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Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Theme: “KAPAS KI ADHIK UPAJ, SHUDH UPAJ”

Chief Guest



Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

Hon'ble Vice President of India

Guest of Honour



Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture
and Farmers Welfare



Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Union Minister of
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CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations

“KAPAS KI ADHIK UPAJ, SHUDH UPAJ”

Tuesday, 12th April 2022, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi



Inauguration by Chief Guest
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
Hon'ble Vice-President of India



Shri Piyush Goyal
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Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Hon'ble Union Minister of
Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare



Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh
Hon'ble Minister of State for
Textiles & Railways

Guest of Honour

Presentation of Awards to the Leading Scientists & Cotton Farmers of
CITI-CDRA (Cotton Development & Research Association) Project Areas
by **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** Hon'ble Vice President of India

**Release of the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry
Coffee Table Book - "Millennial Shades of Cotton"**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Inaugural Session
- Meeting the needs of the Textile Manufacturers: Innovation and Sustainability for cotton in the world supply chain
- CITI-CDRA Cotton Collaborative Project - “KAPAS KI ADHIK UPAJ, SHUDH UPAJ”
- Next Revolution in Cotton Farming
- Cotton Futures & Importance of Global Contracts
- Valedictory Session

CITI-CDRA Activities & Highlights

Present Achievements

- ✓ Increase in the cotton production from 1.75 lakh bales in 2008-09 to about 13 lakh bales in 2020-21 in Rajasthan
- ✓ Increase in the cotton yield from 212 lint kg/ha in 2008-09 to about 940 lint kg/ha in 2020-21 in the project areas in Rajasthan
- ✓ Implementing CITI-CDRA projects to increase the cultivation and production of extra-long staple cotton (ELS) in Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ Utilization of cotton stalk residues in Maharashtra instead of burning them
- ✓ Lint based marketing of cotton in Maharashtra

Future Perspectives

- ✓ Training, demonstration and awareness to increase the extra-long staple cotton production
- ✓ To increase the area of cotton cultivation in Chittorgarh district, Rajasthan
- ✓ To increase the CITI-CDRA project areas in additional districts and states
- ✓ Field level demonstrations for training of better cotton cultivation

Women's Empowerment

- ✓ Value addition of agro-residues and mushroom cultivation to start up women's business.
- ✓ Mass awareness and training to women's for better cotton cultivation.

Cotton Project Coverage

Particulars	Maharashtra	Madhya Pradesh	Rajasthan	Total
Clusters	72	45	208	325
Villages	290	1792	3211	5293
Area (Hect)	159005	245733	228583	631321
Farmers	85022	173288	328425	586735
Districts	4	4	8	16



Shri P. D. Patodia
Chairman CITI-CDRA Standing
Committee on Cotton



Shri Prem Malik
Co-Chairman CITI-CDRA
Standing Committee on Cotton



Shri T. Rajkumar
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Shri Ashwin Chandran
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Friends, on behalf of the entire Textile and Clothing Industry of India, I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal Ji, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshan Vikram Jardosh Ji, and the Secretary (Textiles), Shri Upendra Prasad Singh Ji, IAS and other senior government officials for withdrawing 11% import duty on cotton from 14th April 2022 to 30th September 2022. This has come as a big relief for the entire cotton textile value chain, create a level playing field in the global market and also mitigate the cotton shortage that the industry likely to face during the off-season.

I met the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways under the banner of National Committee on Textiles and Clothing (NCTC) along with Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), Chairman, The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) and President, Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA) and apprised the Hon'ble Ministers about the issues cropping up due to the non-availability of quality cotton to the domestic players at competitive prices.

We apprised the Hon'ble Ministers about the shortage of quality cotton on the backdrop of declining domestic cotton production during the current cotton season and the increased T&C Industry's demand for cotton and an estimated export of 50 lakh bales. We appealed to the Hon'ble Ministers that the duty-free import will not exceed beyond 40 lakh bales in the current season. Moreover, as the cotton farmers have already sold their cotton crop of present season and are preparing for sowing for the next season, allowing duty-free import of cotton will not affect the cotton farmers. Against this background, the Government has removed the import duty on cotton.

Friends, CITI organised CITI-CDRA's Golden Jubilee Celebrations for completing 50 years of its service to the textile sector with great fervour and enthusiasm in the august presence of the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshan Vikram Jardosh, and the Secretary (Textiles), Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS in the Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The theme of CITI-CDRA's Golden Jubilee Celebrations was "Kapas Ki Adhik Upaj, Shudh Upaj". The Hon'ble Vice President congratulated CITI-CDRA for completing 50 years of its service to the nation, conferred appreciation awards upon the best cotton scientists and cotton farmers in CITI-CDRA project areas and also released a Coffee Table Book – 'Millennial Shades of Cotton'.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles delivered the KeyNote Address in the Inaugural Session while in the Valedictory Session the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways delivered the Valedictory Address and Special Address, respectively.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways felicitated Cotton Scientists and Cotton Farmers by presenting Shawls



and also conferred Life Time Achievement Awards upon Shri P.D. Patodia, Chairman, Shri Prem Malik, Co-Chairman, and Shri Suresh Kotak, Member, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton for their outstanding work towards cotton development in CITI-CDRA project areas of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The Hon'ble Ministers also gave away CITI Birla Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards to M/s. Vardhman Spinning & General Mills Ltd. (Covid-19 and Equipping the Textiles and Clothing Workforce) and M/s. Pratibha Syntex Ltd. (Sustainable and Innovative Manufacturing in the Textile Mills) for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively.

I thanked His Excellency for advocating launch of Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 to address the dire needs of the cotton farmers and the T&C Industry. The stagnated cotton yield in the past few years and various policy initiatives and the opportunities emerged post-COVID scenario have accelerated the business growth of the cotton textile value chain. As a result, T&C Industry is anticipating shortage of 40-50 lakh bales of cotton during the current season, which is likely to increase further in the coming years. To deal with increasing demand and work towards developing India's cotton yield, I have appealed to the Government to implement the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 at the earliest which will help the Indian cotton industry to increase its cotton yield at least to the tune of 750 kgs per hectare in the medium term.

CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations had four technical sessions which deliberated upon the various crucial aspects of the cotton textile value chain. The current edition of Textile Times is dedicated on CITI-CDRA's Golden Jubilee Celebrations and will cover a detailed report on the entire event.

The Government has approved 61 proposals received under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the Textile Sector. The Scheme is intended to attract an investment of Rs.19,077 crore from the approved applications and the projected turnover is expected to be around Rs.184,917 crore with a proposed employment to 240,134 people.

