

BRIEF ON HANDLOOM SECTOR

HANDLOOM CENSUS 2019-20

The number of handloom weavers, allied workers and handlooms are as follows:

S. No.	Parameters	4 th Handloom Census (2019-20)
1	Number of looms	28.20 lakh 25.30 lakh in rural areas 2.90 lakh in urban areas
2	Total number of Handloom Weavers & Workers	35.22 lakh (26.74 lakh weavers & 8.48 lakh allied workers)
	Male	9.76 lakh
	Female	25.46 lakh (< 72%)
	Transgender	494
	Full time	17.89 lakh (50.8%)
	Part time	17.33 lakh (49.2%)
	Number of SC	4.84 lakh (14.3%)
	Number of ST	6.28 lakh (19.1%)
	Number of OBC	12.67 lakh (33.6%)
	Number of other	11.42 lakh (33%)

State wise number of handloom weavers, allied workers and handlooms are as follows:

4th All India Handloom Census Data (2019-20)					
SN	State	No. of Handlooms	No. of allied workers	No. of weavers	Total Handloom Workers (4 + 5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
East Zone					
1	Arunachal Pradesh	99,454	17,016	77,600	94,616
2	Assam*	12,48,806	1,76,453	11,07,428	12,83,881
3	Bihar	8,447	5,631	7,216	12,847
4	Jharkhand	8,607	10,133	12,364	22,497
5	Manipur*	2,16,192	12,203	2,12,481	2,24,684
6	Meghalaya	43,220	1,553	41,221	42,774
7	Mizoram	22,875	10,242	17,298	27,540
8	Nagaland	70,089	7,534	35,950	43,484
9	Odisha	48,161	64,364	53,472	1,17,836
10	Sikkim	132	65	632	697
11	Tripura	1,66,050	25,712	1,11,927	1,37,639
12	West Bengal*	2,83,404	2,64,791	3,66,656	6,31,447

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SN	State	No. of Handlooms	No. of allied workers	No. of weavers	Total Handloom Workers (4 + 5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Total East Zone	22,15,437	5,95,697	20,44,245	26,39,942
West Zone					
13	Chhattisgarh	12,743	7,426	14,077	21,503
14	Gujarat	9,903	422	10,179	10,601
15	Goa	16	4	22	26
16	Madhya Pradesh	12,069	5,267	12,805	18,072
17	Maharashtra	4,354	627	2,882	3,509
	Total West Zone	39,085	13,746	39,965	53,711
North Zone					
18	Delhi	2,498	1,049	3,236	4,285
19	Haryana	11,759	11,128	14,414	25,542
20	Himachal Pradesh	15,202	477	13,211	13,688
21	Jammu & Kashmir	14,750	7,544	15,784	23,328
22	Punjab	758	338	631	969
23	Rajasthan	6,446	1,403	8,687	10,090
24	Uttarakhand	7,368	4,594	7,967	12,561
25	Uttar Pradesh	1,24,242	60,179	1,30,778	1,90,957
	Total North Zone	1,83,023	86,712	1,94,708	2,81,420
South Zone					
26	Andhra Pradesh	93,375	49,785	1,27,662	1,77,447
27	Karnataka	24,071	27,616	27,175	54,791
28	Kerala	31,619	6,604	15,480	22,084
29	Pudducherry	929	782	908	1,690
30	Tamil Nadu*	2,18,748	45,757	1,97,818	2,43,575
31	Telangana	17,095	21,922	25,930	47,852
	Total South Zone	3,85,837	1,52,466	3,94,973	5,47,439
Grand Total		28,23,382	8,48,621	26,73,891	35,22,512

*** Top 4 States with Maximum no. of HL Workers: 1. Assam (12,83,881 workers) 2. West Bengal (6,31,447 Workers) 3. Tamil Nadu (2,43,575 Workers) 4. Manipur (2,24,684 Workers)**

The Office of Development Commissioner of Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes:

(1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)

Main components:

- 1) Small Cluster Development Programme
- 2) Handloom Marketing assistance
- 3) Special Infrastructure projects
- 4) Mega Cluster Development Programme
- 5) Concessional Credit/Weavers' MUDRA Loan
- 6) Handloom Weavers' welfare

(2) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS)

Components:

- **Transport Subsidy Component:** Freight reimbursement for transportation of yarn (All types)
- **Price Subsidy Component:** 15% Price Subsidy on Yarn (through DBT to linked bank account) with quantitative restrictions. This subsidy is available on cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, woollen and linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres with quantity restrictions.

DETAILS OF SCHEMES:

(1) NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NHDP):

- **EFC of NHDP approved from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The present revised guidelines are effective from 2023-24 to 2025-26.**

(i) SMALL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Under Small Cluster Development Programme (SCDP), need based financial assistance upto Rs. 2 crore per cluster is provided depending on the requirement of the cluster having upto 500 handloom workers at one location so that the groups become self-sustainable. Duration for implementation of the project is 3 years. Proposals are recommended by the State Government.

Components & Funding pattern

- (i) Interventions like Baseline Survey, Diagnostic Study, Formation of Consortium, Awareness Programmes, Product Development, Exposure visits, participation in exhibitions/BSMs/publicity, Documentation of cluster activities, service charges to designated agency, Project Management Cost, Engagement of Textiles Designer, wage compensation to the trainees for skill up-gradation, incentive to IA etc. are fully funded by GoI, excluding land cost.

- (ii) Other Interventions benefitting individual weavers directly, like Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata, lighting units etc. are funded in the ratio of 90:10 by GoI : Beneficiary
- (iii) Individual Worksheds for BPL/SC/ST/Women/differently-abled are funded 100% by GoI. For others Individual worksheds are funded in the ratio 75:25 by the GoI: Beneficiary
- (iv) Common Workshed is funded in the ratio 90:10 by the GoI: Beneficiary
- (v) Solar Lighting System for Common Workshed is funded in the ratio 90:10 by the GoI: Beneficiary.

Implementing agencies

- i. Central/State Government Organizations
- ii. National/State Level Handloom Organizations
- iii. Apex/Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies.
- iv. Self Help Groups
- v. Producers' Companies

Terms of payment:

Funds are released in two equal installments:

- a) 50% of GoIshare in 1st instalment as advance.
- b) 2nd instalment is released on receipt of UC of atleast 70% of release of 1st instalment.

State/UT-wise number of handloom clusters/outside clusters sanctioned, amount released, weavers benefitted under skill upgradation, HSS Items, Workshed and Lighting Units across the country from 2015-16 to 2025-26 (till 30th June 2025)

S. N o.	State/UTs	No. of handloom clusters sanctioned	No. of outside cluster sanctioned	Amount sanctioned/ released (Rs.in lakh)	No. of weavers undergo ne Skill upgradation	No. of weavers provided upgraded looms & accessories	No. of weavers benefitted under individual workshed	No. of weavers provided lighting units	Total No. of weavers benefitted (5+6+7+8)
1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Andhra Pradesh	98	34	7997.46	11,777	10,671	1,131	1,054	24,633
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33	5	4288.09	1,190	1,015	287	717	3,209
3	Assam	88	11	7878.88	17,784	9,026	1,183	0	27,993
4	Bihar	32	9	3049.43	2,457	459	273	611	3,800
5	Chhattisgarh	14	11	1096.45	2,722	1,989	39	45	4,795
6	Gujarat	8	5	302.25	1,366	570	0	15	1,951
7	Haryana*	0	4	53.25	371	76	22	2	471
8	Himachal Pradesh	19	8	937.70	1,531	604	218	58	2,411
9	Jammu & Kashmir	15	9	1107.35	2,164	466	135	564	3,329

