



CITI TEXTILE SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS 2024 *26th February 2024, Bharat Mandapam, BharatTex24, New Delhi*

Report



On the 26th of February 2024, the presence of the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal, and Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, graced the CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024, marking a significant occasion in recognizing excellence within the industry, at Bharat Mandapam, BharatTex24.



CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024 Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest: Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

In his address, Shri Piyush Goyal commended the exemplary service of all involved in the textile sector, emphasizing the crucial role CITI has played in supporting various initiatives and fostering partnerships for progress and emphasized CITI's commitment to guiding the government and inspiring more individuals to join the textile industry, emphasizing teamwork and collective efforts in shaping the sector's roadmap. Recognizing CITI's unwavering support and impactful work for the industry, Shri Goyal commended their crucial role in fostering growth and employment opportunities within the textile sector, empowering the nation's youth. He further emphasized CITI's potential to not only serve the domestic market but also emerge as a global leader, expressing his sincere gratitude for their valuable contributions and guidance in shaping the industry's future.

With a vision for India's growth and prosperity, the Hon'ble Minister urged stakeholders to work together with a national spirit, ensuring that the textile industry continues to represent the nation's identity and prowess globally, "Let's all work together in oneness and supporting each other with a national spirit and understanding different elements of value chain and making sure textile industry represent the face of India across the world", opined the Hon'ble Minister.



Shri Rakesh Mehra, Chairman CITI felicitating the Chief Guest of CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024 Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Also seen in picture, Shri T. Rajkumar, Immediate Past Chairman, CITI



Mr. Ashwin Chandran, Deputy Chairman CITI, felicitating Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways. Also in picture, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, SG, CITI



Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways delivering the keynote address where she emphasized on the sector's commitment to sustainable practices

The CITI Textile Sustainability Awards featured **three** Interactive Sessions focusing on various aspects of sustainability in the textile industry:



The first session was moderated by **Dr. Arindam Basu, Director General, NITRA** and featured **Mr. K.K. Lalpuria, ED & CEO, Indo Count Industries** as a speaker. The session focused on **“Achieving Excellence: Green Practices & Innovative Material Management”**.



The Second interactive Session, **“Success Stories: Best Recyclers, HR Practitioners & Alternate Materials Use”**, was moderated by **Dr. Rajesh Bheda, Principal & CEO, Rajesh Bheda Consulting** and featured **Mr. Anil Jauhri, ex-CEO, NABCB**, **Mr. Marius Golden, Co-Founder and COO, Reverse Resources**, **Ms. Anjali Krishnan, Program Manager-Alternate Materials, IDH**, **Mr. Prithvi M. Krishnakumar, Jt. MD, Sulochana Cotton Spg. Mills**, **Mr. Deepak Goel, Director, Geetanjali Woollens** and **Mr. Suchira Surendranath, Director – Cross Country, Brandix Group** as speakers. Also seen in the picture (from Left) **Dr. Arindam Basu, DG, NITRA** and **Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, SG, CITI**.



The third Interactive Session, “Best Sustainable Retail Practices & Women Leading Sustainability and Social Impact”, was moderated by Mr. Prashant Agarwal, Jt. MD, Wazir Advisors and featured Mr. Raman Dutta, General Secretary, Brands & Sourcing Leaders Association, Dr. Rennie Joyy, Founder, Aalekh Foundation, Mr. Ashok Kumar Thanikonda, Senior Program Officer, Global Green Growth Institute, Mr. Sanjeev Grewal, Regional Business Director-SW Asia & ME, Amann Group, Ms. Nivedita Banerji, Founder, Kumbaya Producer Company as speakers.

The three Interactive Sessions were followed by presentations of Mr. Manu Gahlwot, Director-Softlines, Intertek and Mr. Khaled Schuman, Executive Director, Cotton Egypt Association.



Presentation by Mr. Manu Gahlwot, Director-Softlines, Intertek on Sustainable Retail Practices



Presentation by Mr. Khaled Schuman, Executive Director, Cotton Egypt Association on Integrating Sustainability in the Production, Distribution and Procurement Process

CITI felicitated Kumuda as the "Most Inspiring Women Entrepreneur - CircularTextiles".



