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TEXTILE LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE 2022

An Interactive meeting was organized on Textile Leadership Conclave 2022 by Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) at Shree Shakti Convention Centre, Ahmedabad on Saturday, 23rd April, 2022. The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Textiles and Railways Smt Darshana Vikram Jardoshwas the Chief Guest. Delegates from 27 national and regional associations of textile industries, interacted with the Union minister, Gujarat State Industries Minister, Shri Jagdish Panchal, Textile Commissioner, Smt. Roop Rashi Mahapatra, and Sr. Officers of Industries, Government of Gujarat at the event.

SRTEPC delegation was led by Chairman Shri Dhiraj R. Shah, Executive Director, Shri S.Balaraju and Shri Kripabar Baruah, Additional Director.





Some of the policy initiatives raised by Chairman Shri Dhiraj R. Shah, are setting up of International Standard Processing Houses for MMF Textile Segment. Focus on improving the weaving and knitting segment of MMF textiles sector in any of the Government forthcoming Schemes in line with PLI Scheme, etc. continuation of the EPCG Scheme, Suitably reimburse the taxes and levies paid by the exporters of entire MMF textiles value chain with suitable RoDTEP rates and reimburse the taxes and levies on the Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC) by extending the RoSCTL benefits, include Manmade fibres, recycled fibres for the ATUFS benefits and extend the ATUFS till the new alternative scheme which is under consideration if it is delayed for implementation, Government intervention in resolving the Anti-Dumping cases in markets like Turkey, EU, Vietnam, etc. consider Special Schemes for encouraging production and export of Sustainable MMF textiles, FTAs with major textile consuming markets will give us substantial price advantage as done with UAE, Australia and UK in

case of EU, Turkey, USA, etc. to be prioritized, upgrading R&D to achieve Zero Defect - Zero Effect, improving investment in indigenous manufacture of State-of-the-art textile machinery, accessories and equipment, etc.

The Minister informed that the textile ministry is committed to resolving any issues that the industry is suffering and more so if the matter relates to Gujarat.

Stakeholders Outreach Programme - Focusing On India's Trade Agreements with the UAE and Australia

A Stakeholder's Outreach Programme was organized in Surat on 5th May, 2022 to create an awareness amongst them about the tremendous opportunities that have been created by the conclusion of these historic trade agreements with UAE and Australia. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India along with honoured guests Smt. Darshana Jardosh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Railways & Textiles, Govt. of India; Shri Vipul Bansal, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Govt. of India; and Dr.Srikar Reddy, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Govt. of India. Also in attendance were Shri Dhiraj Raichand Shah, SRTEPC Chairman and other COA members.



Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and said, "With the signing of the India-UAE CEPA and the India-Australia ECTA, our vision is to see bilateral economic and commercial exchanges with UAE and Australia growing exponentially in the years to come. A Vision that aims to create mutually enriching, futuristic, advanced economies at the horizon of human advancement. The Govt. has delivered on its promise of facilitating and creating a business-friendly ecosystem, it is now the stakeholders turn to step up and put this vision into action." He emphasised that these agreements came into place when rest of the world was struggling with their internal challenges." This shows the increased importance of India as the trade destination for the rest of the world. We may witness many more such FTAs with other countries in the coming future." He also appreciated the Commerce Ministry's pro-active measures to expedite these agreements. Shri Rupala observed that this is perhaps the first time in the history of Surat that Government officials at the level of Joint Secretary were interacting directly with the trade and addressing their issues.

Smt. Darshana Jardosh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Railways & Textiles, Govt. of India, stated, "The Trade Agreements with UAE and Australia will bring in a new era of bilateral economic relations with our partner countries. The depth and range of market access agreed upon with both the UAE and Australia is unprecedented. CEPA and ECTA would facilitate to enhance the bilateral trade and investment flows, assist in our post-COVID economic recovery and drive future economic growth."

Dr. Srikar Reddy, Joint Secretary, Foreign Trade (WANA), Department of Commerce, Govt. of India said, "I'm happy to be in the state of Gujarat, which contributes close to 25% of exports. Both India and UAE have exchanged their first consignments under the new trade agreement. UAE and Australia are very important export destinations and trading partners. Strategically too Australia's an important part of the Quad, which includes India, Australia, Japan and the US for the Indo-Pacific region. Secondly, there is another more recent Quad 2, which consists of India, US, Israel and UAE. Our PM Narendra Modi has excellent relations with the leadership of these nations. So these two important partner countries, UAE and Australia, were chosen for FTAs not only from an economic point of view, but from a strategic point of view as well.





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SRTEPC Chairman, Shri Dhiraj Shah thanked the Government for signing the historic agreements with both UAE and Australia, our major trading partners in the GCC and Oceania region respectively. The trade pacts are likely to benefit the Indian Manmade Fibre textiles sector by increasing our market share in the UAE to around US\$ 650 million by next year and around US\$ 1 billion in the next five years and in the Australian market to around US\$ 70 million by next year and around US\$ 150 million in next five years. He congratulated Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Piyush Goyal for his tireless engagements with partner countries and industry stakeholders in making it happen to sign the agreements in a record-breaking short time. He also thanked Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department of Revenue, Government of India for continuous guidance and support. He also congratulated and thanked the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh for her continued support. He said both the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and India Australia Economic Co-operation and Trade Agreement are slated to open up a host of opportunities for India such as offering overall duty elimination on 100% of MMF and MMF blended textile tariff lines exports from India. Indian exporters are getting immediate zero-duty market access in the entire Manmade fibre textile value chain and will provide direct market access to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Syria, Libya, and Yemen which enjoy duty-free market access from UAE under the Greater Arab Free Trade Area Agreement (GAFTA).



Stakeholder Consultation Meeting with Various Sectors of the Industry In Mumbai

A day-long stakeholder consultation meeting was held with the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal This meeting was held with various sectors of the industry and ongoing negotiations on Free Trade Agreements with Canada, the United Kingdom, and the European Union in Mumbai on 14th May, 2022 at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Santacruz, Mumbai. The meeting was attended by Shri Ronak Rughani, Immediate Past Chairman, Shri Anil Rajvanshi, Former Chairman and Shri Narendra Dalmia, COA Member.

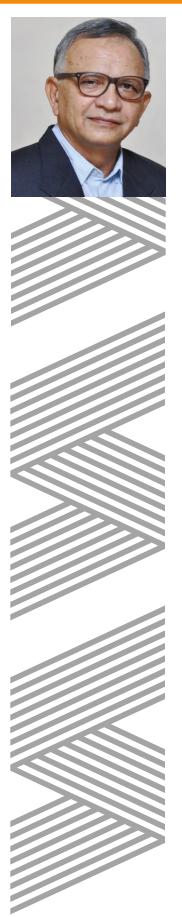
During the Meeting it was mentioned that EU, UK, Canada are highly potential export destinations as regards to the exports of MMF and MMF blended textiles. Current exports of MMF and blended textiles from India to EU are around US\$ 1000 million, to UK around US\$ 190 million and to Canada around US\$ 80 million. India has offensive interest as there are huge export potential from India to these markets.

The Commerce Minister apprised the industry as to how the Agreements that are being negotiated, will elevate the overall economic and commercial relations with respective partner countries. This in turn will not only benefit bilateral trade but also create new jobs and provide wider social and economic opportunities. While appreciating the accommodative spirit of the Industry, the Minister urged the industry representatives to continue to support the trade negotiations in the same spirit in the wider interests of the nation, contributing to the holistic development of multi-sectoral economic value chains in the country.