The quick estimates released by DGCI&S for the month of March' 2022, reveals that the exports of Textile products during March' 2022 stood at US\$ 2,249 million from US\$ 1,943 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a growth of 15.74%. The exports of Apparel products stood at US\$1,740 million from US\$ 1,426 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a growth of 22.05%. Overall, the textiles and apparel exports stood at US\$ 3,990 million from US\$ 3,369 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a growth of 18.41%. Similarly, on the cumulative front, the exports of Textile products during April' 2021- March' 2022 stood at US\$ 25,297 million from US\$ 17,204 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering an outstanding growth of 47.04%. The exports of Apparel products stood at US\$ 16,016 million from US\$ 12,272 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a sizeable growth of 30.50%. Overall, the textiles and apparel exports stood at US\$ 41,313 million from US\$ 29,477 million in the corresponding period of previous year, registering a steep growth of 40.15%.

Friends, we could resolve several long pending issues in the last two years as we could stand united and I look forward to have the continued support and cooperation from all the stakeholders in the entire textile value chain in all our future endeavours. We need to wait for the cotton market forces to stabilise as we have shortage of cotton both in the international and domestic cotton. I am confident that the situation would soon ease out as the traders hoarding the cotton would start liquidating the stock once the new cotton starts arriving in the market. I hope, the Government would extend the duty removal period beyond September 2022 as the cotton price in the new season would continue to rule much higher than the minimum support price. I am also happy to note that there is a significant shift towards man made fibres and their blends that might soon bridge the gap in the supply and demand position of cotton.

T. Rajkumar

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Cotton is not only the mainstay of the Indian Textile & Apparel Industry but also one of the most important cash crops for the Indian Economy which plays a major role in sustaining the livelihood of an estimated 6.5 million cotton farmers and over 25 million people involved in the manufacturing of various textile products out of the home-grown cotton, thus, making cotton fiber the backbone of the Indian economy.

India is the largest producer of cotton in the world accounting for about 23% of the World's cotton production. However, the fact that this production is coming from about 38% acreage of the world is quite worrisome for the Indian economy. Even though, the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) 1.0 enabled the country to increase its cotton productivity from about 275 kgs lint per hectare to about 585 kgs, however, after closure of the scheme in 2012, the industry could not sustain the same growth momentum. Today, while the competing countries like China, Brazil, and Turkey are able to achieve cotton yields as high as 1800 kg lint per hectare, Indian yield, on the other hand, has been stagnated to around 460 to 480 kg lint per hectare since past few years. Moreover, our cotton quality is also deteriorating when compared to the international fibre qualities, thus affecting both the farmers and the textile industry.

Since last one year, cotton prices have been skyrocketing which is not just eroding the cost competitiveness of the Indian downstream industry but has made it difficult for the industry to source cotton to meet its daily demand. Since last one year, T&A Industry had been demanding to withdraw the 11% import duty on Cotton (5% Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and 5% Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC), including 10% Social Welfare Cess (SWC) on both) which was imposed during the Union Budget 2021-22. The Industry wholeheartedly welcome and thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the Government of India for the recent decision to withdraw 11% import duty on cotton from 14th April 2022 to 30th September 2022. This step will definitely help the entire textile value chain to fight not only the steep increase in the cotton price but also to meet the requirement of specialty cotton (extra-long-staple cotton, organic cotton, coloured cotton, etc.) to manufacture high-end products for their niche markets in advanced countries.

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry's (CITI) extension arm Cotton Development & Research Association (CDRA) has been working towards improving India's cotton yield by creating awareness about the latest farm practises and equipping the farmers with the technologies for sustaining cotton production thus indirectly working towards improving the socio-economic status of Indian Cotton farmers. At present, CITI-CDRA is actively working in the various districts of the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

To mark the celebrations of 50 glorious years of CITI-CDRA to the Indian cotton sector, a grand mega event themed: "Kapas ki Adhik Upaj, Shudh Upaj" was organised by CITI on 12th April 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan.

We are indeed grateful to His Excellency, Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji for inaugurating the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The Hon'ble Vice President called upon the Government to renew the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improve seed technology, increase cotton yield, adopt global best practices, produce clean and high-quality cotton and brand it better to improve the farmers' income and enhance the global competitiveness of the Indian Textile and Apparel Industry. On this special occasion, His Excellency released the CITI Coffee Table Book - "Millennial Shades of Cotton", which captures the historical backdrop of the cotton fibre to the present and also presented Awards to the Leading Scientists & Farmers of CITI-CDRA Project Areas for their commendable work.

We profusely thank the Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal ji for delivering the Key Note Address. The Hon'ble Union



Minister stated that the Indian farmers are very talented and are also very capable. However, like farmers of other advanced countries, Indian farmers need to be tech-savvy to learn and implement the best farming practices to enhance their cotton yield and production and also to make their crop sustainable in this competitive era.

We are extremely thankful to Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Tomar ji for delivering the Valedictory Address. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture stated that Cotton is one of the most important crops of India as it provides employment to millions of people and Government is continuously working towards not just improving the cotton cultivation in India but also for the progress of all farmers.

We also sincerely thank the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh for delivering the Special Address during the Valedictory Session. Hon'ble Minister of State stressed on the need for all the stakeholders across the cotton value chain to jointly work with the Government for the development of Indian cotton sector and thereby addressing the issues relating to cotton.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways felicitated Cotton Scientists and Cotton Farmers by presenting Shawls and also conferred Life Time Achievement Awards upon Shri P.D. Patodia, Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton, Shri Prem Malik, Co-Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton, and Shri Suresh Kotak, Member, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton for their outstanding work towards cotton development work in CITI-CDRA project areas of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways also presented the prestigious CITI's Birla Economic & Textile Research Award to M/s. Vardhman Spinning & General Mills Ltd. and M/s. Pratibha Syntex Ltd. for year 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively. I wholeheartedly congratulate all the Farmers and Award Winners for their great achievements.

We are also thankful to all the Senior Government officials, including Secretary (Textiles), Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary (Textiles), Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh, IAS, Textile Commissioner, Ms. Roop Rashi, IA&AS and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, The Cotton Corporation of India Limited, Shri Pradeep Kumar Agarwal, for being part of the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The event had 4 important Sessions and provided an effective forum for the senior Government officials, Policymakers, Trade experts, Scientists, Seed Developers, Industry leaders and various other stakeholders of the textile value chain to brainstorm, share and gain key insights on the present and future status of this important crop;

- Session I: Meeting the Needs of Textile Manufacturers: Innovation and Sustainability for Cotton in The World Supply Chain
- Session II: CITI-CDRA Cotton Collaborative Project – Kapas Ki Adhik Upaj, Shudh Upaj
- Session III: Next Revolution in Cotton Farming
- Session IV: Cotton Futures & Importance of Global Contracts

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the eminent speakers, chairpersons, moderators, and subject experts for the fruitful deliberations and expert opinions on making India a global hub for cotton production. I also express our sincere gratitude to all the Sponsors who have supported us in making the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

This edition of Textile Times is dedicated to CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations Event proceedings. I do hope that this edition will be relevant and interesting to our esteemed readers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITI-CDRA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

HELD AT VIGYAN BHAWAN ON 12TH APRIL 2022



Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India inaugurating the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 12, 2022

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry's (CITI) extension arm Cotton Development & Research Association (CDRA) which undertakes cotton development & research activities has completed 50 glorious years of its services to the Indian Cotton Sector and Indian economy as well. On this spectacular occasion, a grand event “**CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations – A Mega Event**” was organised by CITI at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 12th April 2022. The event was **inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji** while **Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal ji** delivered the **Keynote Address** in the Inaugural Session.