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1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Jharkhand	32	10	1764.62	2,182	1,548	415	881	5,026
11	Karnataka	9	13	1106.99	1,872	5,311	194	847	8,224
12	Kerala	21	6	1910.20	2,742	5,696	492	895	9,825
13	Ladakh	1	2	31.67					0
14	Madhya Pradesh	14	11	928.71	1,701	379	60	0	2,140
15	Maharashtra	13	12	792.32	2,538	635	117	197	3,487
16	Goa*	0	2	33.30	25				25
17	Manipur	44	6	8115.31	4,862	11,283	294	310	16,749
18	Meghalaya	6	0	440.98	1,148	240	60	245	1,693
19	Mizoram	28	7	3038.79	2,159	1,439	195	191	3,984
20	Nagaland	17	5	2267.87	1,234	794	24	1	2,053
21	Odisha	35	3	2214.71	5,780	6,548	109	1,151	13,588
22	Punjab*	0	3	42.05	178	0	15	1	194
23	Rajasthan	3	3	200.54	783	204	28	64	1079
24	Sikkim	2	1	148.78	0	20	7	7	34
25	Tamil Nadu	86	13	6011.29	6,850	19,587	1,191	846	28,474
26	Telangana	35	14	1793.04	2,932	1,485	98	38	4,553
27	Tripura	16	1	598.96	1,527	474	21	0	2,022
28	Uttar Pradesh	86	13	4634.52	7,472	3,649	330	287	11,738
29	Uttarakhand	3	4	180.89	546	66	44	0	656
30	West Bengal	39	10	2420.80	1,676	5,038	332	488	7,534
	Total	797	235	65387.18	89,569	89,272	7,314	9,515	1,95,670

*Note: No proposals have been received from State Govt. of Haryana, Goa & Punjab for assistance of clusters. However, assistance to weavers for upgraded looms/accessories, lighting units, individual workshops and skill upgradation training in technical areas etc. have been extended through concerned WSC.

(ii) HANDLOOM MARKETING ASSISTANCE (HMA):

Objectives:

- Develop and promote marketing channels in domestic and export markets and bring about linkage between the two in a holistic and integrated manner.
- Provide marketing opportunities to handloom workers with special focus on talented and uncovered weavers.

(a) Details of Domestic marketing events: Funding pattern, participation, period for Expos/ Events, Craft Melas & Virtual Expos:

Nomenclature	Participants	Period (in Days)	Funding (Rs in Lakh)
NHE - “Gandhi Bunkar Mela”	80	14	45.00
SHE - “Hathkargha”	60	14	30.00
DHE - “Tana-Bana”	25	5-7	6.00

State-wise Marketing Events sanctioned and Funds released during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (till 30th June 2025):

SN	States	No. of events sanctioned	Amt. Released (in Lakh)	No. of Benf. Covered
East Zone				
1	Arunachal Pradesh	41	703.72	63,610
2	Assam	288	4669.90	6,32,669
3	Bihar	25	398.36	1,07,529
4	Jharkhand	6	4.00	1,150
5	Manipur	93	1341.13	2,11,987
6	Meghalaya	2	12.85	4,000
7	Mizoram	71	800.00	1,12,300
8	Nagaland	109	1788.85	1,97,784
9	Odisha	69	614.61	97,900
10	Sikkim	62	876.87	1,21,076
11	Tripura	96	1086.81	2,52,355
12	West Bengal	29	143.82	27,400
	Total East Zone	891	12440.92	18,29,760
West Zone				
13	Chhattisgarh	40	214.30	57,300
14	Gujarat	3	85.84	8,000
15	Goa	2	36.00	4,200
16	Madhya Pradesh	63	648.66	95,290
17	Maharashtra	61	522.02	98,950
	Total West Zone	169	1506.82	2,63,740
North Zone				
18	Delhi	23	41.59	8,740
19	Haryana	2	8.40	2,800
20	Himachal Pradesh	38	109.14	22,525

SN	States	No. of events sanctioned	Amt. Released (in Lakh)	No. of Benf. Covered
21	Jammu & Kashmir	28	290.84	34,800
22	Laddakh	2	12.00	1,250
23	Punjab	2	8.40	1,750
24	Rajasthan	12	133.70	22,320
25	Uttrakhand	49	208.69	50,170
26	Uttar Pradesh	142	1031.11	1,89,186
	Total North Zone	298	1843.87	3,33,541
South Zone				
27	Andhra Pradesh	116	848.88	2,09,785
28	Karnataka	76	628.29	1,31,835
29	Kerala	13	53.00	15,626
30	Pudducherry	2	0.00	1,600
31	Tamil Nadu	100	759.44	2,90,935
32	Telangana	82	599.66	1,64,807
	Total South Zone	389	2889.27	8,14,588
National Level Agencies (NLAs)				
33	NHDC	309	5903.05	4,99,423
34	ACASH	138	2,672.00	3,07,000
35	Craft Mela	72	696.08	2,201
36	HHEC	4	27.84	2,250
37	CCIC	33	480.23	27,690
38	Misc &/or CSB	25	93.19	15,750
39	Dilli Haat	32	0.00	537
40	NCDPD	27	997.38	66,763
41	WSCs	38	525.02	1,08,425
	Total NLAs	678	11,394.79	10,30,039
	Grand Total	2425	30075.67	42,71,668

(b) Handloom Export Promotion

Objectives:

- Market penetration through organisation/participation in international fairs/exhibitions, big ticket events, BSM, RBSM etc., for export promotion of handloom products. Publicity and brand development through IHB, HLM and other measures.
- To assist in establishing international marketing linkages to suitable Apex/Primary handloom cooperative societies, corporations, producers' companies, handloom awardees, exporters, other talented weavers etc. who are producing exclusive exportable handloom products.

For export of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC) & Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) participate in various international fairs with the member handloom exporters through O/o DC(HL) to sell their handloom products in the international markets.

Year	International events				Year-wise export of Handloom Products
	Number of events participated	Spot orders booked (Rs. In crore)	Business Enquiries generated (Rs. In crore)	Number of Participants	(Export of 32 HS codes of HEPC) Achievement in Million USD
2014-15 to 2021-22	126	337.12	957.06	3175	2,587.51
2022-23	20	91.71	290.22	470	180.47
2023-24	19	130.07	275.90	665	138.45
2024-25	23	136.78	354.04	691	139.38
2025-26 (as on 31.04.2025)	1	0	0.004	3	15.38
Total	189	695.68	1877.224	5004	3061.19

Major countries to which Handloom products exported are USA, UAE, Spain, UK, France, Italy, Netherlands, Australia, Germany, Greece, etc.

Major Handloom Export Products – Home Textiles, Furnishing, Floor Covering, Bathmats, Bed linen, Cushion covers, RMHK, Lungies, Fabrics, Shawls, Curtains etc.

(c) Urban Haats - The scheme for setting up of urban haats at prime locations in the country was introduced in 1997-98 to enable the participating weavers/ craft persons to sell handlooms/handicrafts products directly to the customers, and encourage and facilitate authentic Indian weaves and crafts of various regions in the country by rotation. Financial assistance up to Rs.8.00 crore is provided for setting up of Urban Haats (GoI DC(HL)/DC(HC) - 80: IA 20). So far, 37 Urban Haats have been taken up throughout the country.