SRTEPC is hopeful that Govt. will explore to have meaningful FTAs as it holds huge intraregional trade potential for textiles, specially for MMF and blended textiles.







Dear Friends,

I am happy to inform that a Stakeholder's Outreach Programme was organized in Surat focusing on India's Trade Agreements with the UAE and Australia which is likely to benefit the Indian Manmade Fibre textiles sector by increasing our market share in both the markets. The Ministry has also informed us that we may witness many more such FTAs with other countries like UK, Canada, EU, etc. in the coming future.

A Stakeholder Consultation meeting on Launch of PLI 2.0 for Textiles Sector was held in which senior officials of Ministry of Textiles and other Industry representatives participated. Views from various stakeholders were put forward during the meeting and we are hopeful that some action will be taken in this regard.

I would like to mention that I attended an Interactive meeting organized by GCCI on Textile Leadership Conclave 2022 on 23rd April 2022 and put forward some of the policy initiatives like setting up of International Standard Processing Houses for MMF Textile Segment. Focus on improving the weaving and knitting segment of MMF textiles sector in any of the Government forthcoming Schemes in line with PLI Scheme, continuation of the EPCG Scheme, Suitably reimburse the taxes and levies paid by the exporters of entire MMF textiles value chain with suitable RoDTEP rates and reimburse the taxes and levies on the Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC) by extending the RoSCTL benefits, include Manmade fibres, recycled fibres for the ATUFS benefits and extend the ATUFS till the new alternative scheme which is under consideration if it is delayed for implementation, Government intervention inresolving the Anti-Dumping cases in markets like Turkey, EU, Vietnam, etc. The Minister took note of all these issues and said that the same will be resolved soon.

I would like to inform our members that the DGFT Helpdesk support is now available 24x7 to facilitate the Trade and extend more proactive support to the exporting community and we must take advantage of it by sending any issues, suggestions or feedback on DGFT related matters with a copy marked to the Council. The DGFT has notified a new RoDTEP Schedule (Appendix 4R) for implementation w.e.f. 1st January, 2022after aligning the earlier schedule with the Customs Tariff Schedule as per Finance Act, 2021.

During an Interactive Session, the DGFT met leaders of various Export Promotion Councils at Mumbai on May12, 2022 to discuss on the formulation of the Foreign Trade Policy. Addressing the meet, Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, DGFT agreed to consider some of the suggestions put forth for strengthening export growth by identifying potential issues and helping quality Indian products compete with global standards. The Office of DGFT and its Regional Authorities have known to take timely and fast decisions in resolving various issues of our Members. Members facing difficulty in receiving Export House Certificate were promptly attended by the Regional Authority of DGFT in Mumbai. The Council looks forward to assist its members on issues relating to your queries. Please send us your queries to ed@srtepc.in and srtepc@srtepc.in for representing the same to the Govt.

We, at the Council are always there to help and assist our members in every possible way. I, therefore, request all the members to renew their membership for the year 2022-23 to do so at the earliest and to avail to the services being offered by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

DHIRAJ RAICHAND SHAH CHAIRMAN



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VIETNAM

Textile - garment sector sees strong growth

The Vietnam National Textile and Garment Group (Vinatex) enjoyed a year-in-year surge of 144.2 percent in revenue to over 5.15 trillion VND (224.26 million USD) in the first guarter of 2022, completing 28.5 percent of its target for the whole year. In the first quarter, Vinatex earned a pre-tax profit of 376.7 billion VND (16.4 million USD), equivalent to 173.9 percent of the amount recorded in the same period last year. Growth was seen in both textile and garment industries. Specifically, the textile industry increased 139 percent, while the garment industry rose 167 percent over the same period last year. Vinatex General Director Cao Huu Hieu attributed the growth to the good control of COVID-19, enabling businesses to deliver the orders they received from 2021 and accept more orders, along with stable prices of cottons and labour cost. This year, Vinatex plans to speed up digital transformation to improve its operating efficiency, he said. Vinatex has completed 63 percent of its yearly target in textile production, while its garment has recovered to the same situation as the pre-pandemic period, said Le Mac Thuan, Vinatex's Deputy General Director. Vinatex's garment companies in the south have enjoyed revenue growth of 1.2-1.5 times and even 2 times over the same period last year, he said. He added that foreign partners have returned to Vietnam with big orders.

In the time to come, Vinatex will finalise procedures to invest in two industrial clusters for garment and textile industry in Thanh Hoa and Thai Binh.

Source: Vietnam+

Vietnam maintains position of leading textile and garment exporter

Prospects for the world's textile and garment industry are expected to be brighter in 2022 and Vietnam continues to maintain its position as a leading textile and garment exporter in US and EU markets. Figures from the General Department of Customs showed that in the first quarter of 2022, the country's export value of textiles and garments reached \$8.68 billion, up 20.3% year-on-year, marking the highest increase in the past 10 years. The US continues to be the largest textile and garment import market from Vietnam with a value of US\$4.3 billion, followed by the EU with US\$896 million, and Korea with US\$754 million. The positive signal of the market and the initial control of the COVID-19 pandemic will help Vietnam's textile and garment industry fulfill its set export target of over US\$43 billion by 2022, according to Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association. Besides, Vietnam will also have opportunities to catch up from the trend of shifting the world's textile and garment supply out of China and Vietnam is one of the most potential and favorable destinations for manufacturers, import and export distributors, wholesalers and retailers worldwide. To maintain the leading position and tap up opportunities post COVID-19, textile enterprises are accelerating to upgrade technology in production chains as well as increase labour productivity. However, in order to create a synergy to maintain the leading position, it is not only the efforts of textile enterprises themselves, but also the contributions of industrial real estate developers to the textile industry. Located in the northern Nam Dinh province, the cradle of the Vietnam's textile industry, Aurora is one of the very few IPs in Vietnam that meets the legal and utility infrastructure requirements qualified to accommodate fabric-dyeing establishments.

Developed by Cat Tuong Real Estate Group, one of the country's leading real estate developer, Aurora's infrastructure is synchronously designed with the country's largest capacity of water supply and wastewater treatment system as well as the development of complex social infrastructure. In 2020, even though the world was undergoing many challenges and difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other complexities, Aurora IP still proves its attractiveness and unique value as a well-invested industrial park by closing two deals with a total investment surpassing \$200 million for land lease contracts with two FDI investors to develop high-tech textile and dyeing projects. With the EVFTA coming into effect, duty was lifted from 65% of EU exports to Vietnam and 71% of Vietnamese exports to the EU. Therefore, it is expected that Vietnamese exports to the EU by 2025 will see a 42.7% increase by 2025, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment. "Aurora IP is pleased to be an important part of Vietnam's leading position in the world's textile market. Aurora IP understands that attracting foreign investment along with the participation of domestic textile and garment enterprises plays an important role in the sustainable development of the industrial park and the textile industry of the country," said Mr. Tran Quoc Viet - Chairman & CEO of Cat Tuong Group.

