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## Welcome to India's Biggest Stone Industry Exhibition

The 13th edition - **India Stonemart 2026**, one of the largest international events based on the natural stone industry, will be organized from **February 5 to 8, 2026**. This exhibition will present a grand glimpse of **natural dimensional stones, auxiliary products, and services**. The event will bring together domestic and foreign producers, exporters/importers, consumers, buyers, experts, technology providers, architects and builders, and developers, along with various industry stakeholders, on a global platform called 'Stonemart'.

India Stonemart 2026 will be an ideal platform for participating companies to **promote their products and services, consolidate brand image** among consumers, and **establish professional relationships** at the global level.

The organizers of this event are – **Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS)**, and the co-organizer is – **Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB). Rajasthan State Industrial**

**Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO)** is the main sponsor of this event. India Stonemart, one of the most anticipated exhibition events, has carved a special identity for itself in the international expo field. Participants will be provided with **world-class infrastructure, facilities, and services**. It will prove to be an excellent platform for exploring commercial deals and networking with industry giants, thereby promoting commercial growth.

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# Introduction

## **"Steps Forward for India Stonemart–2026, with Laghu Udyog Bharati"**

The stone craftsmanship in India's heritage holds an indelible identity—whether it is the temples of Khajuraho or the caves of Ajanta, Chittorgarh Fort, Delhi's Red Fort, or the Ram Mandir—this country has cherished its cultural existence for ages through living art adorned in natural stones.

To establish this glorious tradition on a global platform, the Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) have taken the resolution for India Stonemart–2026 under the leadership of the Honourable Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma Ji.

According to our Chief Minister, this is not just an exhibition, but a comprehensive presentation of the technical, commercial, and cultural capabilities of the Indian stone industry. It is a historic initiative in the direction of giving concrete shape to the spirit of 'Local to Global'.

This document is a systematic record of the strategic journey of Laghu Udyog Bharati, in which CDOS and LUB together presented India's stone industry on national and international platforms through entrepreneurship, innovation, policy, technology, and cooperation. This journey is not just a geographical expansion, but it has become a symbol of conceptual, industrial, and global collaboration, and Laghu Udyog Bharati is making every possible effort in this direction.

## **Organizer:- Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS):**

The Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) is an autonomous body established by the Government of Rajasthan and RIICO. Its objective is to promote the development, quality enhancement, training, and research of the dimensional stone industry in India. CDOS not only provides technical assistance and consultation, but it is also an effective platform for international exhibitions, networking, and policy advice



## **Co-Organizer:- Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB):**

Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), since 1994, has been engaged in organizing and empowering India's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Active in more than 500 districts across the country, with a direct network of over 50,000 entrepreneurs, this organization works at the policy level to promote self-employment, entrepreneurship, and indigenous products. LUB believes that "Indigenous power is the foundation of self-reliant India."



With this ideology, LUB is moving forward to give the Indian stone industry a global identity through India Stonemart-2026.

# **1: Implementation of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) – A Foundation Stone**

## **1. Background of the Event: -**

Under the able leadership of the Honourable Chief Minister and the guidance of Shri Prakash Chandra Bhai Sahab, CDOS appointed Laghu Udyog Bharati as the Co-Organizer for the organization of India Stonemart 2026 and the Global Stone Technology program. In this sequence, on June 14, 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), and RIICO (RIICO) at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, for the successful organization of India Stonemart–2026. The main objective of this event is to effectively present India's stone industry on a global platform.

## **2. Chairmanship and Attendance of the Program: -**

This dignified ceremony was chaired by the Honourable Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister, Industry and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan. The following key personalities were present as distinguished guests on the stage:

- Shri K. K. Bishnoi, Minister of State for Industry and Commerce
- Shri Ajitabh Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, Rajasthan
- Shri Shiv Prasad Nakate, Managing Director, RIICO
- Shri Prakash Chandra, All India Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Ghanshyam Ojha, National President, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Rakesh Gupta, Vice Chairman, CDOS
- Shri Naresh Pareek, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Rajasthan
- Shri Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS
- Along with CDOS Governing Board Officials
- Industry representatives from across the state

### 3. Key Elements of the Agreement: -

Under this MoU, the roles of the three main organizations were clearly defined:

- CDOS – Organizer
- RIICO – Principal Sponsor
- LUB – Co-Organizer

This tripartite partnership is committed to making India Stonemart–2026 an international-level event of the highest standards, with a spirit of transparency, cooperation, and responsibility.

### 4. Key Provisions:-

- **Branding Rights:** All rights to the "India Stonemart" brand and trademark will belong to CDOS.
- **Formation of various Committees:**
  - **Organizing Committee** – for Policy Determination
  - **Steering Committee** – for Coordination and Implementation
  - **Core Working Group** – for Operations and Daily Decisions
- **LUB's Responsibilities:** Design, stall development, publicity/promotion, media, logistics, participation, international networking, and program execution.
- **Future Vision:** In-principle agreement to recognize LUB as the Co-Organizer in India Stonemart–2028 as well.

### 5. Signatures and Statements: -

The agreement was signed by Shri Shivprasad Nakate (MD, RIICO), Shri Mukul Rastogi (CEO, CDOS), and Shri Natwarlal Ajmera (Vice President, LUB Rajasthan). The Chief Guest, Honourable Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, stated in his address: "India Stonemart–2026 will be organized from February 5 to 8, 2026, at the JECC campus, Sitapura, Jaipur. Its objective is to strengthen the Indian stone industry's identity in international markets so that the Indian stone industry can progress further and also to directly benefit the artisans." "We need to empower the traditional artisans of the stone industry, ensuring their livelihood and giving global recognition to India's craft tradition."

## 6. Conclusion:-

This MoU is a concrete step towards transforming India Stonemart not just into a commercial exhibition, but into a global brand. This partnership between CDOS and LUB guides the Indian stone industry towards a strong future through the coordination of technology, trade, investment, and policy.



## 2: Marmomac Fair, Verona (Italy) Presentation from India to the World:

**Date:** September 24–27, 2024

**Venue:** Verona Fair, Verona, Italy

**Marmomac 2024** is the most prestigious international exhibition of the natural stone industry, held in the city of Verona, Italy. Its 58th edition spanned approximately 74,000 square meters, with 1485 companies participating from 55 countries and over 50,000 professional visitors attending the exhibition. This platform provided a unique opportunity for the global promotion of India Stonemart–2026.

### 1. Delegation Participation: -

Name	Designation
<b>Shri K. K. Bishnoi</b>	Honourable Minister of State, Industry and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan
<b>Shri K. K. Pathak</b>	Secretary, Personnel Department, Government of Rajasthan
<b>Ms. T. J. Kavitha</b>	Principal OSD, Chief Minister's Office, Government of Rajasthan
<b>Shri Mukul Rastogi</b>	Chief Executive Officer, CDOS
<b>Shri Rakesh Gupta</b>	Vice Chairman, CDOS
<b>Shri Naresh Pareek</b>	National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
<b>Shri Natwarlal Ajmera</b>	Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Rajasthan
<b>Shri Mahendra Kumar Khurana</b>	Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Rajasthan

### 2. India Stonemart 2026 Promotion Activities: -

- A special booth for India Stonemart 2026 was set up, which was inaugurated by Shri K. K. Bishnoi in the presence of officials from the Indian Embassy and commercial representatives.
- Promotional materials, including brochures, digital films, pen drives, QR linked invitation materials, were distributed.
- Businessmen and foreign representatives who visited the stall showed deep interest in participating in Stonemart 2026.



### 3. Key Bilateral Meetings and Outcomes: -

Organization/Country	Representative	Topic of Discussion
Confindustria Marmomacchine (Italy)	Shri Flavio Marabelli	Invitation for the Italian Pavilion
Greek Marble Association (Greece)	Shri George Lianous	Ensuring Greek participation
Centrorochas (Brazil)	Shri Tales Machado	Agreement for the Brazilian Pavilion
Piedra Cluster (Spain)	Shri Javier Fernandez	Technical cooperation and promotion
Natural Stone Institute (America)	Shri James Herb	Joint technical cooperation
Stone Ideas (Germany)	Shri Peter Becker	Global promotion of CDOS activities
Pedrini (Italy)	Shri Giambattista	Possibility of setting up a production unit in Rajasthan
Veronafiere (Italy)	Shri Federico Bicola	Assurance of future cooperation with CDOS
Mayor Of Verona	Shri Damiano Tomasi	Invitation to Rising Rajasthan and agreement to participate

### 4. Industry Networking Meeting: -

- On September 25, 2024, more than 75 Indian and foreign entrepreneurs participated in the networking event organized by the Indian Embassy.
- Shri K. K. Pathak and Shri K. K. Bishnoi gave a presentation on the industrial potential of Rajasthan.
- Entrepreneurs were invited to participate in India Stonemart 2026.



## 5. Major Conclusions and Impact

- Significant increase in the international recognition of India Stonemart 2026.
- Possibility of group participation from more than 8 countries. Rajasthan was presented as an emerging global hub for investment and the stone industry.



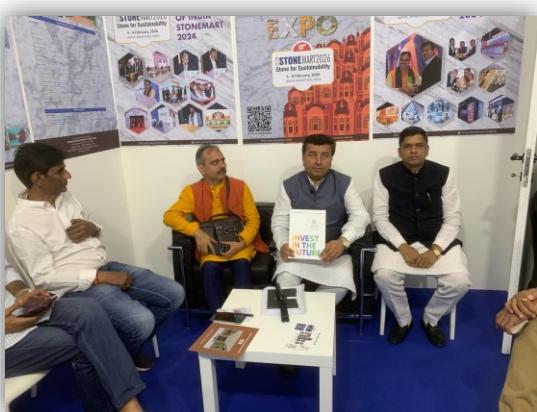
## 6. Suggestions and Action Points: -

1. Maintain contact with bilateral organizations and regularly exchange information.
2. Follow up for pavilions from Italy, Greece, Spain, Brazil, Turkey, etc..
3. Promote through media platforms like Stone Ideas, Germany.
4. Strengthen investment proposals from machinery companies like Pedrini.



## 7. Conclusion: -

Marmomac 2024 not only promoted India Stonemart-2026 but paved the way for establishing it as a global brand. This event provided a new direction to Rajasthan's industry-friendly policies, global network, and natural stone industry.



### **3: Global Stone Technology Forum (GSTF) 2025 – A Strong Initiative towards Innovation and Partnership:**

#### **1. Introduction to the Event: -**

To prepare Rajasthan's stone industry for technical, environmental, and global competition, the 10th edition of the Global Stone Technology Forum (GSTF) was held in Kishangarh on January 9–10, 2025.

This two-day event not only prepared the groundwork for India Stonemart–2026 but also provided an effective platform for knowledge sharing, policy dialogue, and technical cooperation among the industry, government, research institutes, and experts.