The event had four important Sessions and was concluded with the Valedictory Session. **The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji**





Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles delivering the KeyNote Address at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan on April 12, 2022

delivered the Valedictory Address while Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, delivered the Special Address in the Valedictory Session.

Many senior government officials, including Secretary (Textiles), Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary (Textiles), Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh, IAS, and Textile Commissioner, Ms. Roop Rashi, IA&AS were also part of the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

While inaugurating CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the Hon'ble Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji urged the Government to launch the

renewed Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC 2.0) to address the lower cotton productivity and quality issues prevalent in the home-grown cotton and enhance the cotton farmers' income in India. He expressed his concern over the present state that despite having around 39% of the world area under cotton cultivation and being the largest producer of cotton in the world, the country accounts for only 23% of the world's cotton production. He stated that it is a matter of great concern that the average yield per hectare of India is as low as 460 kgs as against the world average of around 800 kgs. He stressed on the urgent need for enhancing the global competitiveness of the Indian cotton textile industry by bringing Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0.



Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare delivering the Valedictory Address at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan on April 12, 2022



The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh delivering the Special Address during the Valedictory Address at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan on April 12, 2022

Hon'ble Vice President of India stated that the unique Technology Mission on Cotton launched by the former Hon'ble Prime Minister Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji enabled the cotton farmers to increase the cotton productivity and helped the nation emerge as the largest cotton producer in the world.

Noting the importance of the textile industry as the second-largest employment provider after agriculture and also as a major foreign exchange earner, the Hon'ble Vice President emphasized on improving cotton productivity, increasing mechanisation, upskilling the farmers by adopting global best farm practices, and handholding the small farmers to give a boost to cotton production.

The Hon'ble Vice President said, “we need to improve our seed technology, improve agronomy practices, increase yield, adopt global best practices, produce clean and high-quality cotton, and brand it better to enhance the farmers' income.”

The Hon'ble Vice President also stressed on the need to diversify into value-added cotton such as extra-long-staple cotton, sustainable cotton, organic cotton, and contamination-free cotton to grab the emerging global opportunities especially post Covid pandemic.

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal while delivering the KeyNote Address appreciated the contributions made by the textile industry in achieving the highest ever merchandise exports of US\$ 418 billion during the year 2021-22. Shri Goyal stated that to further boost the exports of textile products, the Government has

recently signed FTAs with UAE and Australia and is looking towards concluding the trade agreements with UK, EU and other middle-east countries.

Talking about his recent experience, the Hon'ble Union Minister stated that in countries like Australia, farmers are able to make use of data science and adopt the latest technologies like operating drones, advanced spray mechanisms, etc, to improve upon their farm production and urged the cotton farmers present in the function to not confine themselves to traditional farming rather emerge as agri-scientists. The Hon'ble Union Minister concluded by congratulating CITI-CDRA for doing outstanding work on the field of cotton development and also urged other research institutes to come forward and work towards developing a robust cotton ecosystem.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar while delivering the Valedictory Address stated that Cotton is one of the





Shri T. Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI delivering the Welcome Address at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 12, 2022

most important cash crops of India as it provides employment to millions of workforce, including 6.5 million cotton farmers. The Hon'ble Minister further stated that under the charismatic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, Government is continuously working for not just improving the cotton yield in India but also towards the overall development of all the farmers”.

The Hon'ble Union Minister stated that during the various Business Sessions of the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations, there has been a lot of serious brainstorming amongst the panelists on various aspects of cotton which can provide the basis for preparing a roadmap for the development of cotton and bring about a change.

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh in her Special Address stressed on the need for all the stakeholders across the cotton value chain to jointly work with the Government for the development of the Indian cotton sector and thereby address the issues relating to the cotton.

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles thanked all the stakeholders of the Textile & Apparel Industry for their contribution towards the achievement of the US\$ 418 bn merchandise export target for 2021-22. The Hon'ble Minister stated that the Government is aware of the industry's demand for the announcement of the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 and assured the stakeholders that the Government will take all the necessary policy measures for the holistic development of the Indian cotton sector.



Shri P.D. Patodia, Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman CITI, proposing Vote of Thanks at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations on April 12, 2022

CITI, Chairman, Shri T. Rajkumar in his welcome address thanked the Vice President of India for advocating the Government to launch the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 to address the dire needs of the cotton farmers and the T&C Industry. He cited the importance of quality cotton for the Indian T&C Industry. He expressed concerns over the stagnated cotton yield in the past few years. Shri Rajkumar informed that the various policy initiatives and the opportunities that emerged post-COVID scenario have accelerated the business growth of the cotton textile value chain and as a result industry is anticipating a shortage of 40-50 lakh bales of cotton during the current season and it is likely to increase further in the coming years.

To deal with this increasing demand and work towards developing India's cotton yield, Shri

○ **Release of the CITI Coffee Table Book - "Millennial Shades of Cotton"**

As a part of CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations, CITI brought out a Coffee Table Book - "Millennial Shades of Cotton", that captures the historical backdrop of the fibre through millennia, from pre-historic times to the present.

It also describes how technology has impacted cotton cultivation, global trade and conversion of cotton to value added products, its future growth paradigms. The book also highlights the pre-eminent role played by India in promoting the cotton cultivation.

The publication contains value added information on cotton and seminal articles written by the various industry experts, industry leaders, etc. The Coffee Table Book also sketches the activities of CITI-CDRA

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CITI-CDRA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION – A MEGA EVENT



Hon'ble Vice President releasing CITI's Coffee Table Book - "Millennial Shades of Cotton" at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations held in Vigyan Bhawan on April 12

Rajkumar appealed to the Government for implementing the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 at the earliest and help the cotton industry to increase its cotton yield at least to the tune of 750 kgs per hectare in the medium term.

Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman, CITI, Shri P.D. Patodia proposed Vote of Thanks in the Inaugural Session and he assured the Hon'ble Vice President and the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles that CITI-CDRA will leave no stone unturned towards the development of cotton fibre not only in its project areas but also in other parts of the country as well.

during the last 50 years in its entirety, while leaving a blueprint for its future activities.