List of State-wise Urban Haats:-

SN	State	Adopted by	Place of Urban Haat	Year of Sanction	Amount Released (Rs. In lakh)	Status
1	Andhra Pradesh	DC (Handlooms)	Tirupati	1999-2000	58.45	Functional
2		DC (Handlooms)	Kakinada	2013-2014	198.60	Functional
3		DC HC	Eluru	2015-2016	78.60	Functional
4	Chhattisgarh	DC (Handlooms)	Raipur	2001-2002	52.50	Functional
5	Delhi	DCHL-HC	INA Dilli Haat	1994-1995	70.00	Functional
6		DC HC	Janakpuri Haat	2004-2005	70.00	Functional

SN	State	Adopted by		Place of Urban Haat	Year of Sanction	Amount Released (Rs. In lakh)	Status
7	Gujarat	DC HC		Bhuj	2002-2003	49.70	Functional
8		DC (Handlooms)		Ahmedabad	1998-1999	59.50	Functional
9	Haryana	DC HC		Karnal	1999-2000	43.05	Functional
10	Jharkhand	DC HC		Hazaribag	2002-2003	52.50	Functional
11	J & K	DC HC		Srinagar	2001-2002	70.00	Functional
12		DC (Handlooms)		Jammu	1999-2000	47.95	Functional
13	Karnataka	DC (Handlooms)		Mysore	2002-2003	68.60	Functional
14		DC HC		Mangluru	2008-2009	78.75	Functional
15	Madhya Pradesh	DC (Handlooms)		Bhopal	2001-2002	63.00	Functional
16		DC (Handlooms)		Indore	2004-2005	78.75	Functional
17	Maharashtra	DC (Handlooms)		Navi Mumbai	2004-2005	105.00	Functional
18	Manipur	DC (Handlooms)		Imphal	2010-2011	52.50	Functional
19	Nagaland	DC HC		Dimapur	2003-2004	58.18	Functional
20	Odisha	DC (Handlooms)		Bhubaneshwar	1998-1999	70.00	Functional
21		DC HC		Konark	2003-2004	70.00	Functional
22		DC (Handlooms)		Puri	2003-2004	70.00	Functional
23	Rajasthan	DC HC		Ajmer	2005-2006	52.50	Functional
24		DC HC		Jodhpur	2000-2001	52.50	Functional
25		DC (Handlooms)		Jaipur	2001-2002	52.50	Functional
26	Tamil Nadu	DC (Handlooms)		Kanyakumari	2006-2007	52.50	Functional
27		DC HC		Mamlapuram	2015-2016	83.80	Functional
28	Tripura	DC HC		Agartala	2000-2001	76.25	Functional
29	Uttar Pradesh	DC (Handlooms)		Varanasi	2002-2003	34.12	Functional
30		DC (Handlooms)		Agra	2001-2002	25.00	Functional
31		DC HC		Bareilly	2005-2006	70.00	Functional
32		DC HC		Rampur	2005-2006	35.00	Functional
33		DC HC		Ayodhya	2010-2011	51.34	Under Process
34		DC (Handlooms)		Jhansi	2006-2007	52.50	Functional
35	West Bengal	DC HC		Durgapur	2007-2008	96.66	Functional
36		DC HC		Shantiniketan	2010-2011	78.75	Functional
37		DC (Handlooms)		Biswa Bangla Haat Kolkata	2014-2015	105.00	Functional
				Total	2484.05		
Summary							
Functional		36	Adopted by the O/o DC (Handlooms)			18	
			Adopted by the O/o DC (Handicrafts)			18	
			Dilli haat commonly managed by DCHL and DCHC			1	
Under Progress		1	Ayodhya				
Total		37				37	
Note:- Dilli Haat INA- 46 stalls managed by the O/o DC(HL) and 120 Stalls managed by O/o DC (HC)							

(d) Marketing Incentive (MI)

- Given to handloom agencies for preparing conditions conducive to marketing of handloom products.
- The handloom agency is to use this amount towards activities that would attract the consumers in order to gear up overall sales of handloom goods.
- The concept envisions handloom agencies to be able to adjust their prices towards increasing cost competitiveness of the products, improve designs and invest in infrastructure so as to improve the production and productivity.
- These incentives are calculated @ 10% on average sales of handloom products of the last 3 years which are equally shared between State Govt. and Central Govt., except in the case of National Level Handloom Organizations/Societies, where the entire assistance is borne by the Government of India.

(e) 'Handloom Mark' scheme- 'Handloom Mark' scheme was launched in the year 2006 to provide a collective identity to the handloom products and can be used not only for popularizing the handwoven products but can also serve as a guarantee for the buyer that the product purchased is genuinely hand woven. It also provides distinctive name in identifying the product or the manufacturer. So far, 24,989 registrations have been issued.

S.No.	States	Handloom Mark Registrations
East Zone		
1	Arunachal Pradesh	3
2	Assam	307
3	Bihar	1,832
4	Jharkhand	525
5	Manipur	384
6	Mizoram	4
7	Nagaland	3
8	Odisha	691
9	Tripura	1
10	West Bengal	959
	Total East Zone	4,709
West Zone		
11	Chhattisgarh	192
12	Gujarat	1,006
13	Madhya Pradesh	993
14	Maharashtra	378
	Total West Zone	2,569
North Zone		
15	Delhi	781
16	Haryana	247
17	Himachal Pradesh	275
18	Jammu & Kashmir	1,263

S.No.	States	Handloom Mark Registrations
19	Laddakh	
20	Punjab	51
21	Rajasthan	346
22	Uttarakhand	344
23	Uttar Pradesh	3,397
	Total North Zone	6,704
South Zone		
24	Andhra Pradesh	2,009
25	Karnataka	158
26	Kerala	477
27	Pudducherry	5
28	Tamil Nadu	8,730
29	Telangana	98
	Total South Zone	11,477
	Grand Total	25,459

(f) **“India Handloom” Brand-** During the celebration of 7th August 2015 as National Handloom Day, ‘India Handloom’ Brand was launched for branding of high-quality handloom products to promote production of niche handloom products with high quality with zero defect and zero effect on environment. Since the launch of “India Handloom” Brand, 2,080 registrations have been issued under 184 product categories.

S.No.	States	India Handloom Brand Registrations
East Zone		
1	Assam	15
2	Bihar	234
3	Jharkhand	66
4	Manipur	3
5	Odisha	44
6	Tripura	2
7	West Bengal	121
	Total East Zone	485
West Zone		
8	Chhattisgarh	128
9	Gujarat	18
10	Madhya Pradesh	227
11	Maharashtra	61
	Total West Zone	434

S.No.	States	India Handloom Brand Registrations
North Zone		
12	Delhi	20
13	Haryana	57
14	Himachal Pradesh	63
15	Jammu & Kashmir	37
16	Rajasthan	87
17	Uttrakhand	3
18	Uttar Pradesh	127
	Total North Zone	394
South Zone		
19	Andhra Pradesh	117
20	Karnataka	16
21	Kerala	180
22	Tamil Nadu	233
23	Telangana	221
	Total South Zone	767
	Grand Total	2,080

(g) Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act 1999-

Geographical Indications of Goods is an indication or appellation of origin. It is used to identify agricultural natural or manufactured goods originating in a definite territory. Goods originating should have a special quality or characteristics or reputation based upon the climatic or production characteristics unique to the geographical location.

Financial assistance:

- Rs. 1.50 lakh for meeting the expenses in registering the designs/products.
- Rs.1.50 lakh to impart training to personnel of IA and for effective enforcement of G.I. registration.
- Financial assistance is also provided for organizing seminars, workshops etc., on merit of the proposal.

So far, a total no. of 106 handloom products and 06 product logos are registered under GI Act.