#### **2. Inauguration Ceremony and Key Achievements of the First Day:-**

The inaugural session was chaired by the Honourable Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan. Distinguished guests included:

- Shri Suresh Singh Rawat, Minister of Water Resources
- Shri Prakash Chand, National Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Naresh Pareek, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Convener, GSTF
- Shri Arun Kumar Jajodiya, State Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Mahendra Kumar Khurana, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan
- Shrimati Anju Singh, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Rakesh Gupta, Vice Chairman, CDOS
- Shri Mukul Rastogi, CEO, CDOS
- Shri Sudhir Jain, President, Kishangarh Marble Association
- Shri Dinesh Singh Rathore, Chairman, Kishangarh Nagar Nigam
- Ms. Nisha Saharan, Sub Divisional Officer
- 500+ entrepreneur representatives from across the country



### 3. Technical Session – Day 1 (January 9, 2025): -

#### Session 1: "Waste to Opportunity – Innovative Use of Stone Waste"

Speaker	Topic	Institute
<b>Shri Rajesh Kumar Sharma</b>	Sustainable Technology Innovation	CBRI, Roorkee
<b>Dr. Ravindra Nagar</b>	Durable Building Materials from Stone Waste	MNIT, Jaipur
<b>Shri Hari Mohan Sharma</b>	Surface Enhancement Technique of Natural Stones	Shri Maharaja Granites

#### Session 2: "Innovation in Processing Technology – Future Equipment"

Speaker	Topic	Institute
<b>Shri Yashwant Sharma</b>	Multiwire and Latest Processing Techniques	Shri Bhagwati Machines
<b>Shri Emmanuel Di Walker</b>	Latest Surface Upgrade Techniques	Sellannis
<b>Shri Piero Bettini &amp; Shri Sam Javadi</b>	Robotic Processing Technology	Italy

#### Session 3: "Export, Policy, and Skill Development"

Speaker	Institute
<b>Shri Pankaj Rai</b>	Rajasthan Export Promotion Council
<b>Shrimati Shilpa Gokharu</b>	Department of Industries, Government of Rajasthan
<b>Shri Mohammad Kalam</b>	National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

Coordination: Shri Yogesh Gautam, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati



## 4. Technical Session – Day 2 (January 10, 2025): -

### Session 1: "Technology & Innovation – Pioneering the Future of Stones"

Speaker	Institute
<b>Shri Arun Shetty</b>	Silvar Impax
<b>Shri Harry Sidhani</b>	Samrat Chemicals
<b>Shri Matteo Giani</b>	Shri Matteo Giani

**Chairmanship:** Shri Deepak Sharma, Joint Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati (Chittorgarh Zone)

**Coordination:** Shri Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS



### Session 2: "Standardization in the Stone Industry"

Speaker	Institute
<b>Dr. Shashank Bishnoi</b>	Professor, IIT Delhi

**Introduction:** Shrimati Anju Singh, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati

**Coordination:** Shri Deepak Ajmera

### Session 3: "Mining and Environmental Improvement"

Topic	Speaker
<b>Mine Safety and Environmental Protection</b>	Dr. R. Narayanan, DGM&S

## 5. Exhibition and Participation: -

- 24 stalls** – Exhibition of modern machinery, processing technology, and government schemes.
- 500+ participants** – Including representatives from various states and foreign delegates.
- Organizing bodies: CDOS, RIICO, Kishangarh Marble Association, Laghu Udyog Bharati.

## 6. Concluding Session – Major Announcements and Attendance:

Chief Guests:

- **Shri Bhagirath Chaudhary**, Minister of State, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.
- **Shri Sanjay Sharma**, Minister, Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, Rajasthan.

Announcements:

- Shri Sanjay Sharma announced additional land allotment for the Kishangarh dumping yard, along with promoting the "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" campaign.
- Shri Bhagirath Chaudhary announced:
  - Land allotment for a 100-bed **ESI hospital** in Kishangarh.
  - **International-level expansion** of Kishangarh Airport.
  - Sanction of **₹498 crore** for the construction of Ajmer Railway Station.
  - Assurance of efforts to reduce the GST rate from **18% to 12%**.

## 7. Conclusion:-

GSTF–2025 provided a strategic and commercial boost to India Stonemart–2026 through technical innovation, policy cooperation, and global networking. The event proved to be a milestone in establishing Kishangarh as a global stone technology hub and a rare opportunity to connect the science, tradition, and competitiveness of the Indian stone industry.





## 4: STONA 2025 – International Exhibition of Stone Sector in India promotion of India Stonemart in Bangalore:

**CDOS** and **Laghu Udyog Bharati** jointly participated in the **STONA exhibition** held in **Bengaluru from February 12–15, 2025**, to promote India Stonemart–2026. The exhibition stall attractively presented Rajasthan's stone heritage, technical innovation, and information related to Stonemart. Dialogue took place with entrepreneurs and machinery manufacturers from various states of India. More than 100 organizations showed interest in participating in Stonemart. This exhibition was held at BIEC Bangalore.

**STONA** is a prestigious international stone exhibition in India, organized by the Federation of Granite and Stone Industries (FIGSI). In its 16th edition in 2025, CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) jointly participated to actively promote India Stonemart–2026.



### 1. Main Objectives: -

- Increase participation for India Stonemart–2026.
- Establish contact with potential national participants.
- Attract MSMEs, machinery manufacturers, exporters, and stone processors.
- Include stone associations from other states in ISM 2026.

## 2. India Stonemart Stall Setup and Presentation: -

- Promotional Stall, featuring:
  - ISM 2026 Documentary Film
  - Brochures, Invitation Letters
  - Technical Details
  - Digital Screens and QR-based information
- Design Theme:
  - “India's Stone from India to the World” The exhibition stall presented a unique glimpse of Rajasthan's stone art, marble, sandstone, and granite.



## 3. Key Visitors and Meetings: -

- Meetings with FIGSI officials and conveners.
- Dialogue with stone producers from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Discussion on potential partnerships for ISM 2026 with international visitors.



## 4. Key Members Included in the Delegation:

### LUB

- Shri Prakash Chandra, All India Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Ghanshyam Ojha, National President, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Naresh Pareek, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan
- Shri Mahendra Kumar Khurana, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan
- Shri Yogesh Gautam, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati



### CDOS

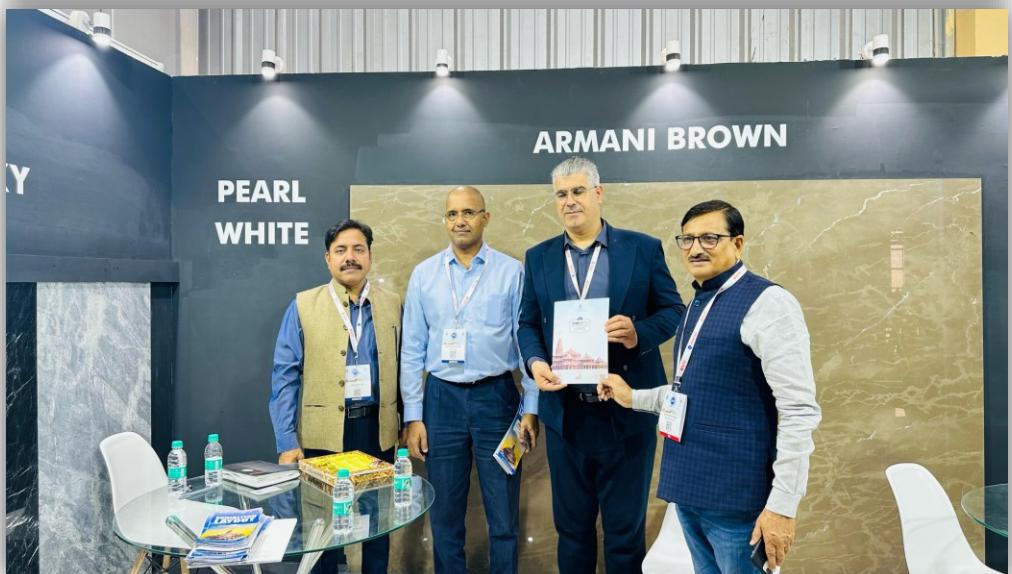
- Shri Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS
- Shri Vivek Jain, Senior Deputy General Manager, CDOS

## 5. Impact and Achievements:-

- Active dialogue with 100+ national stakeholders.
- Several major stone machinery companies expressed interest in participating in ISM 2026.
- Many small entrepreneurs shared the idea of exhibiting in Jaipur for the first time.



**STONA 2025** proved to be an opportunity for effective promotion of India Stonemart-2026 within India. It laid the foundation for strengthening the domestic network and connecting MSME entrepreneurs and new technology companies to the Jaipur event.





## 5: Xiamen Stone Fair 2025 – India's Identity at the Gateway of Asia:

The Xiamen International Stone Fair, China, is considered the world's largest and Asia's most influential stone exhibition. In 2025, over 1500 international exhibitors and more than 1 lakh visitors participated in this fair. CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) registered their participation on this platform to give India Stonemart–2026 a global presence.

### 1. Key Members in the Delegation:-

#### LUB

- Shri Naresh Pareek, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan
- Shri Mahendra Kumar Khurana, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan
- Shri Yogesh Gautam, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Shri Suresh Kumar Bishnoi, Joint General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati



#### CDOS

- Shri Vivek Jain, Senior Deputy General Manager, CDOS

## 2. Presentation and Promotional Material: -

- Dedicated booth for India Stonemart-2026.
- Multimedia presentations, holographic visuals, and QR code-based material.
- Over 500 promotional brochures and invitations distributed to Chinese and international companies.



## 3. Key Interactions and Promotional Dialogue: -

### 1. Bilateral Talk with China Stone Association

- CDOS recognized as an "Honourable Guest" in the India Pavilion.
- Agreement on group participation of Chinese stone processors in the upcoming ISM 2026.

### 2. Xiamen Import-Export Promotion Council

- Proposal to enhance B2B contacts for ISM 2026.
- Discussion on the possibility of an India-China Stone Technology Exchange program.

### 3. CNC Machinery and Metal Belt Manufacturing Companies \*

Expressed interest in organizing a potential technical workshop in Jaipur.

## 4. Exhibition Overview: -

- Event spread over 180,000 square meters.
- Participating countries: China, Italy, Turkey, Iran, Brazil, Vietnam, India.
- Key products: Granite, Marble, Blue Stone, Cutting Tools, Automatic Machinery.
- 20+ Technology launches, over 40 technical seminars.

## 5. Impact and Achievements: -

- Dialogue with 100+ companies, of which 25 gave verbal consent to participate in ISM 2026.
- Deep interest shown by visitors from China, Vietnam, and Taiwan in Indian stone.
- New potential technical partners for ISM 2026 were created.



## 6. Conclusion: -

The Xiamen Stone Fair 2025 established India Stonemart-2026 in the Asian market within the broader scope of technology, trade, and networking. India's presence proved that we are technologically mature, design-conscious, and commercially ready.





## 6: Izmir Marble Fair 2025 – India's Presence at the Confluence of Europe and Asia:

India's participation in this fair, held in Izmir, Turkey, from April 09–12, 2025, was through CDOS and LUB. Agreement was reached for mutual booths and technical seminars for India Stonemart–2026 with countries like Turkey, Iran, Russia, and Morocco. The exhibition had 1000+ stalls and participation from 35 countries. India's stall registered a unique presence in terms of design, quality, and commercial perspective.



The Izmir Marble Fair is Turkey's largest natural stone and technology exhibition, considered a major hub for Eurasia's stone trade. The participation of CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati in this fair strengthened new contacts, partnerships, and brand presence for India Stonemart–2026.

### 1. Key Members of the Delegation: -

#### **LUB**

- **Shri Natwarlal Ajmera**, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Rajasthan

#### **CDOS**

- **Shri Mukul Rastogi**, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS

## 2. Presentation and Promotion: -

- The India Stonemart–2026 stall became a center of attraction.
- Trilingual (Hindi-English-Turkish) promo videos and visual displays.
- Brochures, invitation letters, QR-based registration forms distributed.
- Turkish and foreign representatives were encouraged to invest in Rajasthan.



## 3. Key Bilateral Talks and Partnership Proposals: -

1. Meeting with Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and Turkish Stone Exporters Union
  - Offer of a mutual booth for the Turkish Pavilion at ISM 2026.
  - Agreement to organize B2B events between both sides.
2. Talks with Stone Exporters from Iran, Morocco, Russia
  - Discussion on possibilities of visiting India.
  - Technical seminars and cultural exchange proposed for ISM 2026.
3. Dialogue with KSA (Saudi Arabia) Representatives
  - Preliminary agreement reached on an India-Turkey Stone Trade Conclave 2026.

