## National Handloom Development Program

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The handloom sector has a unique place in the Indian economy and plays a vital role in terms of providing employment, cloth production and value addition while at the same time preserves India's rich cultural heritage.

## Features of National Handloom Development Program

- National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) has been formulated for its implementation during 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The scheme will support weavers, both within and outside the cooperative fold including Self Help Groups, NGOs towards
- . raw material
- . design inputs
- . technology up-gradation
- . marketing support through exhibitions
- . create permanent infrastructure in the form of Urban Haats
- . marketing complexes
- . development of web portal for e-marketing of handloom products

## Components of the Scheme

- Block Level Cluster Projects
- . Maximum permissible GoI financial assistance is **upto Rs**.
- 2.00 crore per cluster.

- Handloom Marketing Assistance
- Concessional Credit
- . **Interest subsidy**-Provide subsidized loan to handloom sector at the interest rate of 6% for a period of three years.
- . Margin money assistance-Assistance to a maximum of Rs. 10000/- per weaver will be provided.
- . **Credit guarantee**-The loans extended by the Banks/Financial Institutions to the handloom weavers will be guaranteed by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Medium & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).
  - Handloom Census
- . **Identity cards** shall be issued to handloom weavers and allied workers.
  - Handloom Park
  - National Centre for Textile Design
  - R&D Projects
  - J&K Wool Development Project
  - Special Projects for Special Category States
- . This aims to focus on the specific needs/ requirements of the handloom pocket/s for development and promotion of handlooms in the hilly and scattered areas of special category States like J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttrakhand or any other State as and when declared as special category State.
  - National Institutes of Open Schooling(NIOS)
  - Cluster Cell at Headquarters
  - Innovative Ideas
  - Publicity, Advertisement, Monitoring, Training & Evaluation of Scheme