Source: Globenewswire

EUROPEAN UNION

EU's exports of textiles, clothing articles went up by 10.6% in 2021

In 2021, EU exports of textile and clothing articles increased by 10.6 per cent, while imports dipped by 7.5 per cent, as per the EURATEX spring report which offers a detailed insight into trade figures for the European textile and apparel industry in 2021. The numbers of 2021 are encouraging, when compared with the dramatic corona-year 2020. As a result, the EU trade deficit improved, even it remains significant (-€48 billion). Furthermore, import prices went slightly down in clothing and dropped in textiles, following a strong decrease of Chinese import prices of face masks and protective medical supplies, as per the report. The boost in exports was mainly due to strong performance on the Swiss, Chinese and US markets. On the other side, EU sales of textile & clothing to the United Kingdom fell sharply (-23 per cent), due to Brexit new requirements, customs' delays and shortage of truck drivers. Imports from the EU top supplier, China, plunged by -28 per cent, corresponding to €13 billion. Similarly, textile and clothing imports from the United Kingdom recorded a sharp decrease over the period (-48 per cent, equal to -€3 billion). "The 2021 export figures, presented in this Spring report, confirm that EURATEX members have gained momentum; even if energy prices are causing some serious short-term disruptions, our longterm ambition remains to be a world leader on sustainable



textiles," director general Dirk Vantyghem said. The international trade dimension is indeed critical for the competitiveness of the European textile ecosystem, and needs to be fully embedded in the EU's strategy for sustainable and circular textiles. The commission insists that "all textile products placed on the EU market, are durable, free of hazardous substances, produced respecting social standards...". This is an essential condition to create a level playing field between all textile and apparel companies, regardless of their production base. With €100 billion of imports, and over 20 billion of 'foreign' textile items put on the single market, this requires a dramatic upscaling of market surveillance, without however disrupting fluid supply chains. Looking at the impact of war in Ukraine, EURATEX has strongly condemned the Russian aggression, and offered support to the Ukrainian textile industry. Ukraine offers valuable sourcing opportunities for European textile and apparel brands, as part of a broader nearshoring trend, which seems to emerge from the trade figures.

Source: Fibre2Fashion News

Vietnam & S America

Vietnam & S America working on forming textile supply chain

Vietnam and South American nations are working to form a supply chain between textile enterprises on both sides. It will prioritise cooperation in areas like raw materials, weaving, fabric dyeing, sustainable development and consistent working conditions and labour standards.

The scope is high as nations in the continent have been trying to reshape the supply chain and diversify the supply of imported goods after the pandemic. Le Hoang Tai, deputy director of the trade promotion department under Vietnam's ministry of industry and trade, said the volume and value of Vietnamese textile and garment exports to the South American market remain limited. "There are many reasons for the limitation such as geographical location, cultural differences, lack of information on capacity and needs between both sides' enterprises and effective trade promotion activities. Additionally, some South American economies have low openness," Tai was quoted as saying by a Vietnamese newspaper.

Truong Van Cam, vice chairman and general secretary of the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS), said the understanding of Vietnamese firms about national culture, consumers, customs and habits in South American countries is limited and vice versa. In addition, many such countries are large textile and garment producing countries, meaning they are both cooperative and competitive with Vietnamese companies. Trade between Vietnam and South American nations is yet to achieve its full potential, especially in the textile and garment sector, according to industry experts in the former. Despite the continent being a lucrative fashion market with a relatively high per capita income, many businesses and consumers there are not aware of Vietnamese fashion products. Vietnam's annual textile and garment exports to Brazil stands between \$150 million and \$200 million, whilst those to Chile are between \$70 million and \$90 million and to Peru, the figure is between \$30 million to \$40 million. The country's textile and garment imports, mainly cotton from

Brazil, are worth between \$300 million to \$500 million. Vietnamese experts feel it is necessary to quickly start negotiations for a free trade agreement with the South American Common Market, called MERCOSUR.

Source: Fibre2Fashion News

NIGERIA

Stakeholders seek political will to revive textile sector

The Nigeria Textile Manufacturers Association (NTMA) has appealed to the Federal Government to provide the enabling environment for the revival of the textile industry and the manufacturing sector. Mr Folorunsho Daniyan, President of the association, made the appeal during the Workers Union news conference on Thursday in Lagos. Daniyan noted that the textile industry was still confronted with challenges in spite of the efforts to revive the industry. He said that the challenges confronting the textile industry include high-cost of production, uncompetitiveness; smuggling and counterfeiting of Made-in-Nigeria textiles, among others."The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has not effectively combated smuggling such that cheap smuggled textile products largely from China and other Asian countries continue to dominate the local market with little or no access to locally produced textiles. "We, therefore, call on the NCS to be more patriotic and adopt new creative measures that must include consistent raid of warehouses of smugglers in Kano, Lagos, Kaduna, Onitsha and other cities of the federation. "We also demand the establishment of a presidential task force made up of relevant stakeholders including the textile manufacturers and union with the power to confiscate goods smuggled into the country."Recall that a similar task force existed during the administration of former President Olusegun Obasanjo," he said. Daniyan said that the benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA) might elude Nigeria if illegal imports of textile fabrics and other locally produced goods continue to flood Nigerian markets unchecked.He acknowledged some measures by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and Bank of Industry (BOI) to revive the industry.

Daniyan called for an urgent meeting with stakeholders to objectively review some of the measures and ascertain the level of success as well as the challenges. The president said that lack of patronage was bane of the industry in spite of the Executive Order 003 on the patronage of locally produced goods. He called on relevant agencies of government to comply with the Executive Order by patronising locally produced textiles to avert further factory closures and the attendant loss of jobs. "A fully revived textile industry is capable of creating millions of jobs, addressing the security challenges in the country, and improving internally generated revenue. "It can also reduce billions of dollars in import bills incurred annually on textile and apparel, safeguarding and earn foreign exchange for the country," he said. Daniyan appealed to state governments to complement the Federal Government's efforts through creation of industrial policies that would revive closed factories in their localities. He said that the policies should include the provision of infrastructure, granting of genuine tax incentives, and patronage of Made-in-Nigeria products. Also, Mr John Adaji, President, National Union of Textile Garment and Tailoring Workers of Nigeria (NUTGTWN), said that effective



implementation of the Executive Order 003 of 2017 would facilitate rapid recovery of the textile industry. According to the Executive Order, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government shall grant preference to local manufacturers of goods and service providers in their procurement of goods and services. Adaji said that the textile sector is a huge investment opportunity for the country if properly harnessed, thus called for the political will to resolve challenges confronting the industry.

Source: NNN News

BANGLADESH

Textile sector records an investment of Tk57.90 bn in 2021

With the rise in demands of yarn and fabrics produced domestically, the country's primary textile sector invested Tk57.90 billion in 2021 to ensure supply. At a time when the country's overall investment saw a stagnant situation, a handsome investment in the textile sector is a good sign for the apparel sector to get supply from the local market. According to the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) data, a total of 26 primary textile manufacturers invested Tk57.90 billion in 2021.With the new investment, the entrepreneurs will add more than 745,400 new spindles to their existing as well as new capacity. As per the BTMA data, Modern Syntex Limited invested Tk11.05 billion, the highest, which manufactures yarn and manmade fibers. Abul Kalam Spinning Mills Limited invested Tk8.50 billion followed by Universal Denim made Tk7.92 billion and Karim Tex Limited Tk6.76 billion and ASF Fabrics Mills Limited Tk3.44 billion.

Why millers make investment

The demands of local yarn and fabrics rose sharply with the outbreak of Covid-19, which disrupted the supply chain as travel was restricted. In taking advantage, local textile millers came up with new investments to improve capacity. "In March-April last year, I sensed that the demand for local fabrics and yarns will grow sharply as Chinese orders are relocating to Bangladesh. While the global buyers were placing more orders with the ease in Covid-19 pandemic infection situation," said Fazlul Haque, Managing Director of Israq Textiles Mills Limited. The present trend will continue in the next few years. So it would be a very wise decision to invest more in the textile sector. To cash the opportunity, I made an investment worth TK5 billion, said Hague. I hope it would not be tough to get the benefits, he added. Meanwhile, trade tension between US-China is another key factor to invest in as Bangladesh is getting benefits of relocated work orders, said the economist. "There has been a good investment in the Bangladesh textile industry in recent years. This is because of the trade tension between the United States and China, which created space for Bangladesh," Ahsan H Mansur, Executive director of Policy Research Institute (PRI) told the Textile Today. If we consider the present work orders flow, we will find that many of the countries, including the US, the EU and Japan, are relocating their businesses beyond China to reduce dependency on a single country, he added.