## 4. Exhibition Features: -

- 1000+ stalls, 35+ countries' participation.
- Unique exhibition of Granite, Travertine, Sandstone, Cutting/Finishing Machinery.
- B2B meetings, Live demos, Design/Architecture sessions.
- Intensive participation of industrial investors, consultants, and technical experts.

## 5. Achievements and Conclusion: -

- More than 30 Turkish, Iranian, and Moroccan companies expressed interest in participating in ISM 2026.
- The mutual booth scheme was appreciated – “India’s Stall in Turkey, Turkey’s in India”.
- CDOS's presentation of Rajasthan's policies and logistics support impressed the representatives.

India's participation in the Izmir Fair showed that India Stonemart–2026 is not just an exhibition, but a platform for global cooperation, trade, and technical exchange.



## 7: Coverings 2025, Orlando – India's Presentation in the American Stone Market:

**April 29 – May 2, 2025, Coverings 2025**, Orlando, Florida, is North America's largest ceramic tile and natural stone exhibition and conference. This year, the fair was held in Orlando, America, with 1000+ companies participating from over 40 countries. CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati used this platform for the global promotion of India Stonemart 2026.

### 1. Delegation: -

#### LUB

- **Shri Yogesh Gautam**, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati

#### CDOS

- **Shri Yogesh Gautam**, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati



### 2. Key Activities and Promotion: -

Laghu Udyog Bharati set up a 200 sq. ft. booth where promotional material for India Stonemart 2026 and CDOS was distributed. Visitors and businessmen from various countries enthusiastically participated at this stall and showed interest in attending the India Stonemart proposed for February 2026 in Jaipur.

### 3. Important Meetings: -

**Natural Stone Institute (USA):** Shri James A. Hieb (CEO), Proposal to bring 15–20 key distributors; agreement on Hosted Buyer Programme (hospitality/tickets)

**Assimagra (Portugal):-** Shri Nelson Cristovão, Positive discussion on setting up a Portugal Pavilion and group participation

**Centrorochas (Brazil):-** Ms. Karina Fiume Discussion on Brazilian company participation and enhancing bilateral trade

**Pokharna Group (India):-** Shri Gautam Chand Jain Discussion on participation of India's leading quartz manufacturing company

**Messe Esang (Korea):-** Offer of a mutual booth for Korea Build Week

**Stonetech (Canada):-** Discussion on mutual exhibition cooperation, booth exchange, and opportunities in Canada

**FM Exhibit (USA):-** Discussion with American logistics company on sending visitor delegations and sharing customer data

**Valued Show (China):-** Follow-up discussion on visa issues for Pavilion participation from China



## 4. Major Conclusions and Impact: -

The promotion of India Stonemart 2026 attracted companies from countries like America, Brazil, Portugal, China, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, and Vietnam. Many companies not only want to participate in the exhibition but are also considering setting up manufacturing units in India, with Rajasthan being given priority. The participation of CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati strengthened the presentation of Rajasthan in the global industry.



## **5. Follow-up Actions: -**

Regular exchange of information with Natural Stone Institute and other organizations. Confirmation of country pavilions with Assimagra and Centrorochas. Ensuring mutual booth arrangements with Messe Esang and Stonetech. Continuity of Indian participation in the Coverings fair every year.

## **6. Conclusion: -**

CDOS's participation in Coverings 2025 proved to be a strategic step in preparing the global platform for India Stonemart 2026. This chapter was extremely influential in terms of international industry dialogue, participation, and networking.

## 8: London Visit – Global Promotion of India Stonemart–2026 at the UK Stone Show:

**May 7–9, 2025**, "The Stone Show & Hard Surfaces 2025" at ExCeL London is the UK's leading natural stone and hard surfaces exhibition, co-located with UK Construction Week. The exhibition featured **300+ exhibitors, 200+ hours of training sessions, and 300+ expert speakers**, making it a major platform for innovation, digitalization, and the global supply chain. A joint delegation from CDOS and Laghu Udyog Bharati participated in this exhibition on behalf of India, paving the way for the international promotion of India Stonemart–2026.

### 1. Delegation: -

#### LUB

- **Shri Naresh Pareek**, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- **Shri Arun Kumar Jajodiya**, State Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati



#### CDOS

- **Shri Vivek Jain**, Senior Deputy General Manager, CDOS

### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

- Business meetings with companies from China, Ireland, Poland, Italy, and Turkey.
- Several companies expressed interest in participating in India Stonemart–2026 and setting up manufacturing units in India.
- A formal meeting was held with the Federation Stone – Great Britain, inviting a buyer delegation from Britain. The organization gave a positive response and also agreed on the possibility of sponsorship cooperation.

### 3. CIBSE (CIBSE) and LCA (LCA) Training: -

- Information was provided on over 50 technical courses by CIBSE (Energy Efficiency, Building Safety, Water Management, Green Building, etc.).
- Information on energy performance rating was received from the NABERS UK system.
- Through the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) training program, Construction Carbon organization offered practical training on measuring the carbon impact of the entire lifecycle.
- This model can be integrated into training modules, workshops, and ESG policy during India Stonemart 2026 in India.

### 4. Key Sessions and Technical Forums (Seminar Summary):

#### Key Forums: -

- *Building London's Future* – Discussion by Shri Tom Copley on London's housing and infrastructure policy.
- *Delivering 1.5M Homes* – Policy dialogue by Clarion Housing, RICS, and other experts.
- *Designing for a Net Zero Future* – Discussion on carbon-neutral design by architects and environmental experts.
- *Cracking the Carbon Code* – Technical session on TM65 standards

#### Digital Construction Hub: -

- *AI/VR in AEC* – New dimensions of virtual reality technology and training.
- *Unlocking the Digital Supply Chain – Data-driven coordination in the supply chain*

#### Sensitive Topics (Skills & Inclusion): -

- *Social Value & EDI* – Discussion on inclusion in the workplace, mental health, and women's participation

#### Stone Theatre: -

- *UK Stone* – Information on environmental and structural standards through the launch of the **Eco-Friendly Option** and Structural Stone Guide.
- Promotion of UK stone as an environmental alternative in the global market.

## 5. Cultural and Historical Experience: -

**The delegation also visited the following places in London –**

- Eton College – Britain's historic educational institution.
- Buckingham Palace – Experience of royal architecture.
- Shyam Bhakti Sandhya at Ajay Agrawal Residence – Cultural commitment of the expatriate Indian community.
- BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir – The first Swaminarayan Mandir built outside India.



## 6. Conclusion: -

Participation in The Stone Show & Hard Surfaces 2025 strengthened the global identity of India Stonemart-2026. Through technical sessions, cultural dialogue, and commercial partnership, this trip proved to be an important step in making India's stone industry competitive internationally.



## 9: Stone Industry 2025: Global Promotion of India Stonemart – 2026 in Moscow

From June 24 – 26, 2025, India participated for the first time in an organized manner in the **Stone Industry 2025 exhibition** held at **Crocus Expo Centre** in Moscow, Russia. This exhibition was considered the foremost international exhibition related to the natural stone industry in Russia and Eastern Europe, featuring leading global companies from marble, granite, tools, machinery, chemicals, design, and construction sectors.

### 1. Delegation: -

#### LUB

- **Shri Naresh Pareek**, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- **Shri Suresh Bishnoi**, Regional Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- **Shri Deepak Ajmera**, Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Jaipur



#### CDOS

- **Shri Mukul Rastogi**, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS

### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

- The grand inauguration of Stone Industry 2025, Moscow, was held at Crocus Expo on June 24.
- Representatives from several countries, including Russia, India, Italy, China, Turkey, and Iran, participated in the 25th edition.
- Official participation of a high-level delegation from India for the first time on behalf of India Stonemart.
- Major business meetings concluded with the following officials:
  - **Dmitry Medyantsev** – President, Stone Centre Association of Russian Stone Industry Enterprises.
  - **Maria Detyakova** – Director, Stone Industry Exhibition.
- Agreement reached to invite a business delegation related to the Russian stone industry to India Stonemart 2026.

### 3. Points of Commercial Cooperation:

- Stone Industry 2025 Exhibition Venue: Crocus Expo.
- Approximately 300 international exhibitors – Natural stone, marble, granite, industrial machinery, design solutions, etc..
- Vast potential for B2B networking, trade agreements, joint ventures, and investment.
- India's presence was appreciated as a global business strategy.



### 4. Cultural and Historical Experience:

- Visit to major cultural sites in Moscow.
- Deep connection with Russia's rich heritage, architectural beauty, and historical inspiration.
- This trip was not only professional but also an example of cultural inclusion.

### 5. Conclusion

- India's participation in Stone Industry 2025 not only gave a new direction to India-Russia business cooperation but also strengthened the global identity of India Stonemart 2026.
- Through this event, India signaled its advance towards a leadership role on the international stage.
- India is emerging not just as a spectator, but as a strategic partner.



## 10: For the First Time, Swaminarayan (Akshardham Mandir) Will Participate in India Stonemart-2026

For the first time, the Swaminarayan sect is participating in India Stonemart 2026. The Swaminarayan organization will exhibit a temple display spread over 450 square meters, showcasing the art of temple construction, religious traditions, and modern technology.

### 1. Delegation: -

#### LUB

- **Shri Naresh Pareek**, National Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- **Shri Yogesh Gautam**, Former National Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- **Shri Natwarlal Ajmera**, Convener, Stonemart
- **Shri Suresh Bishnoi**, Joint General Secretary, Jodhpur Zone



#### CDOS

- **Shri Mukul Rastogi**, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS
- **Shri Vivek Jain**, Senior Deputy General Manager, CDOS

### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

- For the first time, the Swaminarayan (Akshardham Mandir) sect will participate in India Stonemart-2026.
- The Swaminarayan institution will showcase a live exhibition of the art of temple construction, religious tradition, and modern technology spread over 450 square meters.
- The institution has so far constructed over 1,100 temples worldwide, the globally renowned Akshardham Mandir in New Delhi being prominent.
- This temple is famous for 234 carved pillars, 9 domes, and over 20,000 statues – declared the "World's Largest Comprehensive Hindu Temple" (Guinness World Record).

### 3. Pre-Participation Meeting and Site Inspection:

- An important meeting was organized regarding the participation of the Swaminarayan institution. Dignitaries participating in the meeting:
  - Swami Ishwardas Ji Maharaj
  - Swami Akshar Prem Ji Maharaj
  - Shri Naresh Pareek, Yogesh Gautam, Natwarlal Ajmera, Shri Suresh Bishnoi (Laghu Udyog Bharati)
- The institution's team conducted a site inspection of JECC (Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center).
- Shri Mukul Rastogi and Shri Vivek Jain from the CDOS team were present during the inspection.
- Shri Sarthak Das and Shri Shashank Solanki (Manager) from Novotel Hotel were also present.
- Intense deliberation took place on the exhibition location, logistics, facilities, and exhibition plan.



### 4. Presentation Specialties:

- Construction work at the state-of-the-art workshop located in Pindwara (Sirohi), Rajasthan, using over 250 CNC machines.
- The construction of temples, idols, and stone component parts is strictly according to extreme precision and traditional classical standards – the coordination of religious art and modern engineering will be specially exhibited at India Stonemart–2026.

### 5. Conclusion

- The historic participation of the Swaminarayan sect in India Stonemart–2026 will effectively present Indian stone craft industry and spiritual architecture on a global platform.
- This participation is not just a display of religious sentiment, but also a presentation of Indian cultural values alongside modern technologies.
- The institution's presence will give a new dimension to the event – where a wonderful confluence of tradition and technology will be seen.



## 11: Laghu Udyog Bharati Delegation Meets Union Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal

A delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharati representatives met Union Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal. This meeting was in the context of India Stonemart 2026.

