurs.



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