The book has been conceptualized and reviewed by the former Secretary General of CITI Shri D.K. Nair and QUAD Investors Advisory LLP-New Delhi was the project implementing agency.

During the Inaugural Session the book was released by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji.



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Hon'ble Vice President Felicitating Scientists & Farmers of CITI CDRA at the CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations held in Vigyan Bhawan on April 12



- **Presentation of Awards to the Leading Scientists & Farmers of CITI-CDRA Project Areas**

During CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Leading Scientists & Cotton Farmers of CITI-CDRA Project Areas who performed their duties exceptionally well in the past few years were honoured by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu.



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○ **Life-Time Achievement Awards for Contribution Towards the Cotton Developmental Activities of CITI-CDRA**

For the immense contribution towards the development of Indian cotton sector, Life-Time Achievement Awards were conferred upon by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh in the august presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Tomar.

The Life-Time Achievement Awards were conferred upon the following personalities:

- Shri P.D. Patodia, Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman, CITI
- Shri Prem Malik, Co-Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman, CITI
- Shri Suresh Kotak, Member, Standing Committee on Cotton & Chairman, Kotak Ginning & Pressing Industries Ltd



Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh presenting life time achievement award to Shri Prem Malik, Co-Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman CITI



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CITI's Birla Economic & Textile Research Award Winners



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Textile Research Association of India. Due to unprecedented Covid-19 situation, awards could not be given for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21.

However, during CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations, CITI's Birla Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 were conferred upon by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh and Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

The following were the themes and the winners for the awards:

Year	Theme	Winner
2019-20	COVID-19 and equipping the Textiles and Clothing Workforce	Vardhman Spinning & General Mills Ltd.
2020-21	Sustainable and Innovative Manufacturing in Textile Mills	Pratibha Syntex Ltd.

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations were concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Deputy Chairman, CITI, Shri Rakesh Mehra wherein he thanked all the participants, sponsors, and the Organizing Committee for organizing such a mega event in such a short period of time. The event was attended by Government Officials, Trade Associations, Cotton Farmers from CITI-CDRA Project Areas, Textile Industry, and Academia from all over India and was a huge success.

SESSION 1: Meeting the needs of Textile Manufacturers: Innovation and Sustainability for Cotton in The World Supply Chain



Chairperson of the session	Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
Moderator	Mr. Rakesh Mehra, Deputy Chairman, CITI
Panelists	Mr. P.K. Agarwal, The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI)
	Mr. Narendra Goenka, Chairman Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)
	Mr. Raja M. Shanmugham, President, Tirupur Exports Association
	Dr. M. Ramasami CMD, Rasi Seeds (P) Ltd.
	Mr. Sunil Patwari, Vice Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)

The Session deliberated on the methods to be adopted for the production of sustainable cotton. The Session highlighted that Sustainability, Circularity, 3D Sampling and 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) are the need of the hour. According to the Panelists, India has been doing exceedingly well in achieving Sustainability. Tirupur cluster is one of the clusters that have done well in dealing with the energy crisis and have moderately shifted to a renewable source of energy along with the successful implementation of Zero Liquid Discharge. Sholapur cluster has made use of imported waste fibre/yarn from Bangladesh and generated new items out of it for selling domestically. The panelists were of the viewpoint that India has a lot of potential in creating sustainable solutions for the industry and the same needs to be adopted at each step of the value chain.

The panelists were impressed upon the idea of 3D sampling in Garmenting and how it is saving billions of freight costs and reducing wastage. They inferred that Fibre/ Yarn stage needs to reduce wastage, the Production stage needs to deal with the Energy crisis, whereas the final stage of Garmenting needs to adopt traceability technology as customers are now

demanding less use of child labour, pesticides and adoption of sustainable production measures including gender equality and fair wages. The panelists observed that the Fast Fashion era is soon coming to end.

Key Recommendations:

- 3D technology used for samples
- Concept of 3R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to be adopted
- Use of Renewable Energy should be promoted in all the clusters of India
- Importing Technology for producing Quality seeds would improve the cotton yield
- Publicity and Branding of Indian Cotton would fetch premium prices for the Indian Cotton.
- Recycling centres should be developed around garment clusters in order to recycle the fabric/ yarn waste generated in the clusters which can be further reused.

SESSION 2: CITI-CDRA Cotton Collaborative Project – Kapas Ki Adhik Upaj, Shudh Upaj



Chairman	Mr. P.D. Patodia Chairman of Standing Committee of Cotton of CITI-CDRA & Past Chairman, CITI
Panel Discussion	
Moderator	Mr. Prem Malik Co-Chairman, CITI CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman, CITI
Panelists	Mr. Prashant Mohota, Managing Director, Gimatex Industries Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Shreyaskar Chaudhary Managing Director, Pratibha Syntex Ltd
	Dr. S. Manickam, Principal Investigator (Plant Breeding) - AICRP on Cotton & Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research
	Mr. Lalit Mahajan, Corp. Raw Materials, Vardhman Textiles Ltd.
	Mr. Bhagirath Choudhary, Founder Director of South Asia Biotechnology Center

The Session was on the Theme of the Conference “Kapas ki Adhik Upaj, Shudh Upaj”. The panelists discussed the ideas to increase the cotton yield not only on project areas of CITI-CDRA but in other parts of country as well. The panel boiled down to two major issues i.e. availability of Cotton Seeds and high Cotton Contamination in India. Elucidating other issues, like weeds management, shortage of labour in cotton picking, and low technology acceptance, the panel opined that adoption of global best practices is the need of the hour and a lot of work has to be taken up in these areas for improving our cotton scenario.

The following recommendations were given by the Panelists

- Stop burning of Agricultural residues in the farm.
- Recycle Agro waste to increase soil fertility.
- Mandate the permission of the Government for

- importing of seed technology
- Higher lint percent sowing seed should be developed.
- Soil testing, right seed, good agricultural practices, Drone Technology, and IOT-based agriculture system.
- Focus on contamination free cotton.
- Use coloured bags for cotton storage transportation instead of white colour plastic bags of fertilizer etc.
- Adoption of Next-generation breeding and biotechnology for the development of new potential hybrids and varieties.
- New Generation BT Cotton Technology should be permitted by government.
- Genome editing technology is a revolution to create the varieties of desired traits and to develop high-yielding hybrids/varieties.
- Mating disruption technology to use for pink bollworm infestation.