### 1. Delegation: -

- **Shri Omprakash Gupta,  
National General Secretary**
- **Shri Yogesh Gautam,  
Former National Treasurer,  
Laghu Udyog Bharati**
- **Shri Mahendra Mishra,  
President, Jaipur Zone**
- **Shri Rajesh Jiratvilit –  
Member**



### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

- On June 26, 2025, the Laghu Udyog Bharati delegation met Union Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, provided information about India Stonemart–2026, and invited the Minister to the program.
- The Honourable Minister expressed enthusiasm for the event and instructed Ministry officials for necessary cooperation.
- The delegation also discussed BIS and Telangana's mineral storage issues.
- Those present in the delegation:
  - Shri Omprakash Gupta
  - Shri Yogesh Gautam
  - Shri Mahendra Mishra
  - Shri Mahendra Devda

### 3. Conclusion

Preparations for India Stonemart–2026 are advancing towards new heights with the active cooperation of the Central Government, religious institutions, and industrial representatives.

- The support received from the Union Minister reinforced the national significance of the event.
- This event will prove to be a historic opportunity to collectively showcase India's cultural, technical, and industrial capability.



## 12: Courtesy Meeting of Laghu Udyog Bharati Delegation with Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma

A delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharati met the Honourable Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, as a courtesy call.

### 1. Delegation: -

- **Shri Prakash Chandra**, All India Organization Minister
- **Shri Ghanshyam Ojha**, National President
- **Shri Naresh Pareek**, National Secretary
- **Shri Shanti Lal Balad** – President, Rajasthan
- **Shri Natwarlal Ajmera**, Vice President and Convener, Stonemart
- **Shri Arun Jajodiya**, State Treasurer
- **Shri Mahendra Mishra**, President, Jaipur Zone
- **Shri Sudhir Gupta**, Outgoing President, Jaipur Zone
- **Shri Mahavir Chopra** – President, Jodhpur Zone
- **Shri Suresh Bishnoi** – Joint Secretary, Jodhpur Zone



### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

On this occasion, the delegation informed the Chief Minister about the preparations related to the upcoming India Stonemart–2026, policy issues related to industries, and regional problems. Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma assured the delegation that the state government would seriously consider the needs and suggestions of the industries and ensure quick solutions. He also assured active participation and support from the state government in a global event like Stonemart. The delegation thanked the Chief Minister and also extended an invitation for his participation in the event.

### 3. Conclusion

Preparations for India Stonemart-2026 are progressing well with the cooperation of the state government, religious institutions, and the industrial world.

- The Laghu Udyog Bharati delegation met Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma.
- The discussion focused on preparations for the event and issues related to industries.
- The Chief Minister assured to fulfill the needs of the industries and supporting Stonemart.
- The delegation invited the Chief Minister to attend the event



## 13: Invitation to Union Finance Minister Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman for Participation in Stonemart–2026

Representatives of Laghu Udyog Bharati met Union Finance Minister Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman. This meeting was in the context of India Stonemart 2026.

### 1. Delegation: -

- **Shri Prakash Chandra**, All India Organization Minister
- **Shri Omprakash Gupta**, National General Secretary
- **Shri Naresh Pareek**, National Secretary
- **Shri Mahesh Gupta**, National Co-Treasurer

### 2. Key Meetings and Participation: -

During the meeting, the delegation presented the framework for the upcoming India Stonemart–2026 and provided information about the economic activities associated with India Expo Mart–2026. The Honourable Minister was invited to India Stonemart–2026.

The delegation informed that this event will not only strengthen the global identity of the stone industry but will also significantly contribute to associated economic possibilities and job creation. Shrimati Sitharaman had a positive dialogue with the delegation and assured consideration of participation in the program.



## 14: India Stonemart - State Level Seminar-1

(Industry, Mining, Forest, and Environment Department), Declaration of establishment of Joint Group, Initiative for reduction of GST for the stone industry)

Date: July 9, 2025

Venue: Constitution Club, Jaipur

Organizer: Laghu Udyog Bharati – Rajasthan

As part of the preparations for India Stonemart–2026, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan organized a grand **State Level Seminar** on the topic "**Environment, Industry, and Mining**" at the Constitution Club, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Jaipur. The objective of the program was to promote inclusive development of the industrial and mineral sector in Rajasthan along with environmental balance. The Chief and Special Guests of this program were the Honorable Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister, Industry and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan, and the Honorable Shri K. K. Bishnoi, Minister of State, Industry and Commerce Department, Government of Rajasthan. Policy makers, senior officials, industrial organizations, subject experts, and entrepreneurs participated actively in the program. The Honorable Minister Shri Rathore announced that the state government would form a **Joint Working Group** in coordination with the departments of Industry, Mines, Skill Development, and major organizations like Laghu Udyog Bharati, which would present strong suggestions to the Chief Minister for the resolution of industrial problems. Shri Rathore also stated that the government is placing special emphasis on technical innovation, marketing, competition, skill development, and quality upgradation. A new direction is also being given to the commercial utilization of mineral resources. The Honourable Minister of State, Shri K. K. Bishnoi, informed that a proposal to increase the tax rate on natural stones from 18% to 28% in the GST Council was placed, which was stopped due to the efforts of the state government. He also demanded a further reduction in the existing GST rates.

### 1. Participants in the State Level Seminar

#### Ministers:

Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore – Honourable Minister, Industry and Sports Department

Shri K. K. Bishnoi – Honourable Minister of State, Industry Department

#### Industry Department:

Shri Rohit Gupta – Commissioner, Industry Department

#### Laghu Udyog Bharati:

1. Shri Ghanshyam Ojha – National President
2. Shri Naresh Pareek – National Secretary
3. Shri Yogendra Sharma – State President
4. Shri Sudhir Kumar Garg – State General Secretary
5. Shri Natwarlal Ajmera – Vice President and Convener, Stonemart 2026
6. Shri Mukesh Agrawal – State Vice President
7. Shrimati Anju Singh – State Vice President



8. Shri Mahendra Mishra – President, Jaipur Zone
9. Shri Shanti Lal Balad – Outgoing President
10. Shri Yogesh Gautam – Former National Treasurer
11. Shri Deepak Ajmera, Member

**Forest Department:**

- Shri Sushant Sharma – Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), FCA, Headquarters, Jaipur

**Environment Department:**

- Shri Vishnu Dutt Purohit – Chief Environmental Engineer, RSPCB, Jaipur
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**Mining Department:**

- Shri Deepak Tanwar – Director, Mines Department
- Shri Ashok Jain – Additional Director, Geological Department
- Shri Pratap Meena – Senior Mining Engineer

**SIEAA (State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority):**

- Shri S. P. Singh – Member Secretary

**CDOS (Centre for Development of Stones):**

- Shri Rakesh Gupta – Vice Chairman
- Shri Mukul Rastogi – Chief Executive Officer
- Shri Vivek Jain – Senior Deputy General Manager

**Other Participants:**

- Shri Ishvinder Singh: Chairman FIGSI Skill Development Center
- Shri Madan Lal Jangid: Chairman, STONA
- Shri Sudhir Jain: President, Kishangarh Marble Association
- Shri Jitendra Purohit: Sirohi Unit President, LUB
- Shri Umesh Goyal: President, Kishangarh Unit, LUB
- Shri Raju Choudhary: President, Jalore Granite Association
- Shri Bhawani Singh Dhondhia: President, Rajasthan Granite Mining Association
- Shri Kailash Medtiya: Chief Conservator, Rajasthan Granite Mining Association
- Shri Ramnivas Baporia: State Vice President
- Shri Bajrang Lal Jangid: General Secretary, Jalore Mining Association
- Shri Rajkumar Choudhary: Pali Granite Association
- Shri Jagaram: President, Sirohi Granite Association



## 2. Objective of the Seminar

The objective of this state-level seminar was to establish a dialogue on the practical complexities related to the departments of Industry, Mining, Forest, and Environment and to consider their solutions on a common platform. This was the first time that senior officials, policy makers, and entrepreneurs related to these four departments gathered on one platform.

### **3. Subject Discussions and Technical Initiatives**

During the seminar, intensive discussion took place on several technical and policy issues related to the Mining, Environment, and Forest departments. These included:

- Environmental Clearance
- Forest Clearance
- Demarcation of Mining Leases
- Volumetric Assessment

The immediate need for dialogue and coordination was emphasized for solutions to the points raised by entrepreneurs. This dialogue was a meaningful start for resolving practical problems between policy makers and the industry.

### **4. India Stonemart 2026 During the Seminar**

Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Convener of India Stonemart 2026, informed that the exhibition area has been increased from 19000 sq mtr to 24000 sq mtr this time. By the beginning of July, over 55% booking had already been done, which is encouraging.

### **5. Organizational Leadership and Cooperation**

Shri Rohit Gupta, Commissioner, Industry Department, guided the industrial activation of Rajasthan and assured all possible cooperation. Shri Naresh Pareek expressed special gratitude to the successful Chief Minister of the state, Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, the Honourable Industry Minister Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, and the Minister of State Shri K. K. Bishnoi. He congratulated the National President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, Shri Ghanshyam Ojha, Convener Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, and Former National Treasurer Shri Yogesh Gautam, whose energy and leadership ensure the organization is continuously working towards India Stonemart 2026. The coordination of this seminar was handled by Shri Mahendra Mishra, President of the Jaipur Zone, and Shri Shanti Lal Balad, Former State President. The vote of thanks was presented by State President Shri Yogendra Sharma. Stage coordination was handled by Shri Yogesh Gautam and Shrimati Anju Singh.

### **6. Summary**

National President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, Shri Ghanshyam Ojha, thanked the ministers and the state government at the seminar, stating that the objective of this dialogue is to promote "Environmental Balance, Industrial Development, and Continuous Dialogue". He also said that the multifaceted efforts being made to establish India Stonemart 2026 on the global stage will make Rajasthan a leader in industrial innovation, environmental responsibility, and global competition.

## 15: Historic Initiative by Laghu Udyog Bharati Delegation for Reduction in GST Rate on Natural Stone

(High-level Policy Dialogue led by Shri Naresh Pareek)

Taking a historic step in the interest of the natural stone industry, a high-level delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharati, under the leadership of Shri Naresh Pareek and Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Convener, India Stonemart, met the **Honourable Industry Minister of Rajasthan Government, Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore**, on **July 23, 2025**. The delegation strongly demanded a reduction in the current **18% GST rate** on all natural stones, including marble, to **5%**. Honourable Minister Shri Rathore understood the seriousness of the issue, assured to raise this matter before the Central Government, and immediately initiated active efforts to schedule a meeting with the **Union Finance Minister**. Subsequently, on **July 24, 2025**, the LUB delegation met **Union Finance Minister Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman** under the leadership of Union Minister **Shri Bhagirath Chaudhary**, Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The delegation was led from Rajasthan by Shri Naresh Pareek. The delegation included Shri Mukesh Agrawal, Shri Rakesh Gupta, Shri Bhagwati Das Agrawal, Shri Ramnivas Baporia, Shri Hemendra Bhandari, Shri Manohar Toshiwal, Shri Nathu Lal Maloo, Shri Puneet Soni, Shri Kapil Surana, and Shri Tarun Agrawal. A detailed presentation was given during the meeting to rationally restructure the GST rate on natural stones. The Union Finance Minister listened seriously to the delegation and assured that this matter would be considered in the upcoming **GST Council meeting**.

### Golden Achievement for Rajasthan's Stone Industry

These high-level dialogues conducted by Laghu Udyog Bharati at both the state and central levels have proved that the organization is playing an influential role in policy decisions. This effort will not only aid in the success of India Stonemart 2026 but will also provide long-term benefits to the entire stone industry chain – artisans, producers, exporters. This initiative will be written in golden letters in the history of Rajasthan's stone industry, and the decisive role played by Laghu Udyog Bharati will be memorable.



