

## **The Indian Express**

### **Thrust on MSME sector for creating job opportunities: Amit Shah**

BJP President Amit Shah, who was in the city on Friday for a ground-breaking ceremony of the MSME Development Institute in Ahmedabad, said that post-independence the BJP government took a “holistic view” of industries and framed policies for “khadi” as well as for big companies in India. Outlining some new industry-friendly policies under the Narendra Modi government, Shah said it had set an example of how a government can work for staying in power and also be industry-friendly at the same time.

“The Modi government also dispelled the difference between populist and welfare policies. While there was always a conflict on whether a government works for MSMEs or big industries, under the Make In India initiative, lots of investments, companies and technology have trickled into India. For the first time since Independence, there was an jump in the Ease of Doing Business in the year 2015-16, thanks to the industry-friendly policies floated by the Modi government.”

Even as the government is currently in the process of drawing up an exercise to revise the “Make in India” action plan, Shah added, “When a big company sets shop here under ‘Make in India’, people say investment has come, lot of land has been allotted and production will start. But what about unemployment? Our government is equally focussed on improving GDP and getting investment as it is on providing employment. Under ‘Make In India’, big companies will come and bring with it 100-150 small ancillary industries that will bring with it plenty of jobs. While big firms improve GDP and investment, ancillary industries bring employment. We cannot afford to lag behind in the global economy anymore. The Modi government has also thought of khadi, rural industry-led employment and there is now a thrust on MSME sector for creating job opportunities. How will we find people for jobs created under this sector and for that ‘Skill India’ was launched and a separate ministry was formed by way of which lakhs of youth will get jobs.”

The new premises of the MSME Development Institute, Ahmedabad, slated to become “MSME Tower”, is spread over 2,682 sq mtrs at Sola-Thatej area. While the building will be a field office of DC (MSME) under the MSME Ministry, it will aid entrepreneurs in promotion of MSME and in areas of export promotion, marketing support, capacity assessment, etc.

## **CM Vijay Rupani kicks off third regional MSME conclave**

Gujarat is providing job opportunities to 28.36 lakh people through 3.76 lakh Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises, said Chief Minister Vijay Rupani as he kicked off the 3rd regional MSME conclave for western India in the presence of Union MSME minister Kalraj Mishra, minister of state Haribhai Chaudhary and industries ministers of Rajasthan, Goa and Gujarat. “The state government’s cluster-based policy is the base of extensive development of MSME sector in Gujarat. We’ve initiated such 106 clusters viz. ceramic industry in Morbi and Thangadh, textiles and diamond industries in Surat. We’ve initiated such clusters in districts such as Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Bharuch,” said Rupani.