SESSION 3: Next Revolution in Cotton Farming



Chairperson of the Session	Ms. Roop Rashi, IA&AS, Textile Commissioner, Government of India
Moderator	Mr. Ram Kaundinya, Director General, Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII)
Panelists	Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur
	Mr. Mahesh Sharda, Past President - Indian Cotton Association Ltd. & Director, Din Dayal Purushottam Lal
	Dr. K. Selvaraju, Secretary General, The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA)
	Mr. Manish Daga, Managing Director, Cotton Guru

The Session deliberated on how to use the technology to improve the cotton yield in India. The session highlighted the fact that cotton is the mainstay of the Indian Textile Industry, however, despite its utmost importance, India's cotton cultivation is not making the requisite progress in terms of quantity and quality and the mismatch between the two is increasing year on year. The panelists were of the viewpoint that while major cotton-producing countries like China, Australia, Brazil, etc. are able to achieve higher yields, India's cotton productivity on the other hand is even far lesser than the world's average cotton productivity. Indian cotton sector witnessed tremendous improvement in cotton productivity due to the introduction of BT Cotton, especially during the regime of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) 1.0, however, after the closing of TMC 1.0 India's productivity could not improve much further, rather, it has been stagnated for the past few years.

Panelists suggested that Government should work towards announcing the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) 2.0 at the earliest and at the same time Government should also explore opportunities for Technology Transfer from countries like Australia, Brazil, etc. which have been able to achieve significant improvement in their cotton yield. There were viewpoints that in India mostly there are small farmers, and since cotton cultivation is rain-fed in most of the areas, cotton seed development should take place by keeping these points in mind and there should be State-specific seed varieties.

The panellists opined that by working with the right strategy India can achieve a cotton yield of about 750 kg lint per hectare in a short span of time. There was also discussion regarding the branding of “Kasturi Cotton”, as it will prove beneficial for the entire cotton textile value chain and Indian exporters will be able to generate more revenue out of their exports. During the session,

all the panelists suggested that there should be joint efforts from the Government and all the stakeholders for the development of the Indian cotton sector and the Government should work towards constituting a committee comprising of all the stakeholders from the Government, farmers, and the industry and this committee should work on a war footing note for the development of Indian Cotton Sector

Major Suggestions:

- Announcement of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) 2.0 at the earliest
- Use of global best practices such as High-Density Planting System (HDPS) which are suitable for Indian conditions
- Separate Board for Extra Long Staple (ELS) Cotton and other special varieties of cotton
- Develop hybrid seed varieties by considering parameters like soil conditions, water availability, and environmental conditions
- Mechanization of cotton plucking
- Reduce the number of Bt-hybrid seeds to minimize confusion among farmers
- Use of digital technology to transfer information to more farmers and in a lesser time period
- Door to Door campaigns to educate farmers about cottonseed varieties suitable to their area to improve yield and reduce contamination
- Emphasize more on Research & Development (R&D) activities and engage every stakeholder of the cotton value chain to generate more funds for the same
- Explore the possibility of a farmer producer company
- Educate farmers about the contract farming and motivate them to go for the same

SESSION 4: Cotton Futures & Importance of Global Contracts



Chairperson of the Session	Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
Moderator	Mr. G. Chandrashekhar, Economist & Senior Journalist
Panelists	Mr. Mukul Tayal, President, Indian Cotton Association Ltd.
	Mr. T.V.K. Chaitanya, Head – Agri, The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX)
	Mr. Sumeet Mittal, India Head of Cotton Louis Dreyfus Company

The Session deliberated on the cotton contracts in India and what are their merits/de-merits for the stakeholders of the cotton value chain. The Panelists were of the viewpoint that Cotton is a critical cash crop for India with multiple uses and it generates income and employment for millions of people. India not only has the largest area of cotton cultivation in the world but is also the largest producer of cotton globally. Despite being a dominant player in the world cotton market, India is still not the price setter in the global market rather it is a price taker.

Panelists opined that India being connected to international markets is affected by the global cotton prices and hence Indian cotton market is volatile in nature and is driven by multiple factors. This volatility can potentially hurt the bottom line of various stakeholders hence, it becomes essential for them to adopt price risk management practices to minimize their loss. Panelists suggested that Hedging through a Futures Contract can prove to be beneficial in mitigating this price risk.

Panelists discussed that at present only a small volume of cotton is being traded at platforms like MCX mainly due to the lack of information and education about trade practices. They said that platforms like MCX should be beneficial for cotton traders and cotton buyers by bringing out transparency in the cotton prices. They cited that for the success of commodity exchanges in India, Transparency and Trust are the most important factor and these exchanges need to be Sensible, Sensitive, and Sensuous for their success in India.

Major Suggestions:

- Educate stakeholders of the cotton value chain about future exchanges/ cotton contracts
- Bring more transparency and trust in cotton contracts/ commodity exchanges in India
- Companies should increase usage of platforms like MCX while booking their stocks of cotton



CITI CDRA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF CITI

NCTC Meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles to discuss duty free import of cotton to safeguard the interests of the Textile Industry





NCTC Delegation with Secretary Textiles, Shri Upendra Prasad Singh



The NCTC Delegation also met Secretary Textiles, Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, IAS and Trade Advisor, Ms Shubhra and briefed them about the current issues faced by the Cotton Industry due to the imposition of 11% import duty on cotton.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF CITI

- ***Meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar***



CITI-Chairman, Shri T. Rajkumar and SIMA-Chairman, Shri Ravi Sam meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi on 28th April 2022

- ***Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Information & Broadcasting, Dr. L. Murugan***



CITI-Chairman, Shri T. Rajkumar and SIMA-Chairman, Shri Ravi Sam meeting the Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Information & Broadcasting, Dr L. Murugan Ji in New Delhi on 28th April 2022

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PRESS RELEASES

CITI HAILS HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH THE RENEWED TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COTTON TO SUSTAIN FARMERS' INCOME AND TEXTILE INDUSTRY GROWTH

New Delhi, Thursday April 14, 2022: Inaugurating the Golden jubilee event of the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry- Cotton Development & Research Association (CITI-CDRA) at Vigyan Bhawan on 12th April 2022, the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu called upon the need to renew the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC). The Hon'ble Vice President stated that “Technology Mission on Cotton, a unique scheme introduced by the former Hon'ble Prime Minister, Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, enabled the country to become the world's largest cotton producer by increasing the yield per hectare from 275 kgs to 585 kgs.”

The Vice President of India expressed his concern that despite being the largest cotton producer (23%) in the world and having the highest area under the cotton cultivation (39% of world area), the yield in India remained at a low of 460 kg lint per hectare when compared to the world average of 800 kg lint per hectare. The Hon'ble Vice President said that “we need to improve our seed technology, increase yield, adopt global best practices, produce clean and high-quality cotton and brand it better to improve the farmers' income and enhance the global competitiveness of the textile industry.” The Hon'ble Vice President cited that “we must capitalize further on our traditional strengths, abundant resources, and bring in technological and modern agronomic practices into the cotton industry to further consolidate our position as global leader”.