Where investment is made

As stated by the industry leader as well as apparel makers, textile millers are investing in polyester fibers known as manmade fiber as the demands of goods in this segment is increasing sharply. "In the FY21, Bangladesh exports were \$38.75 billion of which \$32.58 billion came from the textile apparel sector. Local input in the apparel exports earnings was \$21 billion, where textile millers played an important role," said BTMA President Md Mohammad Ali Khokon. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina emphasizes product diversification. As a part of this, apparel exporters are focusing on man-made fiber products and taking work orders, said Ali. In meeting the demands of polyester fibers and high valued varn, our millers are investing in the segment to ensure supply to the local apparel producers, said the business leader. Demands of products made of recycled fiber are increasing and becoming more popular to the consumers, said Ali, also the Managing Director of the Maksons Group. In helping the manufacturer, the government has to allow duty-free imports of raw materials for these two segments, he added.

"To meet the buyer's demands and improve quality improvement, we are also investing in technology upgradation to produce sophisticated fabrics," said Salam, also a former president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

How to attract more investment

Strong backward linkage industry is a blessing for Bangladesh's apparel industry. To grow further Bangladesh needs more investment in the sector mostly in the high valued segment, the economist opined. "Currently, Bangladesh can meet almost 90% of the demand for knitwear fabrics but it is about 35% woven. The new investment will strengthen Bangladesh's position in the global value chain and would help reduce import dependency," said Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Research Director Khondaker Golam Moazzem. On top of that, the increased investment will raise Bangladesh's competitiveness in the global market and reduce lead time due to sourcing from local manufacturers, said the economist. We are blessed with several policies supported by the government and today's industry status is the reflection of it," said Fazlul Hoque, vice president of BTMA. However, if the government ensures an uninterrupted supply of gas and does not increase prices in the next five years, there will be a huge investment in the sector, said the business leader. In addition, the government has to improve port capacity to ensure smoother delivery of imported raw materials and shipment of finished goods, he added.

Textile sector at a glance

As per BTMA data, total investment in the country's primary textile sector is about US\$15 billion, which is expected to reach US\$20 billion by 2025. Total investment in the spinning sector stood at US\$11 billion and there are about 500 spinning mills in the country. The annual yarn production capacity is about 1.8 million tons. About 90% of the knitwear sector meets locally. The total capacity is 15 million spindles and more than 2.5 million spindles were added in the next two years.

Source : RMG News



Gujarat may soon get Mega Textile Park

The state's textile industry may soon get a boost with a mega integrated textile park coming up in South Guirat. Union Minister Of State For Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh said that 13 states including Gujarat have sent their applications for mega textile parks and the central government will take a decision on the allotment soon. Gujarat is believed to be a frontrunner to get one of the seven proposed mega textile parks across the country. "The central cabinet has recently approved the proposal for seven mega textile parks. Gujarat has applied for one mega textile park near Navsari," Smt. Jardosh said. "Some states have sought two parks." She added: "All applications will be scrutinized for parameters such as land, availability of water and electricity, labour housing, and the overall infrastructure." She went on to say: "The parks will be spread across 1,000 acres and will operate on the plug-and-play model. We hope to finalize the parks in the next couple of months." Smt. Jardosh was talking to media persons on the sidelines of the GCCI (Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry) textile conclave. She said that the Central Government will have a majority stake in the proposed parks and it will provide financial assistance of Rs 350 crore for each park. According to sources, the land identified near Navsari is owned by the Gujarat government.

Smt. Jardosh also gave details about the Rs.10,683 crore textile Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme and said of about 61 companies given approvals, seven are from Gujarat. She said that the central government is clearing the Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) applications made during the UPA regime after verification because the then government had not allotted Rs 700 crore. "We made budgetary provision this and there were many cases of irregularities as some had taken the benefit of the Scheme without installing machinery," she said. "We have now verified all the documents and cleared about 90 of 133 cases in Ahmedabad." GCCI organized a national-level textile conclave for the first time in which 12 national and 13 state associations raised various issues with Smt. Jardosh and State Industry Minister, Shri Jagdish Panchal.

Source: The Times of India

EU FTA WILL BE BIG FOR TEXTILES

Free trade agreements with the European Union and the UK will be "big-ticket" deals for the textiles sector with the potential to level the playing field for the Indian industry vis-à-vis competitors such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, textiles secretary U P Singh said in an interview. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam enjoy duty-free access to the UK and the EU, whereas Indian textiles attract an import duty of 9.5%. India has been doing much better than other textile exporters in markets such as the US where it is not at a duty disadvantage. On inverted duty structure in textiles (where duties on raw material are higher than those on finished products, thus impacting domestic manufacturing), Singh said there is a need for correction but increasing GST to 12% or 18% on the entire value chain is not a solution when cotton prices are at a record high.

Source: The Mint

INDIA-UAE Trade Pact Comes Into Force

India and the UAE's free trade agreement has come into effect on 1 May, under which domestic exporters in various sectors such as textiles, agriculture, dry fruits, gems and jewellery will get dutyfree access to the UAE market. Commerce Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam said, "Today, CEPA between India and the UAE is coming into force. Today, we are sending the first consignment from India to UAE, which will benefit from this agreement." In a symbolic gesture for operationalising the agreement, the Commerce Secretary handed over Certificates of Origin to three exporters from the gems and jewellery sector in Delhi. The consignments to Dubai will not attract any customs duty under the pact, which is officially termed as Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). The CBIC or the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued relevant notifications for the operationalisation of the agreement from Sunday.

UAE is a gateway to middle east, N Africa, Central Asia

The UAE, a gateway to the Middle east, North Africa, Central Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, is the second or third largest trading partner of India. The trade pact will help in taking the two-way trade to USD 100 billion in five years from the existing USD 60 billion. "USD 100 billion is just a starter. As we go along, it will become USD 200 billion and then USD 500 billion in the years to come," the Secretary said, adding 99 per cent of "our exports will go to zero duty in UAE". Overall, India will benefit from preferential market access provided by the UAE on over 97 per cent of its tariff lines (or goods), which account for 99 per cent of Indian exports to the UAE in value terms -- particularly from labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, footwear, sports goods, plastics, furniture, and engineering products. Underscoring the need for Indian products to be competitive in the international market, the Secretary said that there was a need to build and augment domestic capacities. He also informed that India is negotiating trade agreements at a very fast pace with complementary economies, including the UK, Canada and the EU.

Source: The Mint



Power crisis cripples textile production in north and west India

The ongoing power crisis in northern and western states has crippled the textile industry in India. Production is being hampered by power cuts in the states of Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Spinning mills are the most affected as yarn production is a high power consumption process. The disruption of electric supply is adding to the problem faced by the textile industry due to skyrocketed prices of cotton.

