


10th Asian Textile Conference (ATEXCON) Reimagining the Textile and Apparel Industry for the Next Decade

Wednesday, 17th August 2022

Hotel Shangri-La Eros, Janpath, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

0900 Hrs	Registration and Welcoming the Delegates	
1030 – 1058 HRS		
THEME SESSION: Reimagining the Textile and Apparel Industry for the Next Decade		
1030 Hrs	Indian National Anthem	
1031 Hrs	Welcome Address	Shri T. Rajkumar Chairman Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
1036 Hrs	Lighting of the Lamp by the Dignitary	
1037 Hrs	Address by	Shri H.K. Agarwal Managing Director Grasim Industries Ltd., Aditya Birla Group
1039 Hrs	Roadmap for the Next Decade	Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
1045 Hrs	Special Address by the Guest of Honour	Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways
1055 Hrs	Vote of Thanks	Shri Rakesh Mehra Deputy Chairman Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
1058 Hrs: BREAK		







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1100 – 1200 HRS

SESSION I: REBUILDING INDIA'S TEXTILE & APPAREL INDUSTRY

- Present status of the Indian T&A Industry
- Various disruptions which are being faced by the Indian T&A Industry
- Changes in consumption trends globally
- Enhancing India's competitiveness of T&A products by achieving economies of scale using concepts like Industry 4.0
- Aligning T&A Industry's future plans with Government policies
- Future Roadmap for the Indian T&A industry

1100 Hrs	Chairman	Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
	Panel Discussion	
	Opening Remarks by the Moderator	Mr. Arvind Singhal Chairman, Technopak Advisors
		Mr. Gautam Nair Chairman – Export Promotion Committee, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)
		Mr. Sunil Patwari Vice Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)
		Mr. Bhadresh Dodhia Vice Chairman, The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC)
		Mr. Lokesh Parashar Federation of Buying Agents (FBA)
1150 Hrs	Q&A Session and Summing up by the Moderator	
1200 HRS: BREAK		

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1205 – 1300 HRS

SESSION II: CHANGING TRENDS IN ASIAN TEXTILE & APPAREL TRADE

- *Deliberate on best practices which have helped countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam to emerge as a leading manufacturer of T&A products*
- *Deliberate on roles of the Government and Industry in bringing out various policy reforms*
- *What policies India can adopt and learn from its neighbouring countries*
- *What are the various areas in which Asian countries can emerge mutually to attract more global investors/ buyers*
- *How can Asian countries collaborate and compete with emerging concepts like onshoring and re-shoring?*

1205 Hrs	Chairman	Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh, IAS Special Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
	Panel Discussion	
	Opening Remarks by the Moderator	Dr. Christian Schindler Director General, International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF)
	Panelists	Mr. Justin Huang President, Taiwan Textile Federation
Mr. Aroon Hirdaramani Chairman Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association Executive Director, Hirdaramani Group		
Mr. Rakesh Vazirani Head - Sustainability Services, Business Unit Products, TUV Rheinland		
	Mr. Shivendra Parmar Senior Manager- Technical, Softline TUV Rheinland	
1250 Hrs	Q&A Session and Summing up by the Moderator	

1300 HRS: LUNCH BREAK




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1345 – 1445 HRS







SESSION III: DIGITIZATION, AUTOMATION & INNOVATION IN TEXTILES & APPAREL INDUSTRY

- Deliberate on Automation & Innovation techniques being used in the Global T&A Industry
- Cost implication of Digitization, Automation & Innovation for T&A Industry
- Various challenges being faced by Indian T&A Industry in adopting to Digitization, Automation & Innovation
- Viability of introducing automation and managing highly dependent workforce on this industry

1345 Hrs	Chairperson	Smt Prajakta L Verma, IAS Joint Secretary Ministry of Textiles
	Panel Discussion	
	Opening Remarks by the Moderator	Mr. Navdeep Sodhi Partner, Gherzi Textil
	Panelists	Mr. Ashwin Chandran Vice Chairman, CITI & MD, Precot Ltd.
		Mr. Prabir Jana Shahi Chair Professor, Industry 4.0 at NIFT
		Mr. Joachim Hensch CEO, Mentor, Joachim Hensch Consulting, Germany
Mr. M. Sankar President – Textile Machinery Division Lakshmi Machine Works Ltd.		
	Mr. TVK Chaitanya Head-PMT Agri Department Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.	
1435 Hrs	Q&A Session and Summing up by the Moderator	
1445 HRS: BREAK		

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1445 – 1530 HRS		
INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL		
Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution		
1445 Hrs	Welcome Address	Mr. T. Rajkumar Chairman Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
1450 Hrs	Inauguration of the 10 TH ATEXCON and Keynote Address by the Chief Guest	Shri Piyush Goyal Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution
		Mr. H.K. Agarwal Managing Director Grasim Industries Ltd., Aditya Birla Group
		Mr. Sudhir Sekhri Vice Chairman – Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)
		Mr. Soundhar Rajhan K Director Operations Lakshmi Machine Works Ltd. (LMW)
		Mr. Kavish Dhanda MD – Yarn Business Trident Ltd.
		Mr. Neeraj Jain Joint Managing Director Vardhman Textiles Limited
		Dr. Christian Schindler Director General, International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF)
		Mr. Khaled Schuman Executive Director, Cotton Egypt Association
1525 Hrs	Signing of MOU between CITI & Cotton Egypt Association	
15.30 Hrs: TEA BREAK		


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1545 – 1630 HRS

SESSION IV: INDIA'S TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH MAJOR ECONOMIES

- Deliberate on how Indian textile companies can leverage on recently concluded and to be signed FTAs and enhance its export basket to US\$ 100 billion in the coming years.
- Deliberate on the product basket which India can offer to these nations
- Discussion on recent FTAs and their advantages to the actual exporters

1545 Hrs	Panel Discussion	
	Opening Remarks by the Moderator	Mr. Prashant Agarwal Jt. Managing Director, Wazir Advisors
	Panelists	Mr. Updeep Singh Chatrath President and CEO Sutlej Textiles and Industries Ltd.
		Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council
	Dr. Ram Singh HOD (Trade Operations & Logistics) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	
1620 Hrs	Q&A Session and Summing up by the Moderator	
1630 HRS: BREAK		










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1640 – 1730 HRS

SESSION V: SCALING UP CLEANER PRODUCTION WITH SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE SOLUTIONS

- Circularity has come up in a big way as a major tool to achieve sustainability. Deliberate on opportunities and challenges in adopting circularity - at production level and in the supply chain for overall product life cycle mapping
- Future roadmap for Indian T&A Industry for integrating Sustainability in the production, distribution, and procurement process
- Role of Govt and Brand in promoting sustainability

1640 Hrs	Panel Discussion	
	Opening Remarks by the Moderator	Mr. Ajay Sardana President & Head – Strategy & Business Development Reliance Industries Ltd.
	Panelists	Ms. Priyanka Khanna Head of Asia Expansion Fashion for Good
		Ms. Mridula Ramesh Executive Director Sundaram Climate Institute
		Mr. Khaled Schuman Executive Director, Cotton Egypt Association
		Mr. Prasanta Deka Head Market India Head Market & Product BG RMS Rieter India P. Ltd.
		Mr. Tatheer Zaidi General Manager-Pollution Management in MSMEs Solidaridad Network Asia
Mr. Farhad Vania Senior Portfolio Advisor GIZ India		
1720 Hrs	Q&A Session and Summing up by the Moderator	
17.30 Hrs	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ashwin Chandran Vice Chairman, CITI

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