The Vice President congratulated CITI-CDRA for completing 50 years of its service and applauded for its concerted efforts towards improving the production, productivity and quality of Indian Cotton. During the event, the Hon'ble Vice President conferred awards to excelling cotton scientists and farmers in CITI-CDRA Project Areas and also released a Coffee Table Book – 'Millennial Shades of Cotton'.

The Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal while delivering his KeyNote address informed that “New Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreements with Australia and UAE would open infinite opportunities for Indian Textiles, Handloom, Footwear etc.” and expressed confidence that soon Europe, Canada, UK and GCC countries would also welcome Indian textile exports at zero duty. Hon'ble Union Minister said that the world today is looking for alternative manufacturing sourcing hubs owing to geopolitical reasons and the Indian Textile Industry is in a very sweet spot to grab this opportunity and hit 'Mauke pe Chauka'. Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles called upon Indian cultivators to adopt new technologies and global best farm practices. Hon'ble Union Minister cited that as cotton crop is sensitive to spraying, the use of AI technology is enabling farmers in Australia to control spraying operations through data-driven decision making. Hon'ble Union Minister opined that “we must augment the capacity of Indian farmers who are already very talented and capable, to make them experts in allied areas as well”. Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles called upon the nation to work together to achieve the 5F vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister for textiles - Farm to Fiber to Factory to Fashion to Foreign. The Hon'ble Minister also said that “we must aim for global dominance in organic cotton and urged the nation to be Vocal for Local and take Local to Global.”

The Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar while delivering the Valedictory Address stated that “Cotton is one of the most important crops of India as it provides employment to millions of people and under the able guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government is continuously

working towards not just improving the cotton cultivation in India but also for the progress of all farmers”. The Hon'ble Minister said that it is the hard work of farmers, the research of scientists and the contribution of industries, which has led to the development of Indian cotton sector. Hon'ble Minister cited that during the various sessions of the event, there has been a lot of serious brainstorming amongst the panelists on various aspects of cotton which can provide basis for preparing a roadmap for the development of cotton and bring about a change. The Hon'ble Minister said that “people associated with agriculture have played a better role even in adverse times of COVID” and congratulated them for the same. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture assured the august gathering that the Government would leave no stone unturned for the overall development of the cotton sector.

PRESS RELEASES...

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh in her Special Address stressed the need for all the stakeholders across the cotton value chain to jointly work with the Government for the development of Indian cotton sector and thereby addressing the issues relating to cotton. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles thanked all the stakeholders of the Textile & Apparel industry for their contribution towards the achievement of US\$ 418 bn merchandise export target for 2021-22. The Hon'ble Minister informed that “under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government is taking various policy measures to enable India to become a world leader not only in the Cotton Sector but also in the Man-Made Fibre Segment with the Introduction of Schemes like Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park Scheme and many more”. The Hon'ble Minister said that the Government is aware of the industry's demand for Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 and assured the stakeholders that Government will take all the policy measures necessary for the holistic development of the Indian cotton sector.

In his welcome address, CITI-Chairman, Shri T. Rajkumar informed that at present CITI-CDRA is operational in about 1700 villages of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan by directly engaging about 90,000 cotton farmers. Shri Rajkumar cited the importance of quality cotton for the Indian Textile Industry and thanked the Hon'ble Vice President for advocating the Government to launch the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 to address the dire needs of the farmers and the industry. He expressed concerns over the stagnated cotton yield in the past few years. Shri Rajkumar said that “the various policy initiatives and the opportunities emerged post-COVID scenario have accelerated the business growth of the cotton textile value chain and as a result industry is anticipating shortage of 40-50 lakh bales of cotton during the current season and it is likely to increase further in the coming years.” To deal with this increasing demand and work towards developing India's cotton yield, Shri Rajkumar appealed to the Government to implement the Technology Mission on Cotton 2.0 at the earliest and help the cotton industry to increase its cotton yield at least to the tune of 750 kgs per hectare in the medium term.

Chairman, CITI-CDRA Standing Committee on Cotton & Past Chairman, CITI, Shri P.D. Patodia proposed Vote of Thanks and assured the Hon'ble Vice-President and Hon'ble Union Textile Minister that CITI-CDRA will leave no stone unturned towards the development of cotton fibre not only in its project areas but also in other parts of the country as well.

CITI HAILS WITHDRAWAL OF IMPORT DUTY ON COTTON

New Delhi, Thursday, April 14, 2022: Shri T. Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Tomar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh Ji and all the concerned senior government officials for their kind support for withdrawing 10% import duty on Cotton – 5% Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and 5% Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC), including 10% Social Welfare Cess (SWC) on both amounting to 11% import duty on cotton – from 14th April 2022 to 30th September 2022.

Shri T Rajkumar said, "it's a welcome decision and will help the entire textile value chain to fight not only the steep increase in the cotton price due to the imposition of 10% customs duty on the import of cotton but also to meet the requirement of specialty cotton (extra-long-staple cotton, organic cotton, colored cotton, etc.) to manufacture high-end products for their niche markets in advanced countries".

CITI Chairman stated that he recently met the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal Ji and Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles & Railways, Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh Ji along with Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), Chairman, The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) and President, Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA) and apprised the Hon'ble Ministers about the issues cropping up due to the non-availability of quality cotton to the domestic players at competitive prices.

CITI Chairman further stated that we also apprised the Hon'ble Ministers that as per the industry estimates, the duty-free import will not exceed 40 lakh bales during the current season. Moreover, it will take three to four months' time for the imported cotton to reach the Indian textile mills. Since the cotton farmers have already sold their cotton crop of present season and are preparing for sowing for the next season, allowing duty-free import of cotton will not at all affect the Indian cotton farmers. The meetings were fruitful, and the Hon'ble Ministers assured the delegation that their problems will be resolved at the earliest.

Shri T. Rajkumar further pointed out that MSME segments, including Handloom, Powerloom, Independent Knitting, Weaving, Processing, Garmenting and Made-up, which accounts for over 80% of the total exports have no access for Advance Authorization Scheme and duty-free import of cotton. These are the worst-affected segments, and their capacity utilization has already dwindled down to below 70%, resulting in huge job losses and a declining trend in the GST revenue." The Government's decision to exempt cotton import will boost their sentiments, and help the textile industry to maintain their growth momentum.

CITI Chairman hoped that the T&C Industry would be able to achieve the export target of US\$ 16.96 billion (25% increase) set for the cotton value chain and the total textiles and clothing's export target of US\$ 47.029 billion (18% increase) set for the financial year 2022-23 with the help of availability of cotton fiber and other raw materials at internationally competitive prices to the Indian T&C Industry.