Ludhiana-based trader Ashok Singhal told Fibre2Fashion that the spinning mills are badly affected due to the power crisis. "The power intensive spinning mills are forced to halt production, as captive power consumption from DG sets is not viable due to high cost." He explained that mills are getting power supply at average price of 7-8 per unit from local electricity distribution company, while captive power from DG sets cost around four times at 25-28 per unit. So, "most of the mills have replaced the large capacity DG sets with smaller ones for light-fan power supply."

Anil Bansal from Mumbai said that most of the cities of Maharashtra are facing power cuts. According to him, lakhs of powerlooms across the state are forced to halt production due to power shortage. However, powerloom operators are not very much worried due to halt of production because demand from downstream industry is also weak after cotton prices rose to a record high. Gujarat based textile mills are also facing power shortage, but the extent of power cut is limited compared to other states. The states of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh are also reeling under severe disruption in power supply.

However, furnishing textile hub of Panipat is the most affected by the power crisis. All the production activities including spinning and weaving are adversely affected in the textile hub. Trading activities are also hampered due to slow production, which has not improved even after Eid due to power shortage. According to industry sources, there is a power cut of 10 to 15 hours in Panipat and other adjoining areas of Haryana. A mill owner from Panipat said that the power crisis in Haryana started in mid-April itself, which is still not over. He added that he does not find production profitable if he runs his mill on DG sets. Panipat-based trader Suresh Durga said, "It became very difficult to meet out the regular demand for furnishing products like curtains, bedsheets. There is a production mismatch as items in high demand are short supplied." Durga said that there is off-peak season in Panipat for furnishing textiles, but the power crisis has made it difficult to maintain production and supply even at a minimum level.

Source: Fibre2 Fashion News

India needs to manufacture textiles machinery to become self-reliant: Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh

The country needs to manufacture textile machineries, which are mostly imported, in order to become self-reliant and enhance export competitiveness to emerge as the global leader in the sector mentioned by Union Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh. "Our export competitiveness is quite evident as we stand second, only behind China. But unlike China we do not have in-house manufacturing of textile machineries. Most of the machineries are being imported. And that's where our industry needs to step up," the minister said at the Mumbai edition of Gartex Texprocess India.

She said India's textile and apparel sector registered the highest ever growth of 40.55 per cent in its exports and reached USD 43.44 billion in 2021-22 compared to USD 30.90 billion in FY21. "I urge the industry to promote the government's 'vocal for local' campaign. Vocal for local is the real brand ambassador of 'make in India' movement by emphasising the promotion of local brands, manufacturing and supply chain, and shows such as Gartex Texprocess India are excellent initiatives and a much-needed show to fill this technology gap," she added.

Source: Zee News

Textile body seeks PLI scheme in TN

Indian Texpreneurs Federation (ITF), a major textile body, on Thursday, 19thMay, 2022 requested Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin to introduce a production-linked incentive scheme, which can help the textile sector and SMEs in the State to scale up.

With the scheme, textile companies can invest in new capacities and build scale and competitiveness. The State government spending on the scheme can be justified with increased revenue, new job creation and export growth. "We estimate that PLI in Tamil Nadu can bring an additional Rs 15,000 crore through exports from the State in the next five years with an opportunity to create employment for three lakh people," ITF convener Prabhu Dhamodharan said. The government is giving a lot of thrust to the manufacturing sector with progressive schemes and the PLI in the State for the textile sector can be a game-changer for the textile and apparel sector, he said after a meeting with Stalin.

Source: The Print



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7)	Notification No. 35/2022 - Cus. (NT)	26.04.2022	Amendment in Notification No.12/97-Cus. (N.T.) dtd. 2nd April, 1997	Unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods shall take place at Balli.	https://tinyurl.com/ 2p8rxh6c



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PM Mega Integrated Textiles Region and Apparel (MITRA) Parks Scheme

What is PM-MITRA PARK SCHEME?

- In 2021, Ministry of Textiles (MoT) launched PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks (MITRAs) Scheme to strengthen the Indian textile industry in the economy by way of enabling scale of operations, reduce logistics cost by housing entire value chain at one location, attract investment, generate employment and augment export potential.
- The Scheme would lead to creation of a modern, integrated large scale, world class industrial infrastructure including plug and play facilities with a budgetary outlay of 4,445 crores for a period 2021-22 to 2027-28.
- PM MITRA is inspired by the 5F vision of Prime Minister. The '5F' Formula encompasses -



- It aspires to fulfill the vision of building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat and to position India strongly on the Global textiles map. The Union Cabinet declared the setting up of seven PM MITRA parks.
- The seven Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) parks will be established at Greenfield or Brownfield sites located in different states.
- This integrated vision will help to enhance the growth of the textile sector.
- The scheme is under the Textiles Ministry.

Objective of the Scheme :

- PM MITRA Parks is envisaged to help India in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9 ("Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation").
- The scheme is to develop integrated large scale and modern industrial infrastructure facility for entire value-chain of the textile industry.
- It will reduce logistics costs and improve competitiveness of Indian Textiles.
- These parks are envisaged to be located at sites which have inherent strength for Textile Industry to flourish and have necessary linkages to succeed.

Components of the project :

• The parks will have 50% area for manufacturing activity, 20% for utilities, and 10% area for commercial development.

PM MITRA Parks Features:

- Under the project, PM MITRA parks will be established by a **Special Purpose Vehicle**, owned by the Central and State Governments and in a **Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Mode**.
- This is in a form of viability gap funding to make the project attractive for the participation of the private sector.
- A master developer will be selected on an objective criterion developed by the State and Central Governments who will not only develop the industrial park but also maintain it during the concession period.

Capital Support:

- Greenfield and Brownfield PM MITRA Park For development of Greenfield PM MITRA and Brownfield PM Park, there is a
 provision of Development Capital Support (DCS) @30% of the project cost with a maximum support of `500 Cr and `200 Crore
 per park for Greenfield and Brownfield PM MITRA respectively from the Government of India.
- Competitive Incentive Support (CIS) For incentivizing manufacturing units to get setup early in PM MITRA, there is a provision of `300 Cr per park, wherein the incentive can be provided to manufacturing units up to 3% of the total sales turnover on first come



first serve basis. This is only available to those manufacturing companies who are not availing Textile PLI scheme benefits and will be available till the funds provided are not exhausted for the PM MITRA Park.

PM MITRA Parks Scheme Advantages:

The Seven PM MITRA Parks will have the following advantages:

- Integrated Value Chain: PM MITRA will offer an opportunity to create an integrated textiles value chain right from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing, and printing to garment manufacturing at 1 location.
- Cost Reduction: Integrated Textile Value chain at 1 location will reduce logistics costs of the industry. The reduced cost will enhance the competitiveness of the textiles industry, by helping it in achieving economies of scale.
- Employment Generation: The project is intended to create 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect employment per park.
- FDI: World-class industrial infrastructure would attract cutting-edge technology and boost Foreign Direct Investment and local investment in the sector.

Eligibility & Modalities of PM MITRA Parks:

- Parks will be set up on the basis of proposals received from State Govts. having ready availability of contiguous and encumbrance-free land parcel of minimum 1000 acres along with other textile related facilities and ecosystem.
- The State Government will transfer land to the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) at notional price.
- SPV will be a legal entity (with 51% equity shareholding of State Govt. and 49% of Central Govt.) set up by the State Govt. for implementing the PM MITRA Park Project.
- Modalities for use of the land will be defined in the transaction documents such as Request for Qualification (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP), Concession Agreement etc., which will be formulated in consultation with the State Govt., Dept. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, DPIIT and NITI Aayog.
- Selection of Park sites will be done in a 2-stage selection process on Challenge Method.

