

Leather design unit in Kanpur soon, says Sehgal

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Lucknow: In order to give impetus to leather trade and exports, the state government would set up a leather design centre in Kanpur soon.

Giving this information, principal secretary, MSME and exports, Navneet Sehgal told TOI that at a meeting with the leather manufacturers of Kanpur, members of the Leather Export Council told him that while big leather houses had their own design centres, small and medium-level manufacturers had to depend on the designs from abroad only. So they had very limited options of developing their own product. The council demanded that the leather trade would get a huge boost if there was a separate leather design centre in the city.

Sehgal, who held this meeting while reviewing the ODOP progress in the district, immediately announced the state government would soon set up a leather design centre in Kanpur to assist the small and medium traders in the leather manufacturers.

The principal secretary also announced to set up a leather testing lab in Kanpur. In yet another major announcement while reviewing the handloom carpet industry of Sitapur district, Sehgal announced to open a dying plant in the district.

Sehgal told TOI that the handloom carpet makers had to send their product to Panipat for dying and colouring which increased the cost