SN	States	GI registrations
East Zone		
1	Arunachal Pradesh	8
2	Assam	9
3	Bihar	1
4	Manipur	3

SN	States	GI registrations
5	Meghalaya	3
6	Mizoram	5
7	Nagaland	1
8	Odisha	9
9	Tripura	2
10	West Bengal	7
	Total East Zone	48
West Zone		
11	Chhattisgarh	1
12	Gujarat	6
13	Madhya Pradesh	3
14	Maharashtra	4
	Total West Zone	14
North Zone		
15	Himachal Pradesh	2
16	Jammu & Kashmir	3
17	Rajasthan	1
18	Uttarakhand	1
19	Uttar Pradesh	6
	Total North Zone	13
South Zone		
20	Andhra Pradesh	4
21	Karnataka	5
22	Kerala	6
23	Tamil Nadu	10
24	Telangana	6
	Total South Zone	31
	Grand Total	106

(h) National Handloom Day

To generate awareness about Handloom industry and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country & increase income of weavers, 7th August was notified as National Handlooms Day vide Notification No. 2(14)/2015/DCH/P&E dated 29th July 2015 in the Gazette of India. Starting from the year 2015, National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on 7th of August. So far, 10 National Handloom Days have been organized at Chennai, Varanasi, Guwahati, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar and New Delhi (5) (one on virtual platform in 2020). This year 10th “National Handloom Day” has been celebrated on 7th August 2024, inaugurated by Hon’ble Vice President at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. During the event 5 Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and 17 National Handloom Awards for 2023 were presented by Hon’ble Vice President, followed by presentation of a fashion show

by NIFT on Handloom sector and unveiling of the award list containing details of award winners and unveiling of a coffee table book titled “Parampara Aur Paryavaran” by Hon’ble Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh, followed by distribution of certificates to the beneficiaries of various interventions under the schemes of DC Handloom.

- (i) **Handloom awards:** - Handloom Awards are conferred upon Handloom Weavers, Designers, Handloom organizations and Marketing Agencies for showing excellence in the handloom sector.

Objectives:

- Recognize extraordinary skills and contribution of handloom weavers, designers, organizations and Marketing Agencies towards promotion, development and preservation of weaving tradition and welfare of the weaving community.
- Recognize talent and workmanship of young weavers, be role models and inspire others to emulate them.
- Reward individuals/ organizations to adopt innovative measures for marketing of handloom products and recognize their achievements.

No. of Awards: 25

Sl. No.	Name of awards	Category	Total no. of awards			Grand Total
			General	Exclusively for women	Total	
1	Sant Kabir Handloom Award	Weaving	5	1	6	6
2	National Handloom Award	Weaving	12	2	14	19
		Design Development	2	-	2	
		Marketing of handloom products	2	-	2	
		Start-up ventures/ Producer Company	1	-	1	
	Total		22	3	25	25

- Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards meant exclusively for the women handloom weavers are named as Sant Kabir Handloom Award/National Handloom Award (Kamala devi Chattopadhyay Award).

(iii) SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

(Introduced during 2021-22) Projects can be taken up in following areas:

- Designs oriented Projects
- Marketing Projects
- Capacity building of weavers, PCs, SHGs, Stakeholders
- Technology upgradation
- Common infrastructure Projects
- IIHT-related Projects

Status of projects taken up:

S. N.	Project	Implementing Agency	Status (as on 30.06.2025)
1	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Kovalam (Distt. Thiruvananthapuram), Kerala Project Cost – Rs. 122.32 lakh GoI share – Rs.45.32 Lakh	M/s Uralungal Labour Co-operative Society (ULCS), Kozhikode	Project completed & inaugurated on 07.08.2021, Rs.40.79 lakh released.
2	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Pranpur (Distt. Ashok Nagar), Madhya Pradesh Project Cost – Rs.745.40 lakh GoI share – Rs.402.215 lakh	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Bhopal	Project completed & inaugurated on 06.03.2024, Rs.390.20 lakh released.
3	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Moirang, Manipur Project Cost – Rs.531.65 lakh GoI share – Rs.402.00 lakh	Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Govt. of Manipur	Project completed & inaugurated on 09.03.2024, Rs.388.50 lakh released.
4	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Mohpara (Distt. Golaghat) Assam Project Cost – Rs.161.39 lakh GoI share – Rs.140.39 Lakh	Office of the SDO (Civil) Bokaghat Subdivision.	Project completed & inaugurated on 15.03.2024, Rs.126.36 lakh released.
5	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Sharan (Distt. Kullu) Himachal Pradesh Project Cost – Rs.163.02 lakh GoI share – Rs.138.57 Lakh	Office of Deputy Commissioner of Kullu, Himachal Pradesh	Project completed & inaugurated on 23.12.2024 Rs.106.77 lakh has been released.
6	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Kanihama (Distt. Budgam) Srinagar. Project Cost – Rs.329.44 lakh GoI share – Rs.258.94 Lakh	District Development Commissioner of Budgam, Srinagar	Project completed, Rs.233.05 lakh has been released.
7	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Rampur, Bodh Gaya (Distt. Gaya) Bihar Project Cost – Rs.150.13 lakh GoI share – Rs.137.13 lakh,	M/s Nagar Parishad Bodhgaya, Bihar	Rs.123.42 lakh has been released.
8	Setting up of Craft Handloom Village at Kunbi, Goa Project Cost – Rs.1738.69 lakh GoI share – Rs.1000.00 lakh	Goa Handicrafts, Rural and Small-Scale Industries Development Corporation (GHRSSIDC), Department of Handicrafts, Textiles & Coir, Govt. of Goa	Rs.500.00 lakh released as 1st installment vide sanction order dated 19.06.2024

9	Restructuring & Branding of IIHT in Collaboration with NIFT. Project Cost – Rs.231.57 lakh GoI share – 100%, Duration – 15 months	National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi	Rs.224.365 lakh has been released.
10	Markting Complex - "Handloom Pavillion" at Kisama, Distt. Kohima, Nagaland Project Cost - 1493.50 lakh GoI share - 10 Crore Duration - 6 months	Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Nagaland	Rs.999.99 lakh has been released.
11	Handloom Park at Poma village, Popumpare district Arunachal Pradesh Project cost - Rs.814.8 lakh GoI share - 733.32 lakh Duration - 3 years	APHHDS, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh	1st instt. Of Rs.366.66 lakh released vide sanction order dated 19.11.2024

Craft Cluster Initiative:

Craft Cluster Initiative was initially sanctioned to National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi under the project ‘Promotion of Handloom through linking with Fashion’ on 14.12.2015 with total project cost of Rs. 2235.00 lakh.

Objective - Craft promotion & documentation, design intervention, product development, demonstration of workshop/seminars in NIFT campuses & craft sensitization, organize craft bazaar and develop marketing linkages & suitable packaging etc.

The project cost was revised to Rs.531.40 lakh on 13.06.2019 for the remaining two years (2019-20 to 2020-21). Due to COVID 19 pandemic, the project timeline was extended and it was culminated on 31.03.2024. Since 2016 to till dated, total amount released for the project is 901.97 lakh.

Achievements in brief (2016-31.03.2024)

- Craft Research and Documentation- 1600 documents completed for sensitizing students towards handloom sector, handloom products and socio-cultural environment of weaving community.
- Craft Promotion and documentation- 1037 prototypes have been made by NIFT.
- Design intervention and product development- approx. 6850 weavers of 348 handloom clusters have been covered for product development like silk sarees, home furnishing, apparel and home décor, accessories (gift products, bags, etc.).
- 387 awareness workshops have been organized for 2000 weavers for sensitizing them to markets, product diversification, product positioning and new opportunities.
- 104 Craft Bazaar have been organized for 1125 weavers-artisans across NIFT Campuses
- More than 15000 NIFT students visited the clusters.
- 400 handlooms clusters were covered across the country.
- 2800 craft based design projects completed.

