

## **IMCP National Stake holder Consultation Tour**

In connection with the 27th Round of the flagship development report of the Institute, India MSME Report 2024, the project team of ISED has completed its stakeholder consultations tour for the year 2024-25. The Report is expected to be released in late October.

Stakeholder consultations at the national level forms an important component of the methodology of the MSMER project, wherein project experts hold one- to- one discussions with leaders of business and industry at the national level.

Discussions at Mumbai were initiated by the team headed by Project Director P.M. Mathew. The scope of discussions included, latest developments relating to entrepreneurship and MSMEs, with focus on selected thematic areas of concern for the year. The canvas of discussions included major stakeholders like Reserve Bank of India SEBI ,BSE, development finance institutions like NABARD, SIDBI and the India Exim Bank, leading scheduled commercial banks in the public and private sectors, NBFCs, Gramin banks etc, and also selected corporations and research institutes. Another focal area of discussions was the small business membership organisations at the national and State levels, as also at the sub sector level.

Another major part of stakeholder consultations is discussions with the government departments, ministries, and public promotional agencies. The Project Director, P.M. Mathew also had had detailed discussions with Mr S.C.L Das, Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, in September this year.