STAGE 1 (Selection of Sites offered by State Govts. through Challenge Route)	STAGE 2 (Development of the Park)
 At this stage, following will be permitted: Expenditure on Constitution of SPV Planning of PM MITRA Parks Selection of PMA 	 MoT shall release grants-in-aid to the selected sites for infrastructure development of these parks based on the approved Master Plan.
 Development of Model RFQ/ RFP & Concession Agreement Selection of Master Developer (MD) ✓ Preparation of the detailed Master Plan of the Park by the MD. ✓ Approval of the Master Plan by SPV. 	✓ This will ensure immediate commencement of work at the PM MITRA sites after release of first installment of Grant.

* Funding & Release of Grant by GOI under PM MITRA Park Scheme:

- (A) Budget outlay for the Scheme is Rs. 4,445 Crore including administrative expenses of Rs 30 crores over 7-year period 2021-22 to 2027-28.
- (B) Development Capital Support (DCS): Grants will be provided by the Central Govt. to the Park SPV for creation of the following infrastructures :



Grants under DCS will be provided in two Phases:

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PHASE - I	 Rs. 300 Cr. for Greenfield Park & Rs. 100 Cr for Brownfield Park, as per phasing of construction. Concession period will be 25 years till completion of Phase 1.
PHASE - II	 Rs. 200 Cr. for Greenfield Park & Rs. 100 Cr. for Brownfield Park. Phase II will be started only upon meeting pre-defined Performance Linked Parameters. In case of achievement of required benchmark for starting Phase II, concession period will increase by additional 25 to 50 years.

(C) Competitive Incentive Support (CIS):

- Rs. 300 Cr. per park available for incentivizing manufacturing units to get established early.
- Incentive will be provided up to 3% of the total sales turnover to the unit established in the park to reduce its cost and offset its disadvantages to a certain extent.
- CIS will be Fund Limited, and available on a first come first serve basis.
- Incentives available only to those manufacturing companies who are not availing benefits of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) for Textile Scheme.
- Cap of Rs. 10 Cr. p.a. on incentive and a maximum cap of Rs. 30 Cr. on incentive for one anchor investor company with an investment of Rs. 300 Cr. or above in its unit in PM MITRA Park.
- Cap of Rs. 5 Cr. p.a. on incentive and a maximum cap of Rs.15 Cr. on incentive for one investor company with an investment of `100-300 Crore.
- Cap of Rs.1 Cr. p.a. on incentive and a maximum cap of Rs. 3 Cr. on incentive for other investor and tenant companies, but they must have employment of 100 persons and above.

Release of Gol Funds:

- Release of grant based on progress of the project and matching contribution from Master Developer.
- The first tranche of Rs. 50 Cr. will be released after mobilization of Rs. 50 Cr. by the Master Developer and utilization of minimum Rs. 25 Cr. for development of some part of core support infrastructure.
- Further release will be made after utilization of 75% of earlier mobilized resources based on report of PMA along with evidence of commensurate physical progress.
- Matching contribution of MD and commensurate physical progress at the site will be ensured prior to release of the next tranche.
- Separate accounts shall be kept for the funds released by GOI and funds mobilized by the Master Developer and will be subject to audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and any other agency nominated by Ministry of Textiles. Details of funds to be released for Greenfield projects is given in Annexure-II (Click on the link: https://tinyurl.com/2rn65s8e).

Project Monitoring:

MoT shall do the periodic monitoring of the progress of the projects. Also, a Project Management Agency (PMA) shall be appointed for providing secretarial, managerial and implementation support for effective implementation of the Scheme.



Project Approval Committee (PAC):

- The proposals under the Scheme will be approved by the Project Approval Committee comprising of :
 - a) Secretary Textiles Chairman
 - b) Financial Advisor, MoT Member
 - c) AS/JS MoT Member Convenor
 - d) Representative of NITI Aayog Member
 - e) Representative of DPIIT Member
- The above Committee will approve the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and sanction projects, Monitor the expenditure under DCS and CIS based on objective criteria.
- PAC will fine-tune CIS policies such as linking benefits with investment and other objective parameters with the aim of the earliest operationalization of maximum number of units in PM MITRA Parks.
- PAC has the final authority in the matters arising during the operation of the scheme.
- PAC will be assisted by the Project Management Agency.

Submission of Proposals and its Evaluation:

- Willing State Govts. having unencumbered and contiguous land parcel of a minimum of 1000 acre for industrial development will submit project proposal to the MoT.
- State Govt. will provide a Preliminary Project Report for Park development along with a Site map and road linkage to the Port/ National Highway/ Dedicated Freight Corridors/Inland Container Depot/Container Freight Station/ Railway Siding etc.
- Preliminary Project Report will explain the potential for industrial development for Textiles Value Chain at the site alongwith details as per selection criteria given in Annexure I (Click on the link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2rn65s8e</u>).
- State Govt. will confirm the permission for industrial land use and commercial land use for 10% of the area and thereafter, confirm support for Environment Clearance for the project.

* Evaluation and Approval Process:

- Evaluation Criteria for Preliminary Selection of Sites : The Proposal will have to provide relevant information of the criteria specified for evaluation of the proposal as given in Annexure-I (Click on the link: https://tinyurl.com/2rn65s8e).
- The Project Management Agency will examine the Preliminary Project Report and submit its recommendations to the Project Approval Committee for in principle approval.

Finalization of RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement and selection of MD:

- MoT will develop model RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement for selection of MD in parallel with preliminary selection of sites with the assistance of PMA.
- After site selection, model documents may have to be tweaked (if required) in consultation with State Govts., NITI Aayog and DEA, Ministry of Finance as per the requirement of specific site.
- MD will be selected for each park site after finalization of this process.
- Park work will start as per the terms & conditions finalized in the documents.

Conclusion :

No other competing nation has a complete textile ecosystem like India. The scheme will help Indian companies to emerge as Global Champions.

Source :

- (a) All about PM MITRA Parks (<u>https://tinyurl.com/mvj36zvd</u>).
- (b) Operational Guidelines for PM MITRA Parks (<u>https://tinyurl.com/2rn65s8e</u>).
- (c) Notification issued by Ministry of Textiles on 20th October, 2021 (<u>https://tinyurl.com/bdhe8ntm</u>)
 Press Release dtd. 6.5.2022 (<u>https://tinyurl.com/y23rmkj9</u>)



SRTEPC Participation In Texworld New York City / Apparel Sourcing New York City / Home Textile Sourcing Fair In USA during July 2022

We are glad to inform you that the Council is organizing participation of Indian companies in Texworld New York City / Apparel Sourcing New York City / Home Textile Sourcing Fair in New York, USA from 19 to 21 July, 2022 and in association with Indian Mission in USA and support of Ministries of Textiles/Commerce & Industry under the MAI Scheme of Govt. of India for the year 2022-23. The Venue of the Fair will be at Javits Convention Center, 655 West 34th Street, New York City, USA. The Organizers of the Fair are Messe Frankfurt, Inc., 3200 Windy Hill Road, Suite 500, West Atlanta, Georgia 30339, USA

Product on Display : Fabrics, Apparel, (Cotton, Findings, Trims+Accessories, Novelties, Tailoring, Denim, Functional Fabrics, Print, Technology Services, Embroidery+Laces, Jacquard, Shirtings, Wool, Faux Fur, Knits, Silk, Wovens, Fibers, Linens, Silk Aspects, & Home Textile items like – Bed bed linen | bedroom products | quilts | throws | blankets | pillows | bed fillings ; Bath terry goods | toweling | shower curtains | bath mats | carpets | bathroom accessories ; Table Linen table coverings | table decorations | non-textile table cloth ; Floor Coverings carpets | floor coverings | rugs | doormats (textile & non-textile) ; Window furnishing fabrics | curtains & curtain accessories | window blinds | sun protection ; Fabric furniture fabrics | decorative fabrics | cushions & pouffes ; Kitchen Linen kitchen linen | kitchen wear ; Walls wallpaper & wall coverings | accessories ; Design & Technology design studio | technology

<u>Participation fee</u>: Rs. 3.15 Lakhs for a furnished stall of 9 sqm (subsidized rate), 2 sides open booth will be available with an additional cost of USD 500, which will be charged upon allocation.

