



# **NSIC CELEBRATES 71 YEARS OF SERVING THE NATION**

## **Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi inaugurates NSIC's 71st Foundation day celebrations**

### **Reaffirms Commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat**

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Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises inaugurated NSIC's 71<sup>st</sup> Foundation day celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Hon'ble Minister congratulated NSIC on completing a milestone journey for its dedicated service to the MSME sector and lauded its role as a catalyst in strengthening and nurturing India's vibrant micro, small and medium enterprises sector. He emphasized the importance of creating widespread awareness of NSIC's schemes among entrepreneurs and highlighted the need to provide comprehensive handholding support to MSMEs, particularly in the domains of capacity building, innovation support, and digital adoption.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day celebration also featured a Foundation Day Lecture delivered by Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. In his address, Prof Mahendra Dev provided valuable insights into the current macro-economic scenario and outlined key policy initiatives aimed at bolstering the MSME ecosystem. He underscored the importance of transforming the challenges of global trade into opportunities by harnessing India's exceptional domestic capabilities and entrepreneurial spirit.

On this occasion, Dr. S.S. Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC, reaffirmed NSIC's commitment to advancing the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, emphasizing that NSIC will continue to play a pivotal role in enabling the growth, competitiveness and resilience of MSMEs in India. He further added that the 71<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day celebration was not only a tribute to the Corporation's rich legacy but also a reaffirmation of its resolve to build a stronger and more self-reliant entrepreneurial ecosystem for the future. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who have been instrumental in NSIC's milestone journey over the past decades.

The event witnessed the august presence of Shri S.C.L. Das, Secretary (MSME), Dr. Rajneesh, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner (MSME), Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary (MSME), besides Directors of NSIC, senior officials from the Government of India, representatives of NITI Aayog, Industry Associations, and MSME entrepreneurs.

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