

Siddaramaiah Confers State Export Excellence Awards

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Commerce and Industries Department, additional chief secretary, Ratna Prabha during the presentation of State Export Excellence Awards 2015 at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday

BENGALURU:The state government has conferred 72 awards to companies for excellence in exports during 2013-14.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented the State Export Excellence Awards at a function here on Wednesday.

Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre sponsors the annual awards presented under several categories, including overall exports, commodity-wise awards, district-wise awards, women entrepreneurs, special distinction awards and annual incremental growth in exports.

Bola Surendra Kamath and Sons, a firm from Udupi, won the Overall-Micro/Small Award, while Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd won the Overall-Medium Award.

The Overall-Merchant Award went to UB Global and the Overall-Service Sector Award to Narayana Hrudayalaya in the city.

“We are committed to solving your issues. We have not forgotten you. The state is currently at the fourth place in terms of exports and we need to become the leading state in the country,” said K Rathna Prabha, additional chief secretary to the state government.

Small Scale Industries Minister Satish Jarkiholi said the state is home to the highest number of Geographical Indicators in the country with 32 registered GIs. The government has been giving the awards to recognise the achievements of the industry, he said.

Exports from SEZs in the state stood at Rs 51,200 crore with a 17.62 per cent share of the total state exports for 2013-14.

The state ranks first in software exports in the country with a total share of 40 per cent. In other commodities, Karnataka has a 12.37 per cent share of the total exports of the country, including IT/ITES sector.