For more details, you can contact Ms. Ramitha Shetty, Assistant Director, E-mail; ramita@srtepc.in

Feedback/Suggestions of Exhibitors in Source India 2022

The three-day textile exhibition 'Source India 2022' organized by The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council from March 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2022 was successful even as the pandemic was slowly slimming down. More than 50 exhibitors from across the country participated in the exhibition. Textile industry sources said the scope of export is much brighter for India since the majority of buyers are not going to China. Even the Chinese suppliers are not in a position to supply orders on time and at old rates. The feedback/suggestions given by our Exhibitors is given below:

Mr. Sarth Sadh, CEO of Ajantha Silk Mills Pvt Ltd. ... All the arrangements were very good

Mr. Mukesh Gedia of Reliance Ind. Ltd.Entry should be open for international buyers and not restricted

Mr. Kamal Desai of Garden Silk Mills Pvt. Ltd...... Well done. Excellent arrangements

Mr. Akash Sanghai of ASTEX......To bring more Buyers from European Countries as well

Mr. Ankur Thorat of Grasim Industries Ltd.....Apart from Invitees, other potential buyers should also be allowed to visit the Fair.

Mr. Devendra Kumar of **Shree Durga Syntex Pvt. Ltd.**As of now 50% of the Visitors are observed Potential but ensure at least 90% Visitors to be potential. Should have more Buyers in Home Textiles too

Mr. Bharat T. Gandhi of The Surat Art Silk Cloth Manufacturers Association... Everything is Perfect, Already developed good contacts

Mr. Atul Tandon of **Wellknown Polyesters Ltd.....** The Council should try to call more buyers from Polyester buying countries and preferably new buyers

Mr. Madhav Mundra, Director of Value Added Fashion Fabric (P) Ltd.....All arrangements done at the fair is fabulous

Mr. Brijmohan Taparia of **Texperts India Pvt. Ltd.**.....Washroom cleanliness could be better. Could have given booth on 17th March, Buyers not available for B2B session as per Schedule for the cost of Time & Resource spent to attend the event, the exposure to the buyers (Quantity & Quality) could be much better.

Mr. Najender Singh Rathore, President (Exports) of Saam Textiles Pvt. Ltd......Fabric Consumer Must be Increased



Export Conclave Organised On Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)

An Export Conclave was held with Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS, Director General of Foreign Trade in Mumbai to understand the EXIM fraternity's perspective and invite suggestions for a new growth-oriented Foreign Trade Policy. This conclave was organised by FIEO on 12thMay, 2022. Shri S.B.S. Reddy, Addl. DGFT and other officials from RA (Mumbai) were also present. The Conclave was attended by Ms. Ramitha Shetty, Assistant Director and Ms. Annie D'Souza, Executive along with some of the Council's members-exporters and representatives from other Export Promotion Councils.



Welcoming the Chief Guest Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS, DGFT

Dignitaries on the dais

In his opening remarks, Shri Sarangi welcomed the EXIM community from the Western Region, Mumbai and complimented them for being the flag bearers of commercial activities in the country since the lion share of exports happens from Mumbai. He congratulated the exporters for their hard work and resilience in achieving merchandise exports of US\$ 419.6 billion and Service exports of US\$ 254 billion in 2021-22, well before the target datedespite the pandemic. He added that, the percentage in GDP works out to be a little under 23% and urged the exporters to push their effort and to ensure exports in GDP to remain around 25 - 27%. Expressing his concerns on exports, he further mentioned that most of the Developed economies managed to keep exports as part of their GDP at around 25 - 27% and that should be Indian exporters ambition. "As we aspire to become a US\$ 5Trillion economy, we have to ensure that our exports are in the range of US\$1250 to 1300 Billion", said DGFT.



DGFT addressing the gathering

He identified some of the key reasons for growth in exports being rise in commodity prices, rise in freight cost, rise in insurance cost which could have contributed in some way to the growth in exports but they may be amounting to a little. He commended the exporters for adapting themselves as per the changing market situations and still remaining, competitive in the global markets. He highlighted the challenges faced by exporters which included non-availability of multiple funds, tightening the supply chain bottlenecks and logistics/ infrastructure bottlenecks.

The DGFT informed about various efforts undertaken by the Govt. of India and Dept. of Commerce (DoC) to promote hand holding support to boost exports. He also informed about the intention of DoC to restructure itself to make it in sync with the changing global trading scenario and changing requirements of trade/exporters. Other initiatives that were informed included creation of a Trade

Promotion Vertical which will have domestic and overseas interface, reducing logistics cost to 8-9 percent, developing domain expertise in the Negotiation sector as well as in Bilateral/ Multilateral Negotiation Mechanism, signing more Free Trade Agreements, initiating the Scheme of Districts as Export Hub, Conducting District/State outreach programmes, working on the Data Integration and Data Analytics, Providing Financing/Non-financing support to the Districts, simplifying documentation process, co-ordination across Govt. Agencies to get information of exporters, to explore new and difficult markets, etc. He even mentioned that they have engaged top IT companies for doing the facilitation work on the DGFT website. He further mentioned that DGFT Vertical will become more of a facilitating body and this facility body will work with the members of Trade.



DGFT interacting with the EXIM community

Dr. Ajay Sahai, Director General and CEO (FIEO) on behalf of all EPCs including SRTEPCmade a brief presentation on issues of the industry and the suggestions which may be included while formulating the new Foreign Trade Policy. Following were the main points/suggestions in the presentation made by him:

- · Removal of the requirement of certification of supply invoice by RAs under deemed exports
- Revision of the RoDTEP rates for the entire MMF Textilevalue chain
- Extension of RoDTEP benefits to Advance Authorization holders/EOU and SEZ units
- To grant MEIS benefits on S/Bills filed before 31.12.2020 but LEO date after 1.1.2021
- Extending validity of Duty Credit Scripsfrom 12 to 24 months
- To recommend banks to allow Third Party payments in any other foreign currency
- To allow export benefits to payments received in Rouble
- Simplification of the procedures under EPCG
- Lowering the Skyrocketing freight charges

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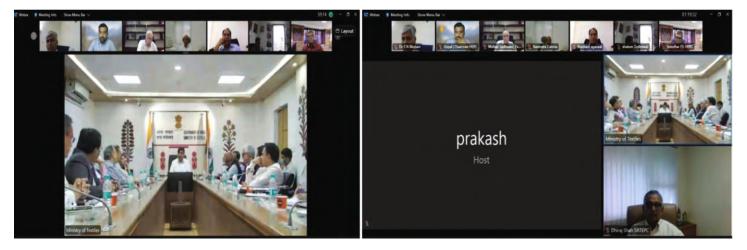
- To give retrospective effect of DGFT Notification No.53 dated 10.1.2019 for withdrawing pre-import conditions and simplified procedure thereon to avoid litigations
- Provision of a single window for filing applications to amend authorizations/revalidation
- Extension of Export Obligation Period to avoid delay in multiple submissions/cost
- To extend the size limit of files to be uploaded on DGFT portal
- Removal of the procedure for declaration of Intent on Shipping Bill for claiming RoDTEP,
- Availability of an option in the DGFT Portal to avoid hurdles in getting the Certificate of Origin issued, Inclusion of the entire MMF Textile value chain under the Interest Equalisation Scheme and enhancing the IES to 5%,
- To give double weightage for smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses,
- Consideration of Textile Job works as a Manufacturing activity,
- Support for the promotion of the Indian Textiles globally etc.

