

Consolidated Major Achievements of the 20 Handloom Clusters
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- Total 2149 Self Help Groups (SHGs) has been formed covering 26077 weavers in 20 clusters under this scheme. 2073 SHGs have opened their bank accounts. Successful credit linkages are established with various banks by getting credit of Rs. 854.71 lakhs by SHGs. This credit is serving their immediate needs of small working capital and also to meet urgent needs of the family.
- There are total 51 consortiums formed in all 20 clusters covering total membership of 15987 stakeholders from the cluster areas. The members of the consortiums are 15207 Weavers, 331 Master weavers, 29 Traders, 66 national awardees and 420 Cooperative Societies/ SHGs. 29 consortiums are registered under Societies Act. Chanderi, Varanasi, Sonapur, Bijnore, Bhagalpur & Burdwan clusters have formed Producer Company Ltd and have been registered Producer Company Act. Trivandrum, Kullu and Gadag clusters have not formed any consortium as their IA is acting as an Apex Body for marketing of the cluster products.
- 378 awareness camps organized, involving 29250 weavers from the cluster pockets. Weavers were made aware about the scheme and its benefits.
- 129 dyers workshops organized with participation of 2635 dyers, leading to improvement in dyeing technology.
- 273 exhibitions and 825 Buyer Seller Meets organized with total sales & orders realization of Rs.4571.64 lakhs. Sales generated through CCIC: 9.45 & Rs. 87.07 through Handloom House, other buyers 2330.78 Lakhs and through the exhibitions and BSMs – 2144.34 Lakhs.
- 2734 new designs developed by professional designers hired by the cluster to provide marketable designs inputs. Rs. 271.74 Lakhs sales generated by designers which are included in sales through other buyers.
- **65 managerial training** programmes organized for office bearers of consortium and local institutions for strengthening the institution building for taking further responsibility of the consortium and CFC management.
- **Yarn Depot:** NHDC has supplied total yarn worth Rs. 1421 lakhs completed 284 Cycles (@ Rs.5 lakhs each) under the yarn corpus provided to NHDC for the yarn depot established in the cluster area befitting about 21025 weavers.
- **New Product Catalogue** developed by 20 clusters. 15 clusters have prepared a documentary film on cluster interventions others are under progress. This documentation will be used for cluster's information sharing and creating awareness in the cluster area.
- Traditional looms -2794 looms upgraded by replacement of reeds and healds. 752 Jacquard hook machines distributed. 600 take motion fitted. These supplements have improved the quality of fabric and introduced new weaving techniques in the clusters.
- 20 Clusters sanctioned **CFC & Dye house**. Out of which CFC is operational in 10 & Dye house operational at 13 Clusters. CFC & Dye house of Madhavaram cluster is ready for inauguration. Construction of CFC & Dye house of Sonapur Cluster is completed.