

**IICA representation through its Centre for MSME in the International Symposium on
"Competitiveness of North Indian States to Achieve Inclusive Growth"**

held on 23rd - 24th January, 2018 at The Grand Ballroom, Hotel J.W. Marriott, Chandigarh.

Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head, Centre for MSME, IICA was invited as key speaker as well as to Chair the knowledge Session: **Opportunities for Entrepreneurs & MSMEs during** the International Symposium on **"Competitiveness of North Indian States to achieve inclusive growth"** held on **23rd - 24th January, 2018** at **The Grand Ballroom, Hotel J.W. Marriott, Chandigarh**. **The Symposium is being organized by CUTS International with support from the US State Department and in partnership with FICCI and FISME.**

The knowledge session on **"Opportunities for Entrepreneurs & MSMEs"** started with brief introduction of the session and the importance of the issue and main focus of the session given by Chair - Mr. Rajesh Batra. After that, Mr. Rajesh Batra steered the discussion steered by Chair by him to focus on identifying opportunities for entrepreneurs and MSMEs in North Indian States, what regulatory challenges do they face in EoDB and how can one arrive at practical solutions, so as to allow a thriving environment for growth of MSMEs.

The knowledge session chaired by Mr. Rajesh Batra, Head Centre for MSME, IICA had four Panelists:

- a) Mr. Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand.
- b) Ms. Nazia Yusuf Izuddin, President, World Integrity Center India & Senior Vice Chairperson, FICCI FLO, Uttarakhand.
- c) Mr. Yogesh Sagar, Vice President, Mohali Industries Association &
- d) Mr. Dilnawaz Khan, Founder and Chief Evangelist, Codesign Labs

The Symposium brought together relevant stakeholders (National and International) on one common platform for cross learning and discussion on the way forward.
