

businessline growth conclave to focus on MSMEs' role in 'Make in India'

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To celebrate the work of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), *businessline* is hosting its annual MSME Conclave. The fourth edition, to be held in two cities, Bengaluru (June 25) and Coimbatore (June 27), will discuss their contribution to the Indian growth story.

The first event at Bengaluru, presented in association with NITTE (deemed to be university), will feature two power-packed panel discussions — one on defence called 'MSME: Call to Arms (Supplying to Defence)' and the other on 'Powering Make in India' — and a fireside chat.

MSME Day is observed the world over on June 27 to celebrate these enterprises and recognise their importance, shed light on their contributions, and promote their growth and sustainability.

At the Bengaluru conclave, Priyank Kharge, Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, IT and BT of Karnataka, will be the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour is Ananth Narayanan, Founder & CEO, BRND.M. The first panel on 'MSMEs: Call to Arms (Supplying to Defence)', will feature Navneet Singh, CEO, Kepler Aero; Priyanka Singhal, Founder, CEO, Ammunic Systems; Lt Col (retd.) Velan, CEO, Elena Geo; and Commander (retd.) LSS Narendra, COO & Promoter, C2C Advanced Systems. The session will be moderated by Venkatesha Babu (Resident Editor, *The Hindu businessline*).

The second panel on 'MSMEs: Powering Make in India' will have Rajeev Kaul, MD, Aequs Ltd; Vijay Peri, Vice-President, India Industrials, Zetwerk Manufacturing Businesses; Digbijoy Nath, Co-founder, CTO, Agnit; and Sumeet B Patil, Head, Operations, Ethereal Machines. This session will be mod-



erated by M Ramesh (Consulting Editor, *The Hindu businessline*). The fireside chat with Srinivasagopalan Rangarajan, Chairman & Managing Director, Data Patterns (India) Ltd, will be hosted by Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, *The Hindu businessline*.

The past three years too, on MSME Day, *businessline* hosted similar conclaves, which saw participation of many from the sector. These enterprises play a vital role in the Indian economy. With a vast network comprising approximately 6.3 crore MSMEs, the sector generates employment for around 11 crore people.

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