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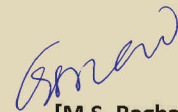


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As the apex body for State Level Financial Institutions (SLFIs), COSIDICI has been functioning as a Clearing House for sharing of experiences by its members and provide them with a common platform for addressing common issues and influencing the policies haven a bearing on the development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. Since its formation in 1976, the Federation has played a critical role in coordinating and integrating the activities of its members by disseminating knowledge and information about promotion and development of industries. Through its journal, viz., COSIDICI COURIER, the Council achieves these objectives by directly connecting with its Member Corporations.

The MSME sector is considered the engine of economic growth. MSMEs have been promoted as channels for promoting equitable development as well as being the driving force of the modern enterprise, besides encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit and technological innovations. As the country strives for higher and inclusive growth, the MSME sector assumes greater importance owing to its inherent nature. The various institutions and associations supporting the MSMEs can play a pivotal role in the growth and development of sector through pro-active measures, particularly with regard to credit facilities from banks, knowledge & availability of suitable technology, effective marketing & identification of new markets and interaction with government agencies on various matters. In such a scenario, it is imperative that organizations such as COSIDICI take initiatives to remove the financial and infrastructural bottlenecks and aid the growth of the sector and realize its full potential.

I applaud the efforts of COSIDICI in the domain of industrial progress and convey my best wishes to COSIDICI, as well as COSIDICI COURIER, for all their initiatives in future.


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