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This Gandhi Jayanti, IIM Rohtak Goes Khadi New Delhi: "The soul of India lives in its villages," declared Mahatma Gandhi at the beginning of the Twentieth century. He insisted that hand-spinning is the central industry that must engage our attention if we are to re-establish the village home.

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**Director IIM** Rohtak, Professor Dheeraj Sharma said, "For our nation to become a true superpower, we must have a strong identity. Khadi is a very important ingredient of our national identity. Hence, for us to do well economically and intellectually, in our efforts to become a superpower, we must nurture our identity by supporting our Khadi Udyog."

The village industries produce, or Gramodyog, grew by 24% in the fiscal year 2016-17, with Khadi products sales growing by 33 percent to reach Rs. 2005 crore during the same

period.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has now set a target of more than doubling khadi sales to Rs 5,000 crore by 2018-19.

The Government has done its bit in promoting the Khadi industry. With institutions like IIM Rohtak joining the bid, it seems Khadi's popularity is set to gain further.

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