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## **Press Release**

### **Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSME visited the Central Office**

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSME visited the Central Office Khadi and Village Industries Commission on 1st April 2016. The Hon'ble minister had interaction with Shri Arun Kumar Jha, Chief Executive officer, and other senior officials of KVIC on modalities of improvement and development of solar charkha, developing market of khadi and beekeeping industry.

He said that solar charkha developed by KVIC with help of Gujarat and Haryana Institutions will give high production, high income and better wages and help in betterment of lives of artisans. It has 300% more capacity compared to the traditional Charkha. Addressing the media persons he said, thanks to Air India for adopting khadi as dress code for its cabin crew members in its special Air India plane carrying Hon'ble Prime Minister. Similar efforts are being made to set khadi dress code as school uniform and in various departments with novel designs and cost effectiveness. He has also taken up the cause with Governors and Chief Ministers to use Khadi in their Offices. To this Ms. Mridula Sinha, Hon'ble Governor of Goa has responded promptly and agreed to use khadi in Goa Governors' guest house.

Cost effective, user friendly green khadi is setting greater impact in the minds of people which has adage of Gandhiji and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India who in his radio talk urged to buy atleast one item of Khadi, he added.

After solar charkha my focus attention will be on production and growth of beekeeping industry which again has tremendous scope of growth for generating employment in this sector, The Hon'ble Minister informed. He had threadbare discussion on processing, training model in beekeeping, crops which are used or pollination, advantages of migration of bee boxes from one place to another.

He also examined a silk reeling machinery which could remove drudgery and increase wages of silk artisans.



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