## 16: New Platform for Dialogue in Industry, Environment, and Mineral Sector — India Stonemart 2026 Seminar, Udaipur

On **August 7, 2025**, a high-level seminar was organized at Hotel Labhgarh Palace, Udaipur, where senior representatives from Laghu Udyog Bharati, CDOS, and RIICO participated along with the departments of Industry, Forest, Environment, and Mines. The objective of the program was to review the progress of India Stonemart 2026, strengthen policy dialogue, and find solutions to the problems of entrepreneurs. The program began with lamp lighting and Vande Mataram. Subsequently, extensive dialogue took place in three departmental sessions.

### Laghu Udyog Bharati's Perspective

National President Shri Ghanshyam Ojha highlighted the strength of the MSME sector, stating that **35% of India's GDP and 48% of exports** come from this sector. He said that positive policy dialogue is the solution to all problems. Shri Naresh Pareek, National Secretary of Laghu Udyog Bharati, emphasized the trinity of '**Policy, Intention, and Leader**' and presented the framework for establishing India Stonemart as the international identity of the MSME sector. He informed that approximately **2200 members of Laghu Udyog Bharati are associated with the stone industry**. He highlighted the special role of Udaipur by connecting the cultural identity of Mewar with the stone industry. He also informed that during the seminar itself, **22 stalls were booked from Udaipur**.



## LUB's Role in International Promotion

Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Convener, India Stonemart **2026**, Laghu Udyog Bharati, informed that the delegation visited Italy's Marmomac Stone Fair-**2024**, and Minister of State Shri K.K. Bishnoi personally visited the state's stalls for the first time and invited foreign buyers. He informed that India Stonemart **2026** was promoted in countries like America, Britain, Russia, China, and Italy. Confirmation of participation has been received from China, Iran, Spain, South Korea, and Ethiopia. Support has also been received from the Government of India's Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal for the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) in Stonemart. Four representatives from Laghu Udyog Bharati will be included in the 'Joint Working Group' formed by the state government. Stonemart is being made global through efforts like a detailed website, social media strategy, and the participation of the Swaminarayan institution (Akshardham Mandir).

## Glimpse of the Constructive Special Sessions

Three special sessions were organized in this seminar:

### **1. Industry Session (1:30 to 2:30 PM):**

- Topic Presentation: Shri Kapil Surana and Shri Prateek Jain
- Official Speakers: Shri Ankit Mohan, Shri Shailendra Sharma, Shri Anish Gotawala
- Vote of Thanks: Shri Arjun Gupta

### **2. Forest, Environment, and Mineral Session (2:30 to 4:00 PM):**

- Topic Presentation: Shri Mangilal Bulawat, Shri Hemant Kaushal, Shri Yogesh Gautam
- Official Speakers: Shri Deepak Tanwar, Shri Vedant Kaushal, Shri Vijay Sharma
- Vote of Thanks: Shri Yogesh Gautam

Direct dialogue took place between officials and entrepreneurs in all sessions, in which solutions to many issues were also suggested. Special Thanks to all the colleagues whose tireless efforts made this seminar successful:

Shri Yogendra Sharma, State President – Small Industries India

Mrs. Anju Singh, State Vice President – Small Industries India

Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Vice President – CDOS

Mr. Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – CDOS

Shri Tavek Jain, Senior Deputy General Manager (Sr. DGM) – CDOS

Shri Sonjeev Modi, Member – FIGSI and Small Industries India

Shri Deepak Ajmera, Member – FIGSI & Small Industries India

Shri Rajendra Mandhana, Member – FIGSI and Small Industries India

### **Program Coordinator:**

- **Shri Kapil Surana**

### **Co-Coordinator:**

- **Shri Mukesh Sinha**

### **Food & Catering Committee:**

- **Shri Babusingh Rajpurohit**
- **Shri Adarsh Jain**
- **Shri Brijmohan Singh Bhati,**
- **Shri Piyush Sukhwal**



### **Stage & Hall Management**

#### **(Seating Arrangement):**

- **Shri Deepak Harkawat,**
- **Shri Ravikant Sharma,**
- **Shri Ashish Mittal,**
- **Shri Dhanesh Jain**

### **Guest Management (Venue Arrangement):**

- **Shri Suseem Singhvi,**
- **Shri Vijay Godha,**
- **Shri Kalit Bhandari,**
- **Shri Anil Katariya,**
- **Shri Jagdish Jajetia,**
- **Shri Prateek Hingad,**
- **Shri Pawan Kothari**



### **Stage Coordination (Program):**

- **Shri Hariom Paliwal,**
- **Shri Abhimanyu Ji**

### **Registration & Welcome:**

- **Smt. Seema Ji,**
- **Smt. Rishika Ji,**
- **Smt. Neeta Ji,**
- **Smt. Kriti Ji,**
- **Smt. Anjali Ji**

Your contribution is not only inspirational from an organizational perspective, but your dedicated participation makes this event unforgettable

## Concluding Remark

This seminar was not just a dialogue, but the beginning of a new policy culture. Decisive steps have been taken towards making India Stonemart **2026** a global brand for Rajasthan's natural stone industry through the tripartite participation of government, industry, and society.

Conclusion: All sessions presented a strong example of government-industry cooperation, and the suggestion was made that such seminars should also be organized in other districts. This event has become an indicator of the state's policy integrity and leadership foresight.



## 17: Deliberation on three pillars of the stone industry in Kota Seminar



India Stonemart will become a Global Festival

Kota, August **29, 2025**. Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) held an extensive deliberation on its three strong pillars to strengthen the stone industry in the Stonemart Seminar-3 organized in Kota.

These three pillars are – **Global Business Expansion through 'India Stonemart'**, **Technological Advancement through 'Global Stone Technology Forum (GSTF)'**, and **Policy Solutions through 'Ease of Doing Business (EODB)'**. The program was organized at Purushartha Bhavan, Kota, with a large number of policy makers, industrialists, and entrepreneurs participating. **Special Attendance:** Colonel Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Ji, Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, Government of Rajasthan Shri Madan Dilawar Ji, Honourable Minister of Education, Government of Rajasthan Shri Prakash Chandra Ji, National Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati

### Call by Shri Prakash Chandra Ji, National Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati

Shri Prakash Chandra Ji, National Organization Minister, Laghu Udyog Bharati, emphasized that "We should use indigenous products as much as possible, so that the country's economy is strengthened. GDP is a major factor of development, and today our districts are becoming catalysts for GDP growth. He further stated that India's traditional craftsmanship and the strength of natural resources can give us a distinct identity in the global market.



## Message from the Industry Minister

Colonel Shri Rajyavardhan Rathore Ji stated that the state government is giving utmost priority to industrial development and employment generation. He informed—

- So far, more than **₹1,000** crore in grants have been distributed to industries under the RIPS scheme.
- A new RIICO policy has been implemented to provide industrial land.
- Ease of Doing Business is being simplified and made effective. He said, "Solution from Policy, Progress from Technology, and Incentive for Business—the bright future of the stone industry will be built on these three pillars."

## Call from the education minister

Honorable Education Minister Shri Madan Dilawar announced that natural stone will be used with priority in the construction of school buildings in the state.

## History of India Stonemart – Shri Naresh Pareek

Shri Naresh Pareek informed that India Stonemart was originally started by the **Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS)**. It was handed over to LUB as a co-organizer due to the large participation of MSMEs and LUB's network. He said, "India Stonemart is now not just an exhibition but a platform for the global identity of the stone industry. With the cooperation of LUB's **961** branches and over **50,000** member industries, this event is achieving new heights."



## Stonemart Activities – Shri Natwarlal Ajmera

Shri Natwarlal Ajmera said that the exhibition area in the last edition was **19,000** sq mtr, with over **19,000** visitors from **52** countries. This time, the area is being increased to **25,000** sq mtr for the **2026** edition. He informed that the event will include sessions like Architects' Conference, Shilpgram (Craft Village), and Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet. Shri Ajmera appreciated Shri Mukul Rastogi (CEO, CDOS) and Shri Vivek Jain (Sr. DGM, CDOS) for their tireless efforts.

- Mr. Yogendra Sharma, State President, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Tarachand Ji Goyal, National Vice President – LUB
- Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Joint Treasurer, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mrs. Anju Singh, Vice President, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Mahendra Kumar Khurana, Vice President, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Arun Kumar Jajodiya, Treasurer, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Suresh Kumar Bishnoi, Joint General Secretary, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Yogesh Gautam, Former National Treasurer, LUB
- Mr. Sudhir Kumar Garg, State General Secretary – LUB
- Mr. Pukhraj Jain, Zonal Vice President, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Kirti Jain Ji Editor – Udyog Times (Industry Times)
- Mr. Yashpal Bhatia Ji, Provincial Vice President, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Ankur Gupta Ji, President – Kota Unit, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Achal Poddar Ji, State Executive Member – LUB, Rajasthan
- Mrs. Chandni Poddar President – Women's Wing, Kota LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Sanjay Sharma, President – Kota North, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Manoj Agrawal, President – Kota Ranpur Unit, LUB, Rajasthan
- Mr. Govind Ram Mittal, Esteemed Member – LUB, Rajasthan



Whose selfless contribution is significant in making this event successful.

## Views of Distinguished Speakers

- Shri Govind Ram Mittal, LUB, highlighted that issues like Transfer Area, Lease Rights, and limited powers to RIICO unit heads are obstacles to industrial development. He noted that the Real Implementation of the RIPS scheme is facing serious ground-level challenges.
- Shri P. N. Sharma, Joint Commissioner, provided information on state schemes like RIPS, REPC, and MSME. NABCONS Special Presentation: MSME, RIPS, REPC, and ODOP
- MSME: Financial assistance and skill development schemes for small and medium enterprises.
- RIPS: Benefits like SGST reimbursement, investment subsidy, interest subsidy, and stamp duty concessions.
- REPC: Platform to take the state's products, including stone, to international markets and establish Brand Rajasthan globally.
- ODOP (One District One Product): Emphasis on connecting special products of each district—such as Kota Stone, Makrana Marble, Udaipur Granite, Jalore Granite—to the global market.



## 18: India Stonemart 2026 at Marmomac 2025, Italy

India Stonemart 2026 received global promotion at Marmomac 2025, Italy

### India Stonemart 2026" Received New Global Recognition

A high-level delegation from the Government of Rajasthan presented with great impact at Marmomac 2025, the world's largest natural stone fair, to promote India Stonemart 2026.

### Leadership and participation

The Rajasthan government delegation was led by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. India's. who inaugurated the India Stonemart 2026 stall at the Marmomac exhibition. Mrs. Tarwangi Swarnkar (IAS, MD-RIICO), Mr. Mukul Rastogi (CEO, CDOS), Shri Naresh Pareek, National Joint Secretary, Small Industries India, Shri Natwarlal Ajmera, Convener, India Stonemason 2026, Shri Arun Jajotiya, Treasurer, Laghu Udyog Bharat, Rajasthan, Shri Pukhraj Jain, Chairman, Laghu Udyog Bharat, Rajasthan, Shri Rakesh Gupta, Vice Chairman, CDOS along with senior entrepreneurs were also present.

