

'IIMN, Ni-MSME collaboration to boost industry, entrepreneurs'

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The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ni-MSME), Hyderabad (an organisation of the Ministry of MSME, GoI) during an online ceremony recently.

The MoU was signed by director IIM Nagpur, Dr Bhimaraya Metri and director general, Ni-MSME, S Glory Swarupa in the presence of advisor, National Highways Authority of India and Member, IIMN Board of Governors, Vaibhav Dange and staff of both institutions.

Addressing the gathering Dr Metri said, "We are looking forward to working with Ni-MSME Hyderabad to develop the transformational entrepreneurial strategy that shall enable MSMEs to respond to disruptions in time, and facilitate them to build winning competencies and pole-vaulting to growth through innovations."

Speaking on the occasion, Swarupa said, "The collabo-



(From Left) Prof Atul Pathak, IIM Nagpur director Dr Bhimaraya Metri along with Vaibhav Dange and Lt Col M V Alur during the online MoU signing ceremony.

ration between IIM Nagpur and Ni-MSME, Hyderabad is done at the right time when the entire world as well as India as a nation is undergoing unprecedented crisis in the form of pandemic. Amidst such crisis this collaboration is made with the vision that this will deal with long term executive training, education and research so that it can extend its helping hand to the next generation of entrepreneurs."

Speaking on the MoU, Dange said, "That micro and small enterprises stepped up during the pandemic to seek opportunity and bridge the

gaps that we faced as a nation. He expressed his hope that IIM Nagpur and NiMSME Hyderabad would together explore ways to reduce import dependency of MSMEs in the coming years, thus enabling the removal of bottlenecks to the development of micro, small and medium enterprises in India."

The MoU paves way for collaboration in the areas of training, research, consulting and outreach in the domain of management, MSME development, skill development and entrepreneurship.