

₹100 crore Credit Guarantee Scheme is self-financing; clarifies Sandeep Varma, CEO, CGTMSE

Sandeep Varma, CGTMSE CEO talks to SME Futures on the latest budget announcements and how these initiatives will come into effect



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In an exclusive interview with SME Futures, Sandeep Varma, CEO of the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), gives clarity on the latest credit guarantee scheme for manufacturing MSMEs announced in the Union Budget 2024. He also shares the remarkable journey of the organisation since its inception in 2000. Under Varma's leadership, CGTMSE has navigated numerous challenges and milestones, continually evolving to empower MSEs across India. From providing collateral-free credit guarantees to introducing innovative schemes and leveraging digital transformation, CGTMSE is playing a pivotal role in promoting entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, and economic growth.

Here are the edited excerpts:

Can you share the journey of CGTMSE since its inception? What have been the key milestones along the way?

The journey of the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) since its inception in 2000 has been quite remarkable. The CGTMSE was set up by the Ministry of MSME, the Government of India and SIDBI with the aim of providing credit guarantees to financial institutions, enabling them to offer loans to MSEs without the need for collateral. This initiative has played a pivotal role in promoting entrepreneurship and financial inclusion across the country. One of the key milestones in our journey was the launch itself, which marked the beginning of a new era in credit access for MSEs.

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India's middle class has traditionally shied away from taking credit and loans, a mindset that stifles innovation and entrepreneurship. To transform from a nation of job seekers to job creators, it's essential to overcome this aversion and foster a culture that views credit as a catalyst for growth and opportunity



"Any time is a good time to start a company." But is entrepreneurship smooth sailing, or is it the job of someone having nerves of steel? Is the Indian middle class having overcome their fear of taking credit, or are they still having zero appetite for taking credits? What are the various avenues available for small-scale entrepreneurs to raise capital for creating their businesses? The recently held Rizing Equality Entrepreneurship Forum, Delhi chapter brought together industry experts, startup founders, government officials, and top bankers to discuss the intricacies of entrepreneurship and the credit facilities framework of government and private banks.

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The event's agenda featured sessions including an entrepreneurial resilience panel, Direct-To-Consumer (D2C) strategies, fundraising insights and institutional credit facilitation for MSEs. The lineup also included workshops on Blockchain, legal issues and banking solutions.

Prominent speakers like Sandeep Varma of the CGTMSE, Siddharth Ugrankar of Qila and Suresh S of IDBI Bank, along with leaders from Soonicorn Ventures, Ankur Capital, Fireside Ventures, Process9, ValuAble, GetVantage and more were present at the event. A special mentorship pitch session allowed MSMEs/startups to present their business plans

with successful pitches gaining eligibility for collateral-free loan guarantees from the CGTMSE.