NCTC APPEALS TO THE HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF TEXTILES TO ALLOW DUTY-FREE IMPORT OF COTTON TO AVOID CANCELLATION OF ORDERS, PRODUCTION STOPPAGE AND JOB LOSSES

New Delhi, Monday, 04 April 2022: A Textile and Clothing (T&C) Industry Delegation comprising Members of National Committee on Textiles and Clothing (NCTC), today met, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal, and submitted a Joint Memorandum to allow duty-free import of cotton not only to tide over the present crisis but also to achieve the desired target set for the Indian T&C Industry for the financial year 2022-23. The NCTC delegation comprised of Shri T. Rajkumar, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), Shri Narendra Goenka, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Shri Manoj Patodia, Chairman, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), Shri Ravi Sam, Chairman, The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA), and Shri Raja M. Shanmugham, President, Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA).

The NCTC delegation thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles for taking numerous path-breaking and historical policy initiatives that enabled India to achieve US\$ 400 billion exports that too prior to the scheduled deadline and making India to become the fastest growing economy in the world. The total textiles and clothing export increased from US\$ 29.454 billion to US\$ 39.734 billion (estimated) and recorded a growth of 67% in the financial year 2021-22 in comparison to the previous year. Similarly, the cotton textile exports also recorded a growth of 56% by reaching US\$ 15.056 billion (estimated).

The National Committee on Textiles and Clothing (NCTC) delegation apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the shortage of quality cotton that the Textiles and Clothing (T&C) Industry is facing at the moment on the backdrop of declining domestic cotton production during the current cotton season (around 340 lakh bales of 170 kgs each as against 360-370 lakh bales production in the previous years) and the increased T&C Industry's demand for cotton (360 lakh bales as against 300 to 320 lakh bales in the previous years) and an estimated export of 50 lakh bales. The Industry delegation appealed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles to allow the duty-free import of cotton not only to tide over the present crisis but also to achieve the desired target set for the Indian T&C Industry for the financial year 2022-23.

The NCTC delegation apprised the Hon'ble Minister that the levy of 11% import duty on cotton is affecting the global competitiveness of the Indian T&C Industry, as the cotton traders are adopting an import parity pricing policy. They also apprised the Hon'ble Minister From January 2022, the Indian cotton price is ruling Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- per kg higher than the international price. The T&C Industry is compelled to import high quality extra-long-staple cotton,

sustainable cotton, and contamination free cotton by paying 11% duty to meet the export commitments, whereas, the competing countries (Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, etc.) enjoy the advantage of duty-free import of cotton.

The NCTC delegation apprised the Hon'ble Minister that the steep increase in the cotton prices and shortage of quality cotton have resulted in the cancellation of Indian export orders and diversion of the same to Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, and Pakistan by the importers in EU, USA, Japan, etc. They cited India's share in US bedlinen exports has declined from an average of 55% during 2021 to 44.85%

in the month of January 2022. While Pakistan's share has increased to 25.71% from 20% and China's share increased to 19.37% from 12% during the same period.

The NCTC delegation also pointed out that the MSME segments, including Handloom, Powerloom, Independent Knitting, Weaving, Processing, Garmenting and Made-up segments that account over 80% of the exports have no access for advance authorization scheme and duty-free import of cotton. These are the worst affected segments and their capacity utilization has already dwindled down to below 70%, resulting in huge job losses and a declining trend in the GST revenue.

The NCTC delegation requested to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles that the only option left for the T&C Industry is to allow duty-free import of cotton not only to tide over the present crisis but also to achieve the cotton textile's export target of US\$ 16.963 billion (25% increase) and the total textiles and clothing's export target of US\$ 47.029 billion (6% increase) for the financial year 2022-23. The Indian T&C Industry is optimistic to achieve this steep increase in the target if cotton is made available to them at an internationally competitive rate.

The NCTC delegation opined that the duty-free import may not exceed 40 lakh bales during the current season. Moreover, it will take three to four months' time for the imported cotton to reach the Indian textile mills. As the cotton farmers have already sold their cotton crop of present season and are preparing for sowing for the next season, allowing duty-free import of cotton will not at all affect the Indian cotton farmers.

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Global Updates

World Logistics Passport (WLP) could raise the export competitiveness of Vietnamese firms

Joining the World Logistics Passport (WLP) initiative could help Vietnamese firms reduce logistics costs and raise export competitiveness. Avery Shipton from the WLP initiative forum said WLP would save time and costs by 40 per cent. Products granted UAE passports would be prioritised in customs clearance with less time for checking, loading and storing.

The development of the logistics industry would also create favourable conditions for Vietnam to become a new production centre of the region, he was quoted as saying by a Vietnamese newspaper.

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UAE, Egypt and Jordan sign industrial partnership for sustainable economic growth

Industrial partnership to focus on 5 key sectors: food agriculture and fertilizers; pharmaceutical; textiles; minerals; and petrochemicals

The United Arab Emirates, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have announced an Industrial Partnership for Sustainable Economic Growth in Abu Dhabi today to unlock new industrial opportunities and enhance sustainable economic growth in the three countries, across 5 sectors.

The three nations' combined industrial capacity represents around 26% of the total industrial capacity of the MENA region. These countries also enjoy a highly developed logistical infrastructure, including airports, ports and strategic transport corridors such as the Suez Canal; major companies with distinct capabilities in the main focus areas of the partnership; and access to capital and smart financing solutions. Almost half the total population of the partner countries comprising 122 million people are young people, who represent both a large market and an emerging workforce.

Industry is the backbone of economy

The partnership is based on enhancing investment opportunities in each country's industrial sector, developing the three nations' human and natural capital, and exploring a collective consumer market that offers opportunities for both the local private sector and international investors. The partnership includes launching joint industrial projects between the countries to promote economic growth and industrial integration, achieve self-sufficiency, and integrate value chains across the UAE, Egypt and Jordan.

Regional and Global Industrial Partnerships

The Integrated Industrial Partnership For Sustainable Economic Growth reflects the UAE's commitment to creating key partnerships at the regional and global levels, especially in the industrial sector. This is in line with its vision to enhance the industrial sector's role in the national economy, integrate advanced technology, and utilize the competitive advantages and capabilities of each country. This makes the UAE a leading global

destination for the industries of the future and a hub that attracts the most prominent industries. The UAE is a launching pad for industrial investors targeting global markets due to its advanced logistical services and infrastructure, modern transportation networks, and the availability of raw materials. Taken together, these ensure supply-chain flexibility in, increase sustainable economic growth, and enhance value-added industries.

The partnership also embodies the close relations between the three countries, their common vision and mutual trust. This partnership provides a platform for cooperation in the future, and is based on the importance of integration and openness, and the shared commitment to developing the industrial sector, exchanging economic benefits, and utilizing human resources and experiences through the establishment of major joint industrial projects in more than one country.

