



Journal Report on: Webinar on “Recently Announced Export Promotion Schemes of the Government of India & DGFT Support for the Indian Foundry & Casting Industry”

Organized by:

National Centre for Export Promotion (NCEP), IIF

Speaker: Mr. Vishnu Kant - Joint DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Government of India, RA, Kolkata.

Date & Time: 10th June, 2026 from 03:00 pm virtually on Zoom Platform.

Introduction

The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF), through the National Centre for Export Promotion (NCEP), organized a webinar on the recently announced Export Promotion Schemes of the Government of India. The session was attended by **85 participants** from the foundry and allied industry.

The webinar commenced with the opening remarks by **Mr. Ravi Sehgal, Mentor – NCEP & Past President, IIF**, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of export promotion for the Indian foundry and castings sector. He emphasized that the foundry industry, largely comprising MSMEs, has a significant role to play in strengthening India’s engineering exports and enhancing global competitiveness.

The main presentation was delivered by **Mr. Vishnu Kanji from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**, who provided a comprehensive overview of India's export performance and the Government's export promotion initiatives. He highlighted India's merchandise exports, engineering goods exports, Free Trade Agreements, trade facilitation measures, and digital platforms such as the Trading Connect Portal and Trade Intelligence Analytics Dashboard.

The session also included a detailed presentation by **Mr. Ashish Bhothika** on the **Export Promotion Mission (EPM)**, which focuses on supporting MSME exporters through two major components: **Niryat Protsahan**, covering trade finance access, interest support and collateral assistance, and **Niryat Disha**, covering market access, logistics, warehousing, trade intelligence and post-shipment support.

The webinar was highly interactive, with participants raising queries on SCOMET licence obligations, delayed payment support, CBAM reporting compliance, trade fair participation benefits, export credit guarantee, non-collateral finance and procedures for availing Government schemes. The speakers clarified that various schemes are implemented through agencies such as DGFT, ECGC, Exim Bank, Export Promotion Councils and other approved bodies.

Conclusion

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by **Mrs. Anima Pandey, Director – NCEP**, who thanked the speakers, participants and all stakeholders for their valuable participation. She also mentioned that the presentation received from the speakers would be circulated among the participants for their reference. The webinar proved to be highly informative and beneficial for foundry exporters seeking to understand Government support mechanisms for enhancing exports.