New Craft Cluster Initiative:

1st installment of Rs.4.00 crore has been released to NIFT vide sanction order dated 19.05.2025.

Producer Companies:

To enhance productivity, marketing capabilities and ensure better incomes, 163 Handloom Producer companies have been formed in different States:

S.No	States	Producer Companies
East Zone		
1	Assam	14
2	Bihar	5
3	Jharkhand	2
4	Manipur	7
5	Mizoram	2
6	Odisha	9
7	West Bengal	12
	Total East Zone	51
West Zone		
8	Chhattisgarh	1
9	Gujarat	3
10	Madhya Pradesh	6
11	Maharashtra	7
	Total West Zone	17
North Zone		
12	Haryana	1
13	Jammu & Kashmir	2
14	Rajasthan	2
15	Uttarakhand	2
16	Uttar Pradesh	13
	Total North Zone	20
South Zone		
17	Andhra Pradesh	31
18	Karnataka	3
19	Tamil Nadu	13
20	Telangana	28
	Total South Zone	75
	Grand Total	163

(iv) MEGA CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Mega Handloom Clusters in various parts of the country can be taken up for their holistic development, drawing comprehensive development plans. Each Mega Handloom Cluster should cover at least 10,000 handlooms with GoI contribution upto Rs.30.00 crore per mega cluster. Nature and level of assistance to each Mega Cluster is need based.

In case the project is to be implemented by the WSCs/IIHTs, the entire funding of the project, including land cost is borne by the GoI.

Duration of the Project: 5 years

Funding Pattern:

General States	–	GoI: State Govt./IA - 80:20
NER States, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, UTs of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh,	–	GoI: State Govt./IA - 90:10

Land cost is borne by the State Govt./Implementing Agency and is not part of the project cost. So far, ten Mega Handloom Clusters have been taken up.

Status of Mega Handloom Clusters upto 30th June 2025

Name of Mega Cluster	Total Project cost approved	(Rs. In crore)		Projects Status		
		GoI Share	Funds Released	Functional (Activities)	Being set up (Activities)	Small Clusters assisted
Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	60.07	52.59	50.00	2 (1 Garmenting Unit, 1 Processing Unit)	-	10
Sivasagar (Assam)	31.01	26.72	24.00	6 (1 Spinning Unit, 4 CFCs, 1 Retail Outlet)	-	5
Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)	56.60	48.01	45.96	9 (2 Design Studios, 1 Souvenir Shop, 5 Dye houses, 1 Marketing Complex)	1 (1 Marketing Complex)	16
Murshidabad (West Bengal)	36.86	30.97	28.03	4 (1 Automatic Silk Reeling Unit, 1 Spun Silk Unit, 1 Printing Unit, 1 CFC)	-	20
Prakasam & Guntur districts (A.P)	36.38	35.55	33.19	-	-	31
Godda & neighbouring districts (Jharkhand)	42.62	38.20	24.01	4 (1 Design Studio, 1 Value addition Centre, 1 Marketing Complex, 1 Printing Units) at Deoghar	1 (Printing Units at Bhagaiya)	30

Name of Mega Cluster	Total Project cost approved	(Rs. In crore)		Projects Status		
		GoI Share	Funds Released	Functional (Activities)	Being set up (Activities)	Small Clusters assisted
Bhagalpur (Bihar)	6.34	6.03	5.28	2 (1 Dye House, 1 Design Studio)	-	10
Trichy (Tamil Nadu)	23.18	21.38	20.17	2 (1 Souvenir Shop, 1 Dye House)	1 (Dye House at Jayankondam)	22
Imphal East District (Manipur)	31.40	28.58	19.92	Individual interventions, Textile designer, Project Management cost & Miscellaneous interventions		-
Sualkuchi (Assam)	32.41	29.85	4.80	Individual interventions		-
Purba Bardhaman, (West Bengal)	34.32	26.15	-	In principally approved by PAMC on 16.02.2023. intervention wise DPR received from State govt. is under examination		-
Total	391.19	344.03	255.36	29	3	144

(v) CONCESSIONAL CREDIT/WEAVERS' MUDRA LOAN:

Eligible beneficiaries to avail Loan

- Individual Handloom Weavers/Weaver Entrepreneurs
- Self Help Groups/Joint Liability Groups
- Handloom organizations, including Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies, Apex Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies, State Handloom Corporations and
- Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)/consortia promoted by handloom weavers in Mega Cluster/Handloom Parks etc.
- Handloom Producer Companies

Components

Margin Money Assistance

- Individual Handloom Weaver/Weaver Entrepreneur - Margin Money assistance @20% of loan amount, subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/-.
- Handloom organization - Margin money assistance @20% of loan amount, subject to maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh (margin money @Rs.2.00 lakh for every 100 weaver/worker).
Additional margin money requirement, if any as per banking norms is borne by the beneficiary.
- Margin money assistance to Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies/Apex Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies/State Handloom Corporations is provided on the recommendation of State Director of Handlooms

Interest Subvention

Subsidized loans at concessional interest rate of 6% for a period of three years are available to eligible handlooms organizations only. However, this is subject to interest subvention cap only upto 7% by the GoI. Interest subvention as applicable is provided maximum for 3 years.

Credit Guarantee

The loans extended to handloom organizations only are guaranteed by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC)/Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), as per decision of the Bank/Financial Institution concerned. Guarantee cover is effective from the date of disbursement of loan for 3 years.

Status of loans sanctioned under Concessional Credit/Weavers MUDRA scheme:

Weavers MUDRA Scheme			
SN	States	(2014-15 to 2025-26 as on 30.06.2025)	
		No. of beneficiaries	Loan amount sanctioned (in crore)
East Zone			
1	Arunachal Pradesh	13	0.07
2	Assam	5,173	17.95
3	Bihar	1,514	14.58
4	Jharkhand	239	1.13
5	Manipur	152	0.88
6	Mizoram	9	0.05
7	Nagaland	59	0.29
8	Odisha	7,685	32.50
9	Sikkim	154	0.80
10	Tripura	9	0.03
11	West Bengal	43,198	120.00
	Total East Zone	58,205	188.28
West Zone			
12	Chhattisgarh	658	3.51
13	Gujarat	540	2.42
14	Goa	2	0.02
15	Madhya Pradesh	2,369	9.58
16	Maharashtra	432	3.45
	Total West Zone	4,001	18.98

Weavers MUDRA Scheme			
SN	States	(2014-15 to 2025-26 as on 30.06.2025)	
		No. of beneficiaries	Loan amount sanctioned (in crore)
North Zone			
17	Haryana	367	0.82
18	Himachal Pradesh	815	7.74
19	Jammu & Kashmir	13,883	130.93
20	Punjab	3	0.03
21	Rajasthan	894	2.32
22	Uttrakhand	269	3.15
23	Uttar Pradesh	21,560	103.18
	Total North Zone	37,791	248.17
South Zone			
24	Andhra Pradesh	40,382	231.19
25	Karnataka	6,464	24.67
26	Kerala	2,106	10.56
27	Pudducherry	1	0.01
28	Tamil Nadu	1,43,383	605.65
29	Telangana	8,557	51.05
	Total South Zone	2,00,893	923.13
	Grand Total	3,00,890	1,378.56

A centralized online system to credit the margin money directly to the loan account of beneficiaries and interest subvention to concerned Bank branch named 'Handloom Weaver MUDRA Portal' has been developed in association with Punjab National Bank for online claim and disbursement of margin money, interest subsidy and credit guarantee fee. The portal became operational w.e.f. 1.4.2017 for all participating banks. Participating banks claim the financial assistance in terms of margin money; interest subvention and credit guarantee fee payable to the beneficiary weavers concerned, through the said portal.

