

### **MSMER Project: Twenty-ninth Round in Progress**

The 29th Round of India MSME Report Series, the flagship project of the Institute, was kick-started, with effect from International SME Day, June 27, this year. Having formally released the India MSME Report 2025 at Cochin, on June 20, 2025, the 29<sup>th</sup> Round is now open. The activity milestones for the forthcoming issue of the Report includes, preliminary stakeholder consultations, peer level discussions, Meetings of the International and National Focus Groups, one- to- one discussions with leaders of business and industry at the national level, desk research, thematic studies at the field level, meetings with SME associations. The scope of discussions include, latest developments relating to entrepreneurship and MSMEs, with focus on selected thematic areas of concern for the year. The canvas of discussions include major stakeholders like, Union Government and its relevant Ministries and agencies, State Governments and their relevant agencies, 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.

MSMER Series is the Global SME Day icon of the Institute, and as such, the count-down for the forthcoming Report corresponds with that of the International SME Day 2026. The Project has been facilitated by the technical and fund support of the National Partnership Network (NPN) of the Institute.