

Varanasi to get technology centre to boost MSMEs, handicrafts of the region

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VARANASI: RK Rai, additional development commissioner, ministry of MSME, government of India, said that a new technology centre in Varanasi will serve as a catalyst for innovation, enabling industries and artisans to adopt modern technologies.

He described the initiative as a crucial step toward strengthening the local economy and positioning Varanasi as a hub for skilled manufacturing and handicrafts.

Rai chaired a meeting in Varanasi to discuss the establishment



of the technology development centre at the branch MSME Development and Facilitation Office.

The meeting was attended by representatives from industry associations, industrial experts, and prominent institutions from various districts.

The primary objective of the meeting was to identify the technology and services needed for

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the proposed Centre to meet the specific needs of local industries and artisans.

Chief development officer, Varanasi, Himanshu Nagpal, participated via video conference and updated the group on the progress of land allotment for the Centre. He congratulated the team on the establishment of

the facility.

A presentation was delivered on tools and technologies for industry modernisation under the ministry of MSME, with Grant Thornton Consultancy Firm tasked with preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Key attendees included representatives from IIHT, Varanasi, IIT BHU, BLW, BHEL, Atal Incubation Centre, BHU, IIIT Jhalwa, Prayagraj, and various government departments, as well as industry leaders such as Rajesh Bhatia (National Secretary, Indian Industries Association) and Mohan Agarwal (president, Mirzapur Metal Manufacturers).