### Other dignitaries present at the inauguration

- Mr. Vikas Patni, R K Marble Group
- Shri Tawatni Patni Ji, R K Mabal Group
- Mr. Kamal Sogani, R K Mabal Group
- Shri Krishna Prasad, President FIGSI
- Mr. Sundar Somani, Vice President, FIGSI
- Shri Manoj Tason, General Secretary, FIGSI
- Shri Pramod Bhondari, Treasurer, FIGSI
- Shri Istwinder Tassohn, Additional Chairman, FIGSI



## Unprecedented Participation:

Over 55 leading companies from India participated in Marmomac 2025. Global Meetings and Agreement: Organizations that confirmed participation in India Stonemart 2026 include International business meetings and consent

India The delegation interacted with leading organizations and regional associations from various countries. These organizations have confirmed their participation in India Stonemart 2026:

- ANIET – Portugal
- Enterprise Greece – Greece
- Region Central Greece – Greece
- Assimagra – Portugal
- CentroRochas – Brazil
- Cluster Piedra – Spain
- Castilla Y León Association – Spain
- Murcia & Alicante Region – Spain



## International Prestige of India Stonemart

CDOS, a joint venture between RIICO and the Government of Rajasthan, is strengthening the dimensional stone industry in India. India Stonemart 2026 will be held from February 5–8, 2026, at JECC, Jaipur.

### Conclusion

The Indian presence at Marmomac 2025 has strengthened the brand image of India Stonemart 2026, opening new avenues for global collaborations and business opportunities



## 19: New Chapter for Industries: Formation of Joint Working Group

The state government issued formal orders constituting the Joint Working Group. The representatives from Laghu Udyog Bharati will be Shri Naresh Pareek, Shri Mahendra Khurana, Shri Shanti Lal Balad, and Shri Mukesh Agrawal.

### Structure and Responsibilities of the Working Group

- *The Executive Director of RIICO is the Chairman, focusing on land allotment and infrastructure.*
- *BIP's Additional Commissioner ensures investment promotion and MoU implementation.*
- *Rajasthan Financial Corporation focuses on financial challenges and access to credit.*
- *RAJSICO promotes exports and international market access.*
- *Laghu Udyog Bharati's four representatives collect and present industry challenges with solutions.*

This Working Group will present its recommendations to the state government within every month. Its office will be at Udyog Bhavan, Jaipur.

### Future prospects

Investment attraction: Well-maintained land and simple processes will increase investor confidence. - Promotion of rural industries: Integration of Khadi and cottage industries will provide new markets for traditional arts and skills.

Export Growth: The active role of RAJSICO will help establish Rajasthan as a global export hub.

Financial support: Access to credit and capital will be easier for industries.

This is not just an administrative announcement from the task force but a concrete assurance given to the industry.

The initiatives of the Honourable Minister and the commitment of the Government indicate that Rajasthan is now rapidly moving towards becoming not only a resource-rich state but also a best destination for industries.

## 20: Dedicated to Indigenous: Laghu Udyog Bharati's Initiative in Global Context

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has declared Atmanirbhar Bharat as the core objective of India's economic and strategic policy. Campaigns like "Vocal for Local", "Make in India" and "Adopt Swadeshi, Take the Country Forward" are not just slogans but pillars of economic, cultural and strategic strength. Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) has written letters to various ministries demanding mandatory use of indigenous products—especially natural stones, minerals, and construction materials—in all Central Government projects (railways, airports, urban development, etc.). The letters highlighted the need to prioritize "Made in India" products in government procurement and reduce reliance on foreign imports. LUB representatives met the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal Ji on September 9, 2025, presenting memorandums requesting

### Purpose of Letters

The letters sent by LUB India specifically highlighted the following points:

Ensure the use of stones and minerals produced in India instead of foreign stones in the construction projects of the Central Government.

"Made in India" products should be given priority in government tenders and public procurement policies.

Direct economic cooperation should be encouraged in India's mining, construction, stone and MSME sectors, thereby providing employment to lakhs of artisans, labourers and local entrepreneurs.

The country's currency can be saved by reducing dependence on foreign imports.

Indian products should be mandatorily included in the construction works of the Railways, Urban Development, Civil Aviation, Energy and Housing Ministries.

### Global Perspective

1. Shri Atini Vaishnav – Honourable Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Electoral
2. Shri Piyush Goyal – Honourable Minister of Commerce and Industry
3. Shri Manohar Lal Khattar – Honourable Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs
4. Shri Takunfazarappu Ramamohan Naidu – Honourable Civil Aviation Minister

It was highlighted in all the pages that when world-class quality stones, minerals and building materials are available in India, there is no justification for importing foreign products.

## Global Perspective

### Example of American crisis:

During 2018-2020, the then US President Donald Trump increased tariffs on many products coming from India and ended the GSP (Generalized System of Preferences) status given to India. This caused huge losses to Indian MSME exporters and exports to many countries came to a virtual standstill. This example demonstrates that while India's economy depends on others, it can become a target of global policies. Therefore, "swadeshi" and "localization" are not just ideas, but strategic economic policies.

### Examples from other countries:

China: Up to 90% of Chinese products are given priority in government projects under the "Made in China" policy.

America: Preference given to American companies in government procurement under the "Buy American Act".

Germany: "Made in Germany" certified products preferred.

Japan: Moral and legal obligation to 'local sourcing' in government procurement.

Shri Naresh Patrik, Joint Secretary General –Laghu Udyog Bharti, Shri Natwar Lal Ajmera, Convener – India Stonemasonry 2026 and Shri Yogesh Gautam, former treasurer, these all representatives of Laghu Udyog Bharti, met Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal on 9th September 2025 and presented two important memorandums to find a solution to this challenge.

These letters requested that:

Foreign buyers should be invited to participate in India Stonemasonry 2026 through Indian assets, so that the impact of US imports can be reduced and India can get opportunities in new markets.

Foreign importers are also requested to encourage major stone buyers and industry representatives from their countries to participate in this international exhibition.



## Signature and leadership

This letter was signed by the following senior officials of Small Industries India:

Shri Ghanshyam Ojha – National President

Shri Naresh Pareek – National Secretary

Shri Yogendra Sharma – State President (Rajasthan)

Shri Sudhir Kumar Gaga – Pradesh Mahamondi

Shri Natwarlal Ajmera – Vice President and Coordinator, Stonemata 2026

### Conclusion

This initiative of Laghu Udyog Bharati is a strategic intervention to provide protection to India's traditional industries, employment to local labour and freedom from foreign dependence. This is not just limited to the stone and construction industry, but can become a model for the entire "Atmanirbhar Bharat" campaign, where policy, nationalism and economic prudence come together to take the country towards global leadership.



## 22: Detailed Review on the Historic Progress of Preparations for India Stonemart 2026

**Jaipur | 21 October 2025**

A significant review meeting was held today under the chairpersonship of the Managing Director of Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) regarding the preparations for **India Stonemart 2026**. The meeting included detailed discussions on event progress, international participation, booking status, and the upcoming strategic roadmap.

### Participation of Key Industry and Event Stakeholders

Senior office-bearers and representatives from **Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB)** and the **Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS)** actively participated in the meeting.

#### From Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB):

- Mr. Naresh Pareek, National Joint General Secretary
- Mr. Natwar Lal Ajmera, Convenor, India Stonemart 2026
- Mr. Yogesh Gautam, Former Treasurer
- Mr. Mahendra Khurana, Vice President
- Mrs. Anju Singh, National Secretary

#### From Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS):

- Mr. Deepak Ajmera, Vice President
- Mr. Rajesh Mittal, Governing Board Member
- Mr. Lalit Ahuja, Governing Board Member
- Mr. Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Mr. Vivek Jain, Additional General Manager
- Mr. Prakash Pokharna, Consultant

### Presentation by CDOS on Progress

CDOS made a detailed presentation on preparations completed so far, highlighting that:

- Booking of **18,000 square metres of exhibition space has already been completed**
- This marks the **fastest and highest booking milestone in the history of India Stonemart**
- Achieving such a large booking volume even before November reflects the **international credibility of the event and strong confidence of the industry**

It was further emphasized that **India Stonemart 2026 will not only be larger in scale but will also set new benchmarks in quality, technology, international participation, and business opportunities.**

Special attention was placed on the following priorities during the meeting:

- Strengthening participation from international pavilions
- Increasing the presence of global buyers and technical delegations
- Enhancing the overall event experience to international standards
- Effectively showcasing the strength and investment potential of Rajasthan's stone industry

## Government Support and Institutional Coordination

The Managing Director of RIICO expressed satisfaction over the progress of the event and stressed the need for **effective coordination among all associated institutions and timely decision-making**. She also affirmed that **full support will be extended at all levels to establish India Stonemart 2026 as a premier industrial event of the Rajasthan Government**.



## 22: Formal Invitation Extended to Union Ministers for India Stonemart 2026 — A Key Initiative by the Laghu Udyog Bharati Delegation in New Delhi

New Delhi | 9 December 2025

A significant formal initiative was undertaken today in New Delhi for **India Stonemart 2026**, scheduled to be held in Jaipur from **5–8 February 2026**. On this occasion, a delegation from **Laghu Udyog Bharati** personally delivered invitation letters to senior Union Ministers of the Government of India.

The delegation extended invitations to the **Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha**, the **Union Minister for Railways, Information and Technology**, the **Union Minister for Tourism and Culture**, the **Union Minister for External Affairs**, the **Union Minister for Law and Justice**, and the **Union Minister for Environment and Forests** to participate in India Stonemart 2026.



This initiative not only underlines the **national significance of the event** but also represents an important step towards **showcasing India's natural stone industry on the global stage**.

### Key Delegation Members

Present on the occasion were:

- Mr. Prakash Chand Ji, National Organisation Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Mr. Naresh Pareek, National General Secretary
- Mr. Natwar Ajmera, Convenor, India Stonemart 2026 and State Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati

## Strong National-Level Support for the Event

The invitation extended to Union Ministers signifies that **India Stonemart 2026 is not merely a trade exhibition**, but a **national platform** to highlight India's stone sector, export potential, technological innovation, and investment opportunities. According to the organisers, such high-level engagement is expected to strengthen **policy support, international credibility, and wider acceptance within the industry**.

India Stonemart 2026 will serve as an effective platform to present **Rajasthan's rich mineral heritage, modern processing capabilities, and skilled workforce** to global investors and buyers. The presence of national leadership will further enhance the **prestige and impact** of the event.



# 23: Business Interaction on India Stonemart 2026 Held in Makrana–Kishangarh Important Meeting Focused on Connecting the Marble Industry with New Opportunities

27 December 2025

## Kishangarh / Makrana

In connection with "**India Stonemart 2026**," scheduled to be held in Jaipur from 5–8 February 2026, an important meeting was organised today by the Makrana and Kishangarh branches of **Laghu Udyog Bharati** with businessmen associated with the marble industry. The meeting included detailed discussions on India Stonemart 2026, the current scenario of the marble industry, and the practical challenges faced by traders.

## Focus on Linking the Industry with New Opportunities

The primary objective of the meeting was to connect the marble trade of the Makrana and Kishangarh regions with **national and international business opportunities**, while also deliberating on **long-term growth strategies for the industry**. Open discussions were held on topics such as business expansion, market access, policy issues, processing, logistics, and global competitiveness.

## Active Participation of Senior Office-Bearers

The meeting witnessed remarkable participation from senior office-bearers of Laghu Udyog Bharati and key representatives of the stone sector. The delegation included:

- Mr. Naresh Pareek, National Joint General Secretary
- Mr. Natwar Ajmera, Convenor, India Stonemart 2026 and State Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati
- Former MLA Mr. Shriram Bhinchar
- BJP District President Mrs. Sunita Randad
- Mr. Deepak Ajmera, Vice President, CDOS
- Mr. Mukul Rastogi, Chief Executive Officer, CDOS
- Mr. Sanjeev Modi
- Officers from RIICO and the District Industries Centre

Many marble traders were also present.

## Role of Kishangarh Marble Association

The meeting was held at the **Kishangarh Marble Association**, where Association President **Mr. Sudhir Jain**, along with local industry representatives, actively participated. Traders shared their experiences and presented their expectations, opportunities, and practical suggestions related to India Stonemart 2026.