(vi) HANDLOOM WEAVERS' WELFARE

Handloom Weavers' Welfare, a component of NHDP is being implemented for providing Social Security to handloom weavers, need based financial assistance to awardee weavers and scholarship to handloom weavers' children across the country. Details of the scheme are as under:

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):

The PMJJBY is an insurance scheme offering life insurance cover for death due to any reason. It would be a one-year cover, renewable on year-to-year basis. All handloom weavers/workers are eligible in the age group of 18-50 years. The annual premium share is as under:

GoI share	Rs.198/-
State Govt./Beneficiary's share	Rs.238/-
Total Premium	Rs.436/-

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):

The PMSBY is an insurance scheme offering accidental insurance cover for death or disability. It is a one-year cover, renewable on year-to-year basis. All handloom weavers/workers are eligible in the age group of 18-70 years. Entire annual premium of Rs. 20 is borne by Government of India.

Converged Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY):

The Converged MGBBY is an insurance scheme offering life and accidental insurance coverage on death or disability for a closed group of handloom weavers/workers in the age group of 51-59 years, who were already enrolled under the MGBBY on 31.05.2017. The annual premium share is as under:

GoI share	Rs.290/-
State Govt./Beneficiary's share	Rs.180/-
Total Premium	Rs.470/-

Details of Benefits:

Insurance Coverage	Schemes		
	PMJJBY	PMSBY	Con. MGBBY
Natural Death	Rs.2,00,000	-	Rs.60,000
Accidental Death	Rs.2,00,000	Rs.2,00,000	Rs.1,50,000
Permanent Disability	-	Rs.2,00,000	Rs.1,50,000
Partial Disability	-	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.75,000

Enrolment Figures during 2017-18 to 2025-26 (as on 31.05.2025):

SN	States	Enrollment of handloom workers under PMJJY/ PMSBY
East Zone		
1	Arunachal Pradesh	142
2	Assam	1,40,132
3	Bihar	963
4	Jharkhand	67

SN	States	Enrollment of handloom workers under PMJJY/ PMSBY
5	Manipur	1,73,422
6	Meghalaya	33
7	Mizoram	1,800
8	Nagaland	2,531
9	Odisha	71,442
10	Sikkim	570
11	Tripura	3,358
12	West Bengal	45,390
	Total East Zone	4,39,850
West Zone		
13	Chhattisgarh	331
14	Gujarat	6,120
15	Madhya Pradesh	1,746
16	Maharashtra	220
	Total West Zone	8,417
North Zone		
17	Delhi	7
18	Haryana	20
19	Himachal Pradesh	4,601
20	Jammu & Kashmir	464
21	Laddakh	35
22	Punjab	250
23	Rajasthan	167
24	Uttrakhand	354
25	Uttar Pradesh	17,391
	Total North Zone	23,289
South Zone		
26	Andhra Pradesh	18,361
27	Karnataka	59,893
28	Kerala	6,844
29	Tamil Nadu	2,91,387
30	Telangana	18,617
	Total South Zone	3,95,102
	Grand Total	8,66,658

Support in indigent circumstances to awardee weavers/workers:

Financial support of Rs.8,000/- per month per awardee (Padma/Sant Kabir/National/State) handloom weavers/workers' above 60 years of age, in indigent circumstances having annual income below Rs.1.00 lakh, to be certified by Competent Authority of State Govt. concerned. This initiative has been introduced in NHDP guidelines from Oct, 2021. As on 30.06.2025, 521 applications of awardee handloom weavers/ workers have been sanctioned across the country.

Scholarship:

Financial Support as scholarship maximum upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per child including Rs.5,000/- per month as stipend is available to handloom weavers/workers' children (upto 2 children) for study in 3/4 years Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of Central/State Govt. recognized, Central/State Govt. funded Textiles Institutions. This initiative has been introduced in NHDP guidelines from Oct, 2021. As on 30.06.2025, 321 applications of handloom weavers/ workers' children have been sanctioned across the country.

Handloom Helpline Centre:

The helpline aims to provide single point of contact to weavers seeking solutions for their technical issues/schematic clarification. "Handloom Helpline Centre" has been set where professional queries of weavers are answered by the experts. The helpline no. 0120-6916700 (PRI number) and 18002089988 (Toll free number) function from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and provide information in 7 languages viz. Hindi, English and 5 regional languages (Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Bengali & Assamese). As on 30.06.2025, 58,608 calls/grievances have been received in the helpline and all calls/grievances have been resolved.

(vii) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS & PROMOTIONAL COMPONENTS:**(a) Details of R & D projects sanctioned under NHDP**

S.No.	Title of project	Name of IA
1	Valorization of banana pseudo-stem and development of handloom fabric using Banana-Cotton blended yarn for better comfort	Govt. College of Engineering & Textile Technology, Berhampore, West Bengal
2	Study on Carbon Footprint of Handloom products	Department of Textile & Fibre Engineering, IIT Delhi
3	Understanding the Correlation between the weaving dust and its impact on the health of handloom workers	IIT Mandi (Partner institute- COER University, Roorkee)

(2) RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY SCHEME (RMSS):

Components of RMSS:

- **Transport Subsidy Component:** Freight reimbursement for transportation of yarn (All types)
- **Price Subsidy Component:** 15% Price Subsidy on Yarn (through DBT to linked bank account) with quantitative restrictions. This subsidy is available on cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, woollen and linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres with quantity restrictions.
- The scheme is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)

The rates for freight reimbursement, depot operating expenses are as under:

Area	Freight			Depot operating charges
	Other than Silk/ Jute/ Coir yarn	Silk yarn	Jute/ Coir yarn	
General States	2.5%	1%	10%	2.0% limited to Rs 15,000/- per month.
In NER and Hilly areas	7.5%	2.25%	10%	

(% of value of yarn supplied)

The scheme is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC), a Government of India Undertaking. At present, 511 yarn depots are functioning throughout the country. Also, to reduce the delivery period and supply the smaller quantities, NHDC has opened at least one ware house in every State having weaver's presence. Accordingly, NHDC is operating 46 Yarn ware houses.

STATE WISE YARN SUPPLIED AND LOOMS COVERED:-

Qty. of yarn supplied in lakh kg.

Sl No	State	No. of Looms covered	Yarn Supplied under RMSS*
1	Andhra Pradesh	69,973	107.68
2	Bihar	4,210	5.91
3	Chhattisgarh	5,609	281.74
4	Delhi	172	0.10
5	Gujarat	1,839	4.49
6	Haryana	3,077	3380.42
7	Himachal Pradesh	1,560	92.09
8	Jammu & Kashmir including Ladakh	625	105.72
9	Jharkhand	3,704	18.32
10	Karnataka	18,804	65.71
11	Kerala	11,002	897.43

Sl No	State	No. of Looms covered	Yarn Supplied under RMSS*
12	Madhya Pradesh	3,503	16.34
13	Maharashtra	2,115	2.78
14	Odisha	30,386	46.92
15	Pondicherry	1,519	2.69
16	Punjab	407	88.65
17	Rajasthan	740	11.96
18	Tamil Nadu	95,884	2,744.80
19	Telangana	39,763	134.26
20	Uttarakhand	4,807	37.50
21	Uttar Pradesh	1,18,339	727.66
22	West Bengal	55,836	101.60
23	Arunachal Pradesh	243	0.88
24	Assam	42,233	15.58
25	Manipur	20,015	10.74
26	Meghalaya	366	1.41
27	Mizoram	1,228	4.75
28	Nagaland	212	0.10
29	Sikkim	81	0.12
30	Tripura	610	6.43
	Grand Total	5,38,862	8914.78

*All the yarn supplied under Price Subsidy is also given Transport Subsidy.