Kumuda recipient of the "Most Inspiring Women Entrepreneur - Circular Textiles" in CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024 with Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Shri Rakesh Mehra, Chairman CITI, Shri, Ashwin

Chandran, Deputy Chairman, CITI, and Shri T. Rajkumar, Immediate Past Chairman, CITI

CITI congratulates all the winners of the CITI Birla Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards and the CITI Textile Sustainability Awards and applauds their dedication to innovation, sustainability, and social responsibility. CITI also extends heartfelt appreciation to the award partners, Reverse Recyclers, IDH, Brands & Sources Leaders Association, Aalekh Foundation, and Rajesh Bheda Consulting and Intertek, for their valuable contribution in recognizing and supporting these outstanding achievements.

CITI Birla Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards

1. Best Practices adopted by Textile Mills especially in Social Responsibility & Green Practices
 - Winner: Indo Count Industries Ltd.
 - 1st Runner Up: Pratibha Syntex Ltd.
2. Innovative Material Management in Textile Mills
 - Winner: Indo Count Industries Ltd.
 - 1st Winner up: Jeyavishnu Clothing Pvt. Ltd.

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3. Best Recyclers
 - Winner: Geetanjali Woolens Pvt. Ltd.
 - 1st Runner up: Sulochana Cotton Spinning Mills Pvt. Ltd.
 - 2nd Runner Up: Kakkar Spinning Mills
4. Best Alternate Materials Use:
 - Winner: Sulochana Cotton Spinning Mills Pvt. Ltd.
 - 1st Runner Up: Conserve India
 - 2nd Runner Up: Reliance Industries Ltd.
5. Best Sustainable Retail Practices:
 - Winner: Amann Sewing & Embroidery Threads Pvt. Ltd
 - 1st Runner Up: Raymond UCO Denim – Everblue Apparel Ltd.
 - 2nd Runner Up: Indo Count Industries Ltd.
6. Best Women Entrepreneurs- Leading Sustainability and Social Impact
 - Winner: Kumbaya Producer Company Limited
 - 1st Runner Up: Saahas Waste Management Pvt. Ltd
 - 2nd Runner Up: 23:23 Designs & Sourcing
7. Best HR Practices
 - Winner: Brandix Apparel India Pvt Ltd.
 - 1st Runner Up: Teejay India Pvt. Ltd.
 - 2nd Runner Up: Pratibha Syntex Ltd.

CITI congratulates the Awardees once again!

The CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024 honored **four** exemplary individuals for their invaluable contributions to the textile industry. Shri B.K. Patodia, a pioneer in opening international markets and promoting export excellence, was recognized alongside Late Dr. Rajaram Jaipuria, who dedicated over 50 years to the industry and championed sustainable cotton development initiatives. Dr. Krishnaraj Vanarvarayar, known for his leadership in various textile segments and his role in shaping industry policies, and Shri Prem Malik, instrumental in establishing skill development programs and forging international partnerships, were also honoured for their lasting impact. Some glimpses of the Exemplary Awards presented by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution:



Mr. Umang Patodia, son of Shri B K Patodia receiving the Exemplary Service to the Textile Industry Award on behalf of Shri B.K. Patodia, Past Chairman, CITI & Chairman, GTN Textiles Ltd.



Mr. Saket Jaipuria, grandson of Dr. Rajaram Jaipuria and Executive Director, Ginni Filaments receiving the Exemplary Service to the Textile Industry Award on behalf of Late Dr Rajaram Jaipuria, Past Chairman, CITI & CMD, Ginni Filaments Ltd.



Mr Shankar Vanavarayar, son of Dr Krishnaraj Vanavarayar receiving the Exemplary Service to the Textile Industry Award on behalf of Dr Krishnaraj Vanavarayar, Past Chairman, CITI & Chairman, Sri Sakthi Textiles Ltd.



Shri K.K. Lalpuria, Executive Director & CEO, Indo Count Industries Ltd. receiving the Exemplary Service to the Textile Industry award on behalf of Shri Prem Malik, Past Chairman, CITI & Vice Chairman, NSL Textiles Ltd.

In closing, Mr. Ashwin Chandran, Deputy Chairman of CITI, extended his heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce, and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, the Textile Minister, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, all participants, organizers, and sponsors for a successful and inspiring CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024.



Vote of thanks by Mr. Ashwin Chandran, Deputy Chairman of CITI

Glimpses of the CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2024!



























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