## Positive Sentiment Regarding India Stonemart 2026

During the discussions, it was clearly highlighted that **India Stonemart 2026** will act as a major platform for key stone clusters such as **Makrana and Kishangarh**, not only for business growth but also for **technology, design, export, and investment opportunities**. All stakeholders mutually agreed to work together and maintain close coordination to ensure the successful execution of the event.



# 24: Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari Unveils the Official Poster of Stone Mart India 2026

## A Significant Step Towards Showcasing Rajasthan's Stone Heritage on the Global Stage

### Jaipur

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Mrs. Diya Kumari**, today unveiled the official poster of **Stone Mart India 2026**. The event is being viewed as an important initiative to present the State's rich natural stone heritage, industrial strength, and international trade potential on a global platform.

Senior office-bearers and representatives from the **Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS)**, **RIICO**, and **Laghu Udyog Bharati** were present at the poster unveiling ceremony. During the program, detailed discussions were held on the ongoing preparations for the event, international participation, and various important aspects related to the stone industry.

#### Stone is Not Just a Material; it is Rajasthan's Living Heritage

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Chief Minister **Mrs. Diya Kumari** stated that Rajasthan's identity is deeply connected with its **art, culture, architecture, and natural stone**. The forts, palaces, temples, and historic monuments across the State are a strong testimony to the fact that natural stone has never been just a construction material — it has always been an integral part of Rajasthan's living heritage.

She further said that events like **Stone Mart India 2026** serve as highly effective platforms to connect this heritage with **modern technology, innovation, and global markets**. Through this event, buyers and exhibitors from across India and abroad will not only engage with the stone industry but will also experience Rajasthan's rich art and culture.

#### New Opportunities for Investment, Employment and MSMEs

The deputy Chief minister also stated that such international events do not remain limited to the stone sector alone. They create **new opportunities for MSMEs, artisans, entrepreneurs, and export-oriented businesses**, thereby boosting investment, employment, and overall industrial growth in the State.

## Stone Mart India 2026 to Be Organized on a Much Larger Scale

The organisers informed the deputy Chief minister that **Stone Mart India 2026** is being planned on a scale larger than ever before. The event is being organised:

- by **CDOS** as the organiser,
- with **RIICO** as the Principal Sponsor, and
- in collaboration with **Laghu Udyog Bharati**.

Leading stone producers, processors, exporters, machinery manufacturers, and technical experts from India and abroad will participate. The exhibition will not be limited to natural stone alone, but will also showcase **stone processing machinery, technological innovations, design developments, and value-added stone products**. Through this platform, strong efforts are being made to position Rajasthan as a **global hub for natural stone and related technologies**.

## Presence of Senior Office-Bearers

Prominent dignitaries present at the event included:

- **Mr. Naresh Pareek** (National Joint General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati)
- **Mr. Natwarlal Ajmera** (Convenor, Stone Mart India 2026 and State Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Rajasthan)
- **Mr. Arun Jajodia** (State Treasurer)
- **Mr. Mahendra Mishra** (Jaipur Regional President, Laghu Udyog Bharati)
- **Mr. Mukul Rastogi** (Chief Executive Officer, CDOS)

## Special Focus on International Participation

**Mr. Naresh Pareek**, National Joint General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati, stated that this year the scale of the event has been further expanded at the international level to ensure strong participation from foreign buyers, investors, and trade delegations. He added that **Stone Mart India 2026** will not only provide a new identity to Rajasthan's stone sector but will also strengthen international trade relations.

## Invitation to the Global Stone Industry

At the conclusion of the program, the organisers extended an open invitation to **industry representatives, traders, investors, and all stakeholders from India and abroad** to participate in **Stone Mart India 2026** and become part of this prestigious international platform.



## 25: The Way Forward – Decisive Steps towards India Stone Mart – 2026

The steps taken so far have initiated a powerful era of global identity, policy inclusion, technical innovation, and new partnerships for India's stone industry.

### Direction Path: -

Efforts are being made at various levels to move the natural stone industry in an inclusive, innovation-driven and environmentally friendly direction. The plan to host India Stonemart in global venues such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States (USA) is a clear indication of its international expansion and export linkages. The key steps taken in this direction are as follows:

#### **Technical Upgradation and Health-Safety in the Sculpture Sector**

The use of modern technologies like CNC machines, Robotic Cutting, and Laser Engraving has given new energy to traditional sculpture. This has increased the quality and quantity of production and reduced the risk of diseases like Silicosis. Sculptures created using these techniques are now being utilized by local bodies for the beautification of parks, public spaces, and government premises. This is not only providing economic empowerment to the artists but is also giving a new platform to Indian cultural heritage.

#### **Formal Recognition and Market Access by Certifying Artisans**

For this purpose, a training center is being operated by FIGSI in Mahindra SEZ in Jaipur. A system for certifying artisans is being implemented by local bodies, which helps their products gain access to government schemes

## Direction Path: -

### **Priority in Building Construction and Beautification Projects:**

This formal recognition enables artisans to receive priority in building construction and beautification projects. As a result, there has been a remarkable increase in the productivity, income, and social status of craftsmen. It is also giving practical momentum to initiatives like "Vocal for Local" and "Make in India."

### **Innovative Use of Stone Waste and Zero-Waste Approach:**

Products like cutting slurry, stone dust, and rubble are now being utilized in brick manufacturing, tiles, road base materials, vertical gardens, and decorative courtyard materials. This not only reduces the amount of waste but also promotes micro-industries associated with these by-products.

### **Environment-Friendly and Practical Technologies in Mining:**

Mining operations are now mandating the use of dry cutting machines, dust collection systems, GPS/drone-based monitoring, and rainwater recharge structures. These practices significantly help in reducing dust pollution, conserving water, and preventing soil erosion. Several state governments have also begun issuing Eco-Friendly Mining Certifications to ensure better compliance with pollution control norms.

### **Enhanced Competitiveness through Advanced Tools and Process Automation:**

The stone industry is widely adopting advanced machinery such as diamond wire saws, automatic aging units, and semi-robotic polishing systems. This has reduced production costs, minimized manual labor, and ensured uniformity in products. In addition, innovations like 3D scanning-based design and AI-powered cutting software have achieved new heights in export reliability and product quality.

### **Promotion of Private Investment and PPP Models in the Mining Sector:**

Private investment in mining is being encouraged through initiatives such as Private Participation, Cluster-Based Lease Allotments, and Mega Stone Park Development. These efforts are fostering the establishment of Value Addition Units, Training Centres, and Common Facility Centres, which provide both employment and skill development opportunities to local youth.

## Direction Path: -

### **The World-Wide Campaign for India's Stonemar- 2026: The Power of LUB's Initiative**

A massive and organized publicity campaign has been launched by Small Industries India with the aim of making India Stonemason 2026 an unprecedented success at the national and international level. As part of this campaign, a series of seminars will be organised at 13 locations in major stone-rich districts and architectural centres across the country, including Rajasthan.

These seminars aim to familiarize Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the stone industry with the latest technological advancements, changing market trends and global business opportunities, and motivate them to participate in India Stonemart-2026.

#### **Locations of the proposed seminars and rallies in the state:**

Locations: Jaipur, Udaipur, Kota, Jodhpur, Rajsamand, Chittorgarh, Takangarh, Makrana, Jalore, Sawaimadhopur, Ramgonj Mondi, Taskondara, Sikar, Tapondawada (Mount Abu), and Trijotalia. These sites have been selected based on their mining, processing, or architectural significance.

#### **Organizing nationwide roadshow?**

Along with this, promotional road projects have also been planned in collaboration with various state units of Laghu Udyog Bharati. These are aimed at ensuring maximum participation of exhibitors and business visitors from the country's major stone-rich regions. Major locations where roadshows are being held include:

**Andhra Pradesh:** Ongole, "Kamman", Karimnagar, Chittoor, Warangal, Srikakulam

**Tadamalnadu:** Salem, Hosur, Chennai, Madurai, Krishnagiri

**Kanatark:** Bengaluru, Mondya, Mysore, Ilkal, Kolar, Chamarajanagar

**Gujarat:** Ahmedabad, Himatnagar, Palanpur

## Direction Path: -

**Maharashtra: Mumbai, Pune**

**Telangana: Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam**

**Odisha: Bhubaneswar**

**Union territory Silvassa**

### **Innovation in the MSME Sector:**

Laghu Udyog Bharti India believes that the MSME sector is the backbone of the stone industry. This promotional campaign will lead local entrepreneurs and artisans towards technical empowerment, export opportunities, and international collaboration.

This nationwide initiative will give new energy and global recognition to India Stonemason 2026, ensuring unprecedented national and international participation.

## Major Achievements So Far:-:-

1. Organizational Unity and MoU Signing (CDOS, RIICO, and LUB).
2. Successful Organization of GSTF 2025.
3. International Promotional Trips (UK, USA, Italy, China, Turkey, Russia).
4. Active Promotion on Domestic Platforms (STONA).
5. Bilateral Partnership Proposals (Greece, Italy, Turkey, China).
6. Technical Upgradation Initiative (FIGSI training center in Jaipur).
7. Historic Participation of Swaminarayan Institution (BAPS).
8. GST Rate Hike Stopped (proposal to increase to 28% deferred).
9. 90% Pre-Booking Completed (fastest-ever booking).
10. State-Level Seminars and Dialogues (in 13 cities).

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- 5) Lunch - Per Day: INR 7.5 Lakh (1 Slot)**
- 6) Exhibitors' Kit - 600 Quantity :INR 6 Lakh (1 Slot )**
- 7) Exhibitors' Directory- 2000 Quantity: INR 5 Lakh (1 Slot)**
- 8) Visitor Jute Bags - 2000 Quantity: Rs/- 400,000 (1 Slot)**
- 9) Branded Pens: Rs/- 250,000( 1Slot).**
- 10) VIP Lounge: Rs/- 250,000( 1 Slot)**
- 11) Media Lounge: Rs/- 250,000 (1 Slot)**
- 12) Fair Guide - 5000 Quantity: Rs/- 250,000 ( 1 Slot)**
- 13) Award/Mementoes: 250,000( 1 Slot)**
- 14) Registration Counter: Rs/- 200,000 ( 1 Slot)**
- 15) Pole Buntings -15 Set (each set of 4 poles): Rs/- 125,000**
- 16) Information Booth: Rs/- 75,000 (3 Slot)**
- 17) Gates: Rs/- 75,000 (3 Slot)**

