SCHEMES AND PROGRAMMES OF DISTRICT COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES CENTRE, NORTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, RESUBELPARA.

Introduction: District Commerce and Industries Department is working towards the development of State and to generate employment avenues for the people of Meghalaya. The basic role of Department is to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment and infrastructure to accelerate growth in the Industrial and Commerce sector. It also facilitates and provides market linkage between the entrepreneur and the end buyers. The department has implemented various schemes and programmes, providing necessary supports to Micro, Small, Medium and Large enterprises.

Schemes and Programmes under District Commerce and Industries Centre:

1. **Registration of the Units:** As per MSME Act of 2006, all enterprises are expected to register with District Commerce & Industries Centre (DCIC) of their area and file under EM-I for intention to start business and EM-II after starting the production. However, at present, filing of Entrepreneurship Memorandum has been abolished in order to reach out better to the masses and to ensure the ease of registration. The Ministry of MSME in September, 2015 introduced Udhyog Aadhaar Memorandum to ensure the registration and wider coverage of MSMEs to avail the benefits under various Schemes of Central Governments. Udhyog Aadhaar (UA) can be presently filed on-line on the portal created by MSME at [https://msme.gov.in](https://msme.gov.in) or [https://udyogaadhaar.gov.in](https://udyogaadhaar.gov.in)

2. **PMEGP for Unemployed Youths:** The department implements the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) along-with KVIC & MKVIB. It is a credit linked subsidy formed by merging two schemes that were in operation till 31-03-2008, namely PMRY and REGP for generation of employment through establishment of micro enterprises in rural areas. PMEGP is a central sector scheme administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME). At present, modified and simpler guidelines of selection has been introduced to ease selection and finance to the eligible entrepreneurs. Details on how to apply on-line may be seen at [https://kviconline.gov.in/pmegpeportal/pmegphome](https://kviconline.gov.in/pmegpeportal/pmegphome)

3. **Training Inside and Outside the State:** The Department, under the schemes of Training Inside and Outside State, sponsors local youths with stipend to undergo vocational training both inside and outside the state to create skilled manpower. The department has tie up the program with established units registered with the office and with some prominent NGO’s who has specialized and qualified master trainers. The units are also being assigned with specific task, to develop innovative products, method of production process to meet customers’ need and to generate higher end products for more economical gains.

4. **Master-Craftsmen Training:** This training mainly aims to retain the traditional art and skills of the people of area, already been in existence, for their daily sustenance and
more importantly to preserve the products which are national importance and pride. The department has initiated some innovative mechanism to imbibe a new and noble approach, to include more activities and to upgrade both their skills and products, in order to address the market trends, buyers’ needs and to fetch more economical profit and sustainable livelihood. Applications for State Mastercraftman Award is also being invited every year to boost up the traditional craft and skill.

5. **Exhibition/Trade Fairs:** The Department conducts Exhibition at District level once a year for the entrepreneurs to showcase and demonstrate their latest products, services and examines recent trends and opportunities. Besides District Level Exhibition, the Department also participates in the Trade Fairs in the State/National Level/International Level Exhibition.

6. **EDPs/Awareness Programmes:** The Department organizes Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and Awareness Programmes in different areas of the District to create Industrial aware atmosphere and motivate the local people in the line of industrial activities.

7. **Grants in Aid:** On completion of training course, as a follow up, the Grants in aid is made available to these technical entrepreneurs to set up self-employment ventures of their own.

8. **MIIPS, 2016:** Under this Scheme, all existing units registered with the Department which are eligible to claim for incentives based on expenditure made in their unit as per Eligibility Certificate issued to them. Various subsidies under the Meghalaya Industrial Investment Promotion Policy, 2012 can be seen from Departmental website at [www.megindustry.gov.in](http://www.megindustry.gov.in)

9. **Apiculture Scheme:** The Department is actively involved with the ongoing Apiculture Scheme and works in convergence with other departments such as KVIC/Horticulture etc., for achieving result through cluster approach model.

10. **NEIIDS/EoDB/TIES:** The Department under the guidance and direction of the Department of Commerce & Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is also facilitates Entrepreneurs of the State to avail assistance under the schemes such as Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme(TIES), North East Industrial Development Scheme, 2017, Ease of Doing Business(EoDB). The State Government has also announced the Meghalaya Start-Up Policy, 2018 which is under way forward. For more information on the role of the Department as a whole, anyone can visit the website of the Department at [www.megindustry.gov.in](http://www.megindustry.gov.in)

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