(3) THE PROTECTION OF HANDLOOM & IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HANDLOOMS (RESERVATION OF ARTICLES FOR PRODUCTION) Act, 1985

The Government of India promulgated the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 dated 29.3.1985 with a view to protect the interests of the handloom weavers and rich cultural heritage of the country from the encroachment of the Powerloom and Mill sector on their livelihood. Initially, 22 articles were reserved for exclusive production on handlooms.

The Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 is being implemented by the Central and State Governments enforcement agencies by way of carrying out powerloom inspection in the field. In order to implement the Act effectively, targets to all the implementing agencies for inspection of powerloom units are fixed by the O/o D.C Handlooms under annual action plan. Wherever any violation is detected, suitable action under the provisions of the Act is initiated.

Presently 11 textile articles with certain technical specification are reserved under the Act for exclusive production on handlooms vide notification dated 3.9.2008. These articles are:

1. Saree,
2. Dhoti,
3. Towel, Gamcha and Angavastram,
4. Lungi,

5. Khes, Bedsheet, Bedcover, Counterpane, Furnishing (including tapestry, upholstery),
6. Jamakkalam Durry or Durret,
7. Dress Material,
8. Barrack Blankets, Kambal or Kamblies
9. Shawl, Loi, Muffler, Pakhi etc.,
10. Wollen Tweed,
11. Chaddar, Mekhala/Phanek.

Features of the Scheme

- Special focus on identification of handloom products
- Inspection drives for curbing sale of fake HL products with IHB, HM/ GI labels in market/expo.
- Capacity building of Enforcement Machinery through trainings etc.,
- Assistance for training, awareness, publication of material for distinguishing genuine HL/GI products,
- Strengthening of Enforcement Machinery as per norms provided in the scheme guidelines.

The central assistance is released to the States for setting up establishment of enforcement machinery for implementation of the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985. States and UTs having 5,000 or more powerlooms are eligible for central assistance. Each subsidiary office shall be set up with additional 20,000 powerlooms in each pocket of powerloom concentration. Presently, 09 States are availing central assistance under the scheme.

State-wise Physical targets and achievements of Powerloom Inspection during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (till 30th June 2025):-

SN	States	Physical targets and achievements of Powerloom Inspection	
		Target	Achievements
East Zone			
1	Assam*	2,520	2,733
2	Bihar	18,444	16,057
3	Jharkhand	3,168	0
4	Manipur	120	0
5	Odisha	8,203	4,891
6	Tripura	728	723
	West Bengal*	71,673	56,838
	Total East Zone	1,04,856	81,242
West Zone			
7	Chhattisgarh	1,809	1,313
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	5,722	8,799
9	Gujarat*	4,51,261	4,26,128
10	Madhya Pradesh*	1,84,212	1,68,521
11	Maharashtra	2,57,761	1,98,489

	Total West Zone	9,00,765	8,03,250
North Zone			
12	Haryana*	74,487	69,588
13	Himachal Pradesh	2,444	1,280
14	Jammu & Kashmir	132	0
15	Punjab	11,298	8,317
16	Rajasthan*	1,33,747	1,26,596
17	Uttarakhand	728	460
18	Uttar Pradesh*	1,95,171	1,77,857
	Total North Zone	4,18,007	3,84,098
South Zone			
19	Andhra Pradesh*	1,38,185	1,35,305
20	Karnataka	1,35,814	1,21,313
21	Kerala*	59,677	42,617
22	Puducherry	7,810	5,811
23	Tamil Nadu*	7,23,940	6,92,329
24	Telangana*	2,61,264	2,44,373
	Total South Zone	13,26,690	12,41,748
	Total (States)	27,50,318	25,10,338
1	WSCs	2,51,744	2,48,707
2	Enforcement	7,54,192	7,14,495
	Grand Total	37,56,254	34,73,540

***11 States are availing the Central Assistance**

813 FIR lodged & 664 Convictions during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (till 30th June 2025)

4. NEW INITIATIVES IN HANDLOOM SECTOR

- i) 16 Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kancheepuram, Kolkata, Indore, Nagpur, Panipat, Meerut, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Chennai with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for sample/product improvisation and development.
- ii) E-Commerce portal viz. indiahandmade.com was launched on 22.04.2023 with approx. 1000 products and 556 sellers. As on 28.07.2025 the no. of products uploaded are 11,399 with 2,404 sellers.
- iii) Handloom weavers are on-boarded on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far about 1.50 lakh weavers have been on-boarded on the GeM portal.

- iv) To support handloom weavers, social media campaigns were organised under the #Vocal4Handmade in the year 2020, #MyHandloomMyPride in 2021 to 2024, #MyProductMyPride in 2024, besides various activities on MyGov platform and other social media platforms.
- v) To reduce the drudgery of handloom weavers in weaving and to develop new design by removing lengthy design punch cards, 302 electronic jacquards have been sanctioned so far.

5. Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs)

Recognizing the need for protecting our cultural heritage in the traditional skills of handloom weaving and for protecting the sector from competition from the powerloom and mill made textiles, the Government of India decided in 1956 to set up the Handloom Design Centres at Mumbai, Chennai and Varanasi. The activities of these Design Centres were later expanded to cover other aspects of development of the handloom textiles and were re-designated as the Weavers' Service Centres. Presently, 29 Weavers' Service Centres are functioning all over India. The State-wise location of WSCs and their territorial jurisdiction details are given below:

S. N.	State	WSC	Territorial Jurisdiction
East Zone:			
1.	Assam	Guwahati	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya
2.	Tripura	Agartala	Tripura
3.	Manipur	Imphal	Manipur
4.	West Bengal	Kolkata	West Bengal & Sikkim
5.	Bihar	Bhagalpur	Bihar
6.	Odisha	Bhubneswar	Odisha
7.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Jharkhand
8.	Nagaland	Dimapur	Nagaland
9.	Mizoram	Aizwal	Mizoram
South Zone:			
10.	Tamilnadu	Chennai	Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Viluppuram, Cuddalore, Ariyalur, Thanjavur, Mayiladuturai, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi, Toothukudi, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari districts of Tamilnadu State & All districts of Andaman & Nicobar islands UT.
11.	-do-	Kancheepuram	Kancheepuram, Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai, Kallakurichi, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur districts of Tamilnadu State & Puducherry and Karaikal districts of Puducherry UT.
12.	-do-	Salem	Salem, Dharmapuri, Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Coimbatore, Tiruppur&Nilgris districts of Tamilnadu State.
13.	Karnataka	Bangalore	Karnataka
14.	Kerala	Kannur	Kerala, Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands.

S. N.	State	WSC	Territorial Jurisdiction
15.	Andhra Prd.	Vijayawada	Coastal districts & Rayalaseema Regions.
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	Telangana districts

North Zone :			
17.	Delhi	Delhi	Delhi & Himachal Pradesh
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi	Allahabad, Faizabad, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Kanpur Divisions.
19.	-do-	Meerut	Meerut, Jhansi, Bareilly, Lucknow and Agra Divisions.
20.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	Uttarakhand
21.	J & K	Srinagar	UTs- Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh
22.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Rajasthan
23.	Haryana	Panipat	Haryana, Punjab & Chandigarh.
24.	Himachal Pradesh	Kullu	Himachal Pradesh
West Zone :			
25.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Konkan, Poona and Nasik Divisions of Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
26.	-do-	Nagpur	Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra and 5 districts of Madhya Pradesh i.e. Chindwada, Wrasone, Seoni, Jabalpur & Balaghat.
27.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	State of Gujarat.
28.	Madhya Pradesh	Indore	State of Madhya Pradesh, except the 5 districts i.e. Chindwada, Warsoni, Seoni, Jabalpur & Balaghat of M.P.
29.	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	State of Chhattisgarh

Besides the above 29 WSCs, there are two more extension centres, one of WSC, Srinagar and one of WSC, Guwahati at Jammu and at Itanagar respectively.