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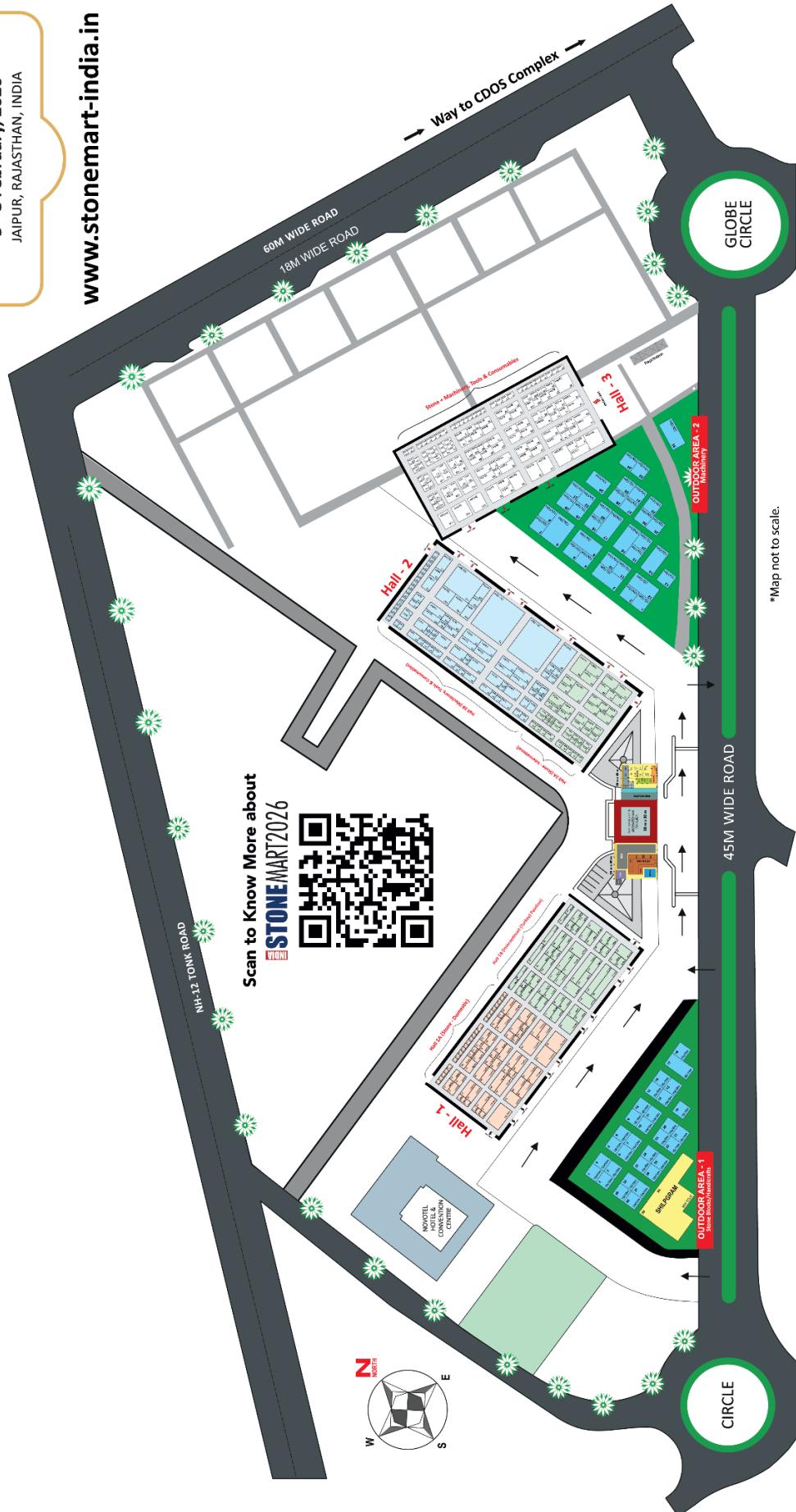
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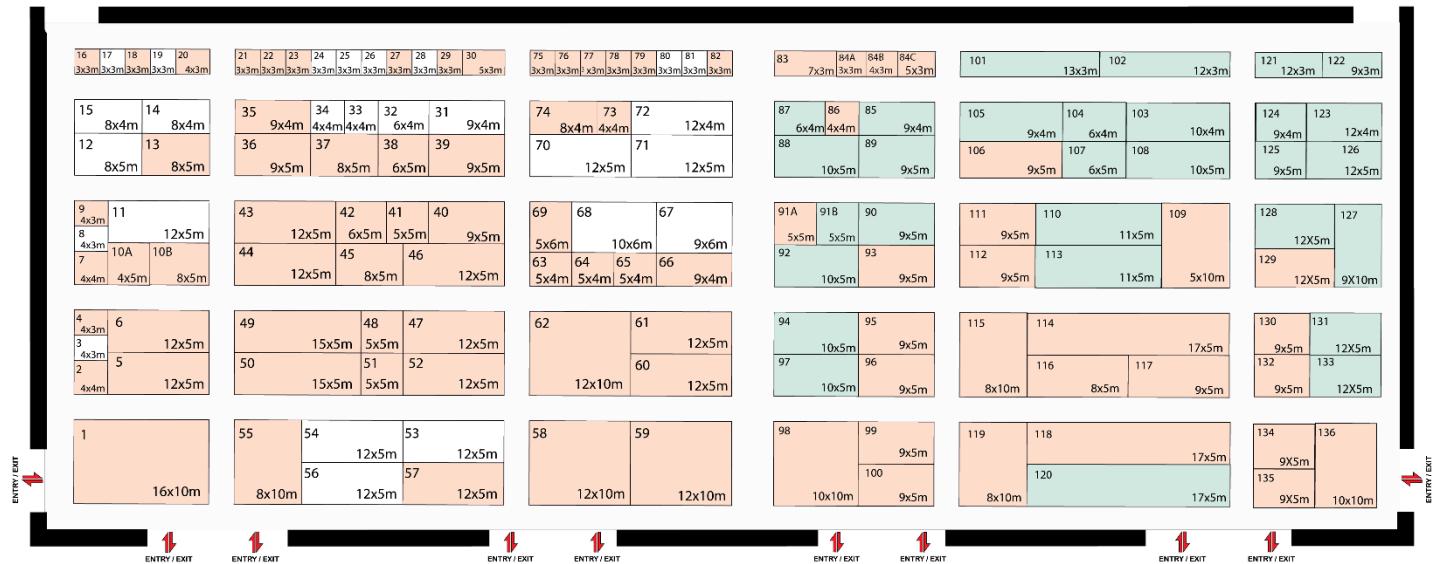


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# HALL 1



## HALL - 1



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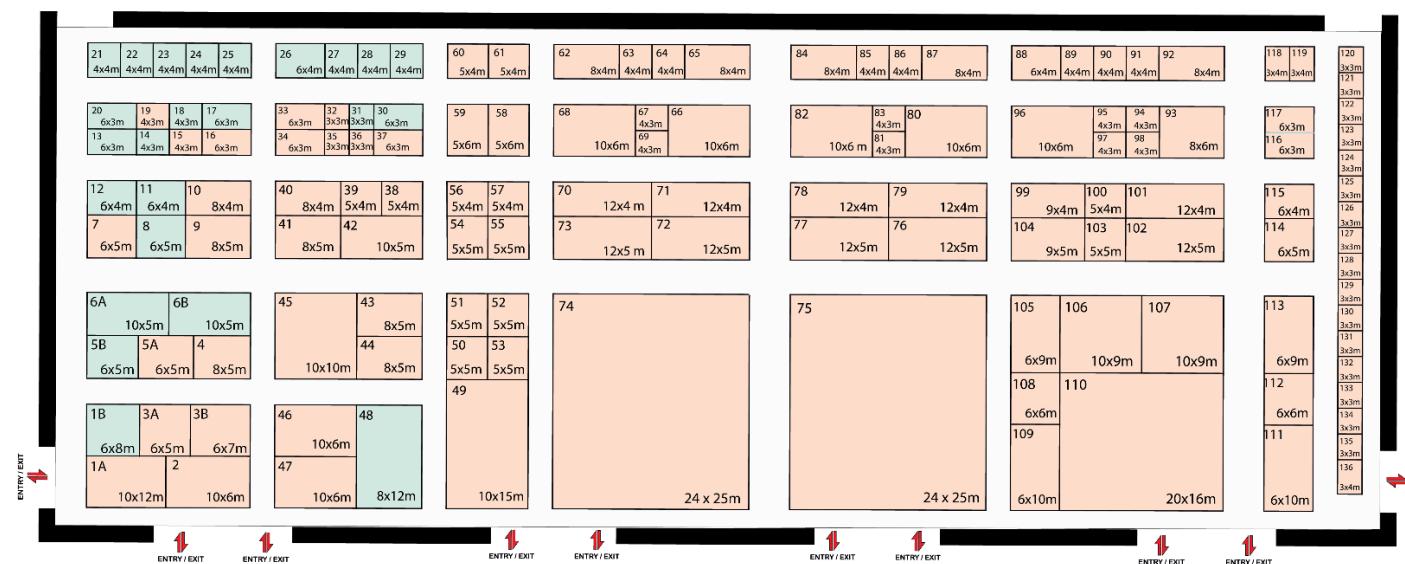
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# HALL 2



## HALL - 2



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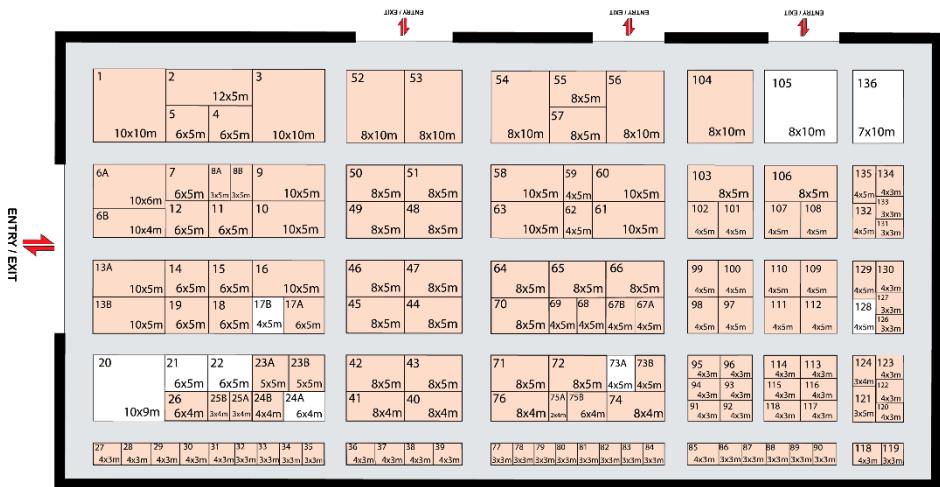
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## Hall 3



## HALL - 3



## OUTDOOR 1



## OUTDOOR 2



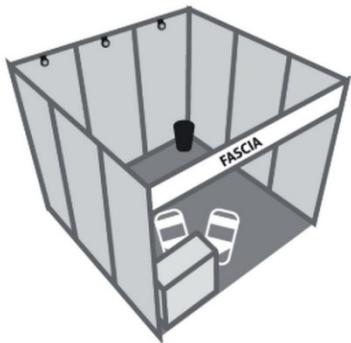
# Booth Types & Details

\*Raw Space also available if required

## List Of Items in 3m x 3m = 9Sq.m.

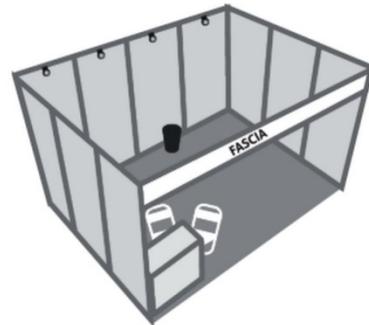
### Stall

- Two/Three Side Walls
- FASCIA
- Synthetic Carpet
- One Lockable Table
- Two Chairs
- Three Spot Lights
- One 5 A Power Socket
- One Dustbin



## List Of Items in 4m x 3m = 12 Sq.m. Stall

- Three/Four Side Walls
- FASCIA
- Synthetic Carpet
- One Lockable Table
- Two Chairs
- Four Spot Lights
- One 5 A Power Socket
- One Dustbin



# PAYMENT REGULATION

### Stall Rentals

Type of stall per Sq. Mtr.	Per Sq.Mtr. Rates(in Rupees)	Per Sq.Mtr. Rates(in Euro)
Indoor Built Up (1 Side Open - min. 9 Sq.m)	6500	
Indoor Built Up (2 Side Open - min. 9 Sq.m)	7400	
Indoor Raw Space (2 Side Open - min. 9 Sq.m)	6800	250
Indoor Raw Space (3 Side Open - min. 30 Sq.m)	7100	
Indoor Raw Space (4 Side Open - min. 60 Sq.m)	7500	
Outdoor Machinery / Stones Raw Space (min. 100 Sq.m)	2500	130

### Bank Information

Bank	State Bank Of India
Account Name	Laghu Udyog Bharti
Account Number	43121329096
Swift Code	SBININBB851
IFSC Code	SBIN0000744



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