

Min: Budgetary provisions to boost traditional, modern manufacturing

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The series of far-reaching measures in the Budget aimed at strengthening MSMEs, khadi and village industries, the silk sector, and handloom and textile industries is expected to benefit UP's traditional and modern manufacturing base, said minister **Rakesh Sachan** on Sunday.

A comprehensive and integrated programme for the textile sector has been proposed, bringing together key schemes such as the National Fibre Mission, the Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme, the National Handlo-

om and Handicrafts Programme, the Tex-Eco Initiative and Samarth 2.0. These initiatives aim to boost production, generate employment and enhance exports.



The proposed Mega Textile Parks are also expected to open up new investment avenues in UP's textile and apparel industry, he said.

Sachan added that the provisions would create fresh opportunities for lakhs of entrepreneurs, artisans and workers associated with MSMEs, khadi, handloom, silk and tex-

tile sectors in the state. "The measures would not only generate employment but also strengthen the goal of Aatma-nirbhar Bharat." He highlighted the proposed 'Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Pahal', aimed at promoting khadi, handloom and handicrafts, as a key initiative to strengthen the rural economy. "This will provide sustainable livelihoods to artisans and weavers by linking traditional industries with modern markets and improving their incomes," he said.

To bolster MSMEs, the Budget proposed a Rs 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund.