

## **IMEDF Participation In Science & Society Setu For Atmanirbhar Bharat (S<sup>3</sup>4ANB) WEB CLINIC SERIES**

Title of the Event/Activity/Achievement: **Science & Society Setu for Atmanirbhar Bharat (S<sup>3</sup>4ANB) Web Clinic Series**

Date: **6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

Time: 1500 Hours

No. of Days: 1

Location: Virtual

No. of Participants: 100

Partners/Donors: Science for Equity, Empowerment & Development (SEED) Division of Department of Science and Technology

On 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, Col. Raman Thapar, General Manager, Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation (IMEDF) participated as a panelist in the **"Science & Society Setu for Atmanirbhar Bharat (S<sup>3</sup>4ANB)"** web clinic series. S<sup>3</sup>4ANB is virtual platform developed by the Science for Equity, Empowerment & Development (SEED) Division of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, to fulfill the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat through Science, Technology and Innovation.

The series was jointly organized by the DST, Office of PSA, FICCI, AGNli, WWF-India & HESCO with the objectives of harnessing Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) for better quality of life and livelihoods for socio-economic wellbeing, and strengthening S&T capacity of NGOs and communities.

Col. R. Thapar participates as a **panelist** under the theme **"MSME & Economic Sector"** on the topic **"Technology driven MSME Clusters for Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural Areas/Landscape"** and highlighted the need of Science & Technology based solutions and presented the emerging technologies developed and field tested by IMEDF along with implementing agencies (IAs) and technical agencies (TAs) for community development. He also talked about exploring opportunities for collaboration for improvement of technologies in terms of affordability and appropriateness at community level.

*IMEDF is a special purpose vehicle of the Development Alternatives Group that accelerates the development of micro-enterprises at scale. It is also the nodal agency of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India for the development of clusters under SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries).*

