

Message from OECD Chief



ISED's 'Decentralized Smart manufacturing Strategy' offers hope for the future. Dr. Alexander Bohmer, Head, South & Southeast Asia, Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, complemented Institute of Small enterprises and Development, regarding its initiatives in putting forth a value chain based SME development strategy, with decentralized smart manufacturing as its fulcrum. He was delivering the Special Introductory Message at the International Conference on SME Value chains and India's 'Vikasit Bharat' Agenda, on the occasion of the ISED International SME Day 2025 celebrations held at Cochin on June 25, 2025. According to Alexander, digitization and value chain centricity are the two latest dominant trends in global SME development. While many countries follow the traditional strategies of SME development, India's recent initiatives are commendable. In this context, the leadership role played by ISED as a knowledge broker, working closely with the Government, and sowing the seeds of innovative ideas, is commendable, he said.