In his concluding remarks DGFT stated that the session was very useful and beneficial to all the members of Trade and suggestions given by EPCs has added value to it. He informed the exporters to take advantage of the PM Gati Shakti programme which aimed at identifying the different bottlenecks across various Sectors. On E-Commerce he said that the Govt. of India has taken an initiative to create an UPI in E-Commerce site called ONDC. It is a digital interface which would provide a platform to different kinds of E-Commerce players, different kind of delivery services to come on board and provide cost effective and readymade solutions to sellers in India. In this way, small exporters will be benefitted and will be able to access global markets through ONDC with all the players who are part of the world list.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Meeting on Stakeholder Consultation on Launch of PLI 2.0 for Textiles Sector

A meeting on Stakeholder Consultation on Launch of PLI 2.0 for Textiles Sector was held on 17th May, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary Textiles. The meeting was attended physically by Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director of SRTEPC. It was also held virtually and was attended by SRTEPC Chairman, Shri Dhiraj Raichand Shah, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Vice-Chairman, Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal, Former Chairman, and COA members; Shri Narendra Dalmia, Strata Geosystems, Shri Shaleen Toshniwal, Banswara Syntex Limited, Shri Subhash Chand Goyal, Mahendra Cotton Mills, Shri Siddharth Kusumgar, Kusumgar Corporation, Shri Aziz A. Valiulla, Kausar Textiles, Shri S. N. Modani, Sangam India and Shri Kripabar Baruah, SRTEPC Additional Director.



During the meeting, Shri S. Balaraju, ED SRTEPC raised the following points: (i) The investment threshold should be Rs. 25 crores (ii) In line with other segments having PLI Scheme, the incremental growth should be around 10% (iii) Not to consider any condition imposing formation of new company for the purpose of investment (iv) To consider knitted fabrics also in the Scheme (v) As Data unavailability is a major challenge, hence, proper mechanism is required for tracking real time data. He also suggested that there may be changes in trading of the notified HS lines in this fashion world and, therefore, requirement of more HS lines in order to enable the applicant to have sufficient flexibility.

India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit: Unleashing the Gold Era

The Hon'ble Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal and Economy Minister of United Arab Emirates Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri inaugurated India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit organized by CII on 13th May, 2022 at Hotel Taj Mahal Palace Mumbai. Both leaders also launched India-UAE start-up bridge to boost trade and commerce between the two countries. Speaking at the inaugural session, Mr. Piyush Goyal said, India and UAE have huge potential to work together and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will significantly open the doors to a plethora of markets across the globe and help in building a future ready, more robust and resilient bilateral partnership.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food& Public Distribution, his Keynote Address

HE Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri, Hon'ble Minister of Economy, GOI delivering UAE delivering his Keynote Address



SRTEPC Officials and COA Members

India UAE CEPA: Unleashing the Golden Era

The Minister said that the India-UAE partnership is best defined by its tagline 'Openness, Opportunity and Growth' and asserted that the trade between the two countries is expected to grow to at least US\$100 billion dollars in the near future. Now, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from both countries will have access to know about the start-up ecosystem. It will help in capacity building of incubators, incubation opportunities for start-up, he said.

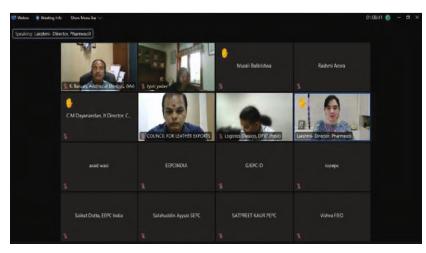
UAE Economy Minister Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri said that India and UAE will be the defining trade partnership of the future. UAE is second largest exporter to India. CEPA gives good opportunities for Indian companies to expand their reach in UAE.

The India-UAE CEPA shared objective is to promote new trade, investment and innovation dynamic in diverse sectors, including economy, energy, climate action, emerging technologies, skills and education, food security, health care and defence and security.

The Meeting was attended by Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director, SRTEPC, COA Members. Shri Naresh Jain, Shri Sailesh Goenka and Shri Kripabar Baruah, Additional Director, SRTEPC.

Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on TBT Chapter for upcoming India-EU and India-Canada FTA Negotiation

A Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on TBT Chapter for upcoming India-EU and India-Canada FTA Negotiation was held on 20th May, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Ms. Jyoti Yadav, Deputy Secretary, DoC. The meeting was attended by Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Shri Kripabar Baruah, Additional Director. The Council informed regarding the smooth bilateral MMF textiles trade between India and EU and between India and Canada and informed that there are no serious issues to be highlighted as per the feedback received from member-exporters. Council informed that if any issues with regards to exports to EU markets and Canada are received from the Members, the same will be informed to the DoC.



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- Call DGFT Helpdesk on Toll Free Nos. 1800-572-1550 /1800-11-1550.
- Raise a Helpdesk ticket by navigating to DGFT website (<u>https://dgft.gov.in</u>)>>><u>Services</u>>>><u>DGFT Helpdesk</u> <u>Service</u>.
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SRTEPC'S Services to Indian Exporters



- Introduces Exporters to appropriate Overseas Buyers
- Provides up-to-date information and identifies potential markets for them
- Organises Export Promotion Programmes like Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets in various overseas markets.
- Organising Reverse Buyer Seller Meets every year by which the overseas buyers are brought to India to discuss business with members
- Provides Grant for Market Access Initiative subsidy towards airfare for participation in promotional programmes like Exhibition/Fairs abroad (Member of the Council for the last year one year is a must)
- Conducts Workshops, Seminars to keep exporters abreast of latest development in policy/procedural matters, international trends, marketing strategies, government schemes, etc.
- Assist the exporters on Import-Export Policy and Procedures
- Resolve their problems about shipping and transport
- Maintain liaison with the Government authorities to convey the requirements of the industry and trade and help to bring about appropriate policy changes.
- Facilitates free display of samples at Council's Trade Centre in Mumbai and Surat frequented by overseas buyers and Trade Delegations
- Resolves problems of members connected with DGFT, Customs/Central Excise, GST, ROSL, Duty Drawback, Banking, ECGC, etc.
- Provides information on the trends for product development and adaptation to suit the overseas market requirements
- Issues export turnover certificates and certificate of origin.
- Visa facilitation to visit specified markets to discuss business with their target customers.
- Publication of Newsletter and regular circulars/letters to keep them aware of the activities of the Council and trade information.
- Collection and dissemination of Industry / Trade statistics to help members make their export strategy for export.
- Dissemination of information on foreign markets/emerging trends and trade enquiries
- Make them aware about different Anti Dumping duties as applicable in respective markets. From time to time also inform them about Sunset Reviews and give them timely information on questionnaire to be filled in, etc.
- Forex updates on WhatsApp.

If Undelivered, return to: The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council Resham Bhavan, 78, Veer Nariman Road, Mumbai - 400 020.