Besides implementation of Handloom Schemes of Ministry of Textiles, the Weavers' Service Centres are involved in following activities-

- Product development to evolve more marketable products with expertise available in the fields of weaving, designing and processing.
- To improve weaving techniques and accessories and appliances used in weaving.
- To improve techniques of processing.
- To impart training to weavers by disseminating improved techniques and new designs by undertaking training programmes within the precincts of the Centre and in the field.
- To providing market support by arranging interface between designers, producers and buyers which include execution of sample orders.
- To solve problems arising in pre-loom, loom and post loom processes and technologies
- To arrange exhibitions, seminars, workshops focusing on new and improved designs, equipment and processing techniques.
- To preserve and document traditional skills and revival of traditional skills and revival of traditional designs for production and marketing.

- To implement various schemes in handloom sector and providing assistance and interaction with State Governments, handloom agencies such as Apex and primary co-operatives, State and private undertakings dealing in handlooms.

Set-up of WSCs: The multifarious facilities in the Weavers' Service Centre include:

- a) Design Section
- b) Weaving Section
- c) Dyeing/Printing Section
- d) Administration Section

All Centres have been equipped with Computer Aided Textile Design (CATD) systems. The facilities at all the Centres are constantly upgraded and modernized to keep up with the modern developments and to meet the present day requirement

6. INDIAN INSTITUTES OF HANDLOOM TECHNOLOGY (IIHTs)

There are 6 IIHTs under Central Sector under the administrative control of O/o D.C (Handlooms) and are situated at Salem (Tamilnadu), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Bargarh (Odisha) and Fulia, Shantipur (West Bengal). Besides, 5 IIHTs under State Sector are also functioning under the administrative control of respective State Governments, which are situated at Venkatagiri (Andhra Pradesh), Gadag-Betgeri (Karnataka), Champa (Chhattisgarh), Kannur (Kerala) and Hyderabad (Telangana). All these 11 IIHTs conduct the Diploma course in Handloom & Textile Technology (DHTT) and follow the same syllabus / examination pattern. Prior to 2011-12, annual pattern of study/examination was in existence and from 2011-2012 session onwards, semester system of study/examination is in force (6 semester duration). Subsequently, as per the decision taken in 47th Governing Body meeting of IIHTs, annual examination pattern for 1st year only was introduced and semester system would be applicable from 2nd year onwards.

OBJECTIVES OF I.I.H.Ts:

To provide qualified technical manpower to the handloom sector by conducting various courses, as per details given below: -

- (i) Diploma course in Handloom & Textile Technology (3 years' duration) – All IIHTs
- (ii) Post Diploma in Textile Processing (1 ½ year duration) – IIHT, Varanasi
- (iii) B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology (4 years' duration) – IIHT, Salem & Varanasi.

Each IIHT has its own area of jurisdiction and the area/states covered by the central sector IIHTs along with number of seats earmarked for admission to the said DHTT course w.e.f. the academic session (2025-26) is shown in the following table:-

Varanasi		Salem		Guwahati		Jodhpur		Bargarh		Shantipur	
State	Seat	State	Seat	State	Seat	State	Seat	State	Seat	State	Seat
Uttar Pradesh	45	Tamilna du	34	Assam	20	Rajasth an	18	Odisha	35	West Bengal	33
Uttarakhand	06	Andhra Pradesh	08	Manipur	13	Madhya Pradesh	11	Chatti-sgarh	04	Bihar	24
Himachal Pradesh	06	Karnata ka	12	Tripura	09	Delhi	08	Maharas -tra	13	Jharkh and	03
Ladakh (UT)	03	Kerala	04	Meghala ya	02	Punjab	03	Telanga na	08	--	--
		Pondich erry	01	Mizoram	02	Haryan a	07	--	--	--	--
		Goa	01	Nagaland	05	Gujarat	06	--	--	--	--
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No. of seats (IIHT-wise)	60		60		60		60		60		60
Total seats (all IIHTs) under Central Sector	360 (three hundred and forty eight) @										

@ In addition to these seats, 10% seats of the approved sanctioned strength for EWS & 10% seats for Lateral Entry is also granted over and above sanctioned strength.

(ii) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION (W.E.F. 2012-13 SESSION):

A candidate having-

- (1) 10th Pass or equivalent with English as a subject of study,
- (2) Age limit – 15 to 23 years for General category and 15 to 25 years in case of SC/ST category, is eligible for admission to DHTT course.

(iii) STIPEND: The students admitted to the Diploma course in Handloom & Textile Technology are paid stipend @ Rs.2,500/- per month (shared by Central & State Governments in 50:50 ratio) at an uniform rate in respect of all the 3 years of course. The rates have been revised with effect from the current academic year 2021-22 onwards. The payment of stipend is subject to fulfilling of conditions as per details given below:-

- The candidates having at least 80% attendance in the month is only eligible to get stipend for that particular month.

- The stipend is also linked to the academic performance of the candidates. The candidates should have passed all the subjects in the previous semesters.
- The candidates having one failed (arrear) paper are also allowed to get stipend as a special case.

(iv) POST DIPLOMA COURSE IN TEXTILE PROCESSING (3 Semesters duration) :

IIHT Varanasi conducts Post Diploma course in Textile Processing (PDTP) in addition to Diploma course in Handloom & Textile Technology (DHTT) with an approved intake of 20 (including 10% EWS quota seats). For admission to this course, eligibility criteria are as under:

“A candidate having 3 years’ Diploma in Handloom Technology / Diploma in Handloom & Textile Technology / Diploma in Textile Technology / Textile Chemistry / Textile Processing from a recognized Institute”

OR

“Any Science Graduate from a recognized College / University or B.Sc in Home Science passed with Physics & Chemistry subjects at 10+2 / Intermediate level”.

Students admitted to post diploma course are paid stipend @ Rs.2,500/- per month which is fully borne by the Central Government. Revised rates are effective from the current academic year 2021-22.

(v) Degree course “B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology” at IIHT, Salem.

A new 4 year degree course “B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology” had been started at IIHT, Salem from the academic session 2015-16 with the approval of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) & the said course is affiliated to Anna University, Chennai (Tamilnadu).

The seat allocation in respect of the degree course is as under:

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Seats	Remarks
1.	Tamil Nadu	30	Seats pertaining to Tamil Nadu State are being filled by Anna University through Single Window System.
2.	All India basis (other than Tamil Nadu)	30	These seats are being filled by Director (I), IIHT, Salem by following the eligibility condition, admission criteria etc. of Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Chennai and on the basis of JEE rank obtained by the candidates in JEE Examination.
	Total :	60	

* In addition to these seats, 10% seats of the approved sanctioned strength for EWS & 10% seats for Lateral Entry is also granted over and above sanctioned strength.

(vi) Degree course “B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology” at IIHT, Varanasi.

The 4 year degree course “B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology” is being introduced at IIHT, Varanasi from the current academic session 2021-22 after obtaining the approval of AICTE & by affiliating the course with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Lucknow. Approved intake for the said degree course is 60 seats per year which are being filled in 50:50 ratio in respect of All India quota and U.P State quotas through Central Seat Allocation Board and AKTU, Lucknow respectively.

Stipend – Degree students in IIHTs are paid stipend @ Rs.3,000/- per month which is fully borne by the Central Government, starting from the academic year 2021-22.
