76th Independence Day Celebrations in IMEDF-SFURTI Clusters

The 76th Independence Day, 2022 was celebrated by the farmers and artisans of Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation-Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (IMEDF-SFURTI) clusters located across India. IMEDF is a nodal agency for SFURTI under the Ministry of MSME that focuses on the development of clusters around traditional industries.

Glimpses of Celebrations

- **Channapatna Lacware Cluster, Karnataka**
The artisans of Channapatna Lacquer Toys Cluster in Karnataka organised a felicitation ceremony for a new batch of artisans who were trained in wooden toy making. This cluster works on a product range of wooden toys, which has been a traditional industry in the region.
- **Lac Cluster, Gumla, Jharkhand**
  The Lac Cluster in Gumla, Jharkhand hoisted the national flag. This is an all women cluster that deals with non-timber forest produce (NTFP) in terms of better production, aggregation, value addition through primary and secondary processing, packaging, and marketing.

  ![Flag hoisting at Lac Cluster](image)

- **Tijara Fruits and Vegetables Cluster, Alwar, Rajasthan**
  The 640 farmers of Tijara Fruits & Vegetable Cluster in Alwar district of Rajasthan specialise in processing the local fruits and vegetables of the area into products like squashes, sauce, juices, etc. They have a cold storage facility of their own and supply the products to big retailers like Reliance, etc.

  ![Independence Day Poster by Tijara Fruits & Vegetables Cluster](image)
- **Labpur Banana Fibre Cluster, West Bengal**

The artisans of Labpur Banana Fibre Crafts Cluster in the Birbhum district of West Bengal work on a product line made from banana fibre like folders, bags, etc. They hoisted the national flag at their Common Facility Centre (CFC).

- **Churachandpur Aromatic Cluster, Manipur**

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*CFC members at Millet Cluster, Mayurbhanj, Odisha launch their new varieties of millet-based idli and dosa*