Supreme Committee and Executive Committee

Under the partnership, a tripartite supreme committee, headed by the signing ministers, will be established. In addition, there will be an executive committee composed of undersecretaries of the ministries and representatives from relevant authorities and sectors. This committee will work with the private sector to increase opportunities, and the participating nations will identify the stakeholders and the courses of action required to achieve the objectives of these partnerships. The committee will also review achieved progress, facilitate and supervise cooperation, and consider next steps and new projects of the strategic economic partnership. It will accelerate the introduction of economically viable opportunities and coordinate the pool of private-sector participants.

Clothing and Textiles

The textile industry across the three countries is worth US\$5 billion today. Collectively, they supply some of the leading global brands with high-quality fabrics and finished garments. All three countries bring inherent strengths across the value chain to create substantial economic opportunities.

Egypt brings a vertically integrated textile sector, leveraging competitive labor cost and skills, extensive

fabric and garment facilities, a strategic location and exports equivalent to 300,000-plus tons of cloth and apparel annually. Jordan has a competitive export-oriented finished garment sector, benefitting from numerous free-trade agreements with various countries including the US. The UAE is well positioned to provide competitive raw materials to support the scaling up of fabric manufacturing in both Egypt and Jordan. Additionally, it also has ready access to large regional markets, such as India with which it recently signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

The value of clothing and textile imports for the three countries amounts to about US\$9 billion annually, which provides significant opportunities for new projects, especially in the polyester industry, whose imports amount to more than US\$600 million.

WTO goods trade barometer flat due to Ukraine war, COVID-19

The Russia-Ukraine war and recent pandemic-related lockdowns in China appear to be dampening global goods trade in the first half of 2022, according to the latest World Trade Organisation (WTO) goods trade barometer. The reading of 99.0 now is slightly below the baseline value of 100 for the index, suggesting continued slow growth in merchandise trade. The latest outlook scales back the earlier optimism in the barometer from February, which suggested that trade might have been approaching a turning point, with stronger growth expected in the near future, WTO said in a press release.

The anticipated upturn may have been short-circuited by the conflict in Ukraine, which started in late February and triggered sharp rises in food and energy prices, which tend to reduce real incomes and lower economic growth. China's imposition of major lockdowns to combat a new outbreak of COVID-19 has further disrupted trade and production.

The barometer index might have risen above trend if some of the underlying data in the component indices had not turned down in March and April.

In April, WTO forecast 3 per cent growth in the volume of world merchandise trade in 2022, down from the 4.7 per cent growth predicted as of last October.

EXPORTS

<i>India's Textile and Apparel Exports (In US Million)</i>			
Description	April'21	April'22	% change
Textiles and Made-ups			
<i>Cotton</i>			
COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	270	176	-35%
COTTON YARN	335	370	10%
COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	612	653	7%
	1,218	1,199	-2%
<i>Jute</i>			
JUTE, RAW	2	3	45%
JUTE YARN	4	2	-58%
JUTE HESSIAN	11	13	12%
OTHER JUTE MANUFACTURES	13	22	71%
FLOOR CVRNG OF JUTE	9	9	2%
	39	48	24%
<i>Silk</i>			
SILK,RAW	0	0	1%
SILK WASTE	2	3	34%
NATRL SILK YARN,FABRICS,MADEUP	4	7	59%
SILK CARPET	1	4	269%
	7	13	84%
<i>Wool</i>			
WOOL, RAW	0	0	
WOLLEN YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	11	16	37%
	11	16	37%
<i>Manmade</i>			
MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	55	45	-18%
MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	425	458	8%
	479	503	5%
<i>Others</i>			
CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	129	121	-6%
COIR AND COIR MANUFACTURES	91	45	-50%
HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS)	158	119	-25%
HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	22	20	-10%
OTH TXTL YRN, FBRIC MDUP ARTCL	41	70	71%
	440	374	-15%
Total Textiles and Made-ups	2,196	2,154	-2%
Apparel			
RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	712	926	30%
RMG MANMADE FIBRES	284	291	2%
RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	281	339	21%
RMG SILK	8	7	-8%
RMG WOOL	12	11	-10%
Total Apparel	1,298	1,575	21%
Grand Total	3,493	3,728	7%
<i>Data Source: CITI Analysis based on DGCI&S</i>			

IMPORTS

India's Textile and Apparel Imports (In US\$ Million)			
Description	April '21	April'22	% change
Textiles and Made-ups			
Cotton			
COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	33	53	58%
COTTON YARN	2	1	-18%
COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	37	59	57%
	72	113	56%
Jute			
JUTE, RAW	1	10	791%
JUTE YARN	3	6	117%
JUTE HESSIAN	3	4	19%
OTHER JUTE MANUFACTURES	6	7	22%
FLOOR CVRNG OF JUTE	0	0	-41%
	13	27	107%
Silk			
SILK,RAW	5	20	351%
SILK WASTE	0		
NATRL SILK YARN,FABRICS,MADEUP	3	3	26%
SILK CARPET			
	7.3	23.9	226%
Wool			
WOOL, RAW	17	22	28%
WOLLEN YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	6	9	40%
	23	30	31%
Manmade			
MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	43	44	3%
MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	258	240	-7%
	301	284	-6%
Others			
CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	8	3	-65%
COIR AND COIR MANUFACTURES	1	0	-21%
HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS)	37	42	16%
HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	0	0	-73%
OTH TXTL YRN, FBRIC MDUP ARTCL	64	94	46%
	110	139	27%
Total Textiles and Made-ups	527	617	17%
Apparel			
RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	41	64	59%
RMG MANMADE FIBRES	15	28	88%
RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	12	27	125%
RMG SILK	0	0	64%
RMG WOOL	1	1	-1%
Total Apparel	68	121	76%
Grand Total	595	738	24%
<i>Data Source: CITI's Analysis based on DGCI&S</i>			

Global Textile & Apparel Trade for 2021

- During 2021, Global T&A trade stood at US\$ 871.4 bn which has increased at a CAGR of about 2.6% since 2017.
- During 2021, India moved to 4th largest exporter of T&A commodities to world by surpassing Germany and Italy

Global Textile & Apparel Trade (US\$ Bn)								
S No	Exporters	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Share 2021	CAGR
1	China	257.8	266.4	260.6	280.7	275.1	31.6%	1.6%
2	Bangladesh	36.5	40.6	42.3	38.0	46.9	5.4%	6.5%
3	Viet Nam	31.8	36.7	39.4	37.1	44.9	5.2%	9.0%
4	India	37.2	37.1	35.5	29.6	41.5	4.8%	2.7%
5	Germany	35.1	38.9	38.2	37.0	41.0	4.7%	4.0%
6	Italy	34.0	36.7	36.4	30.9	37.3	4.3%	2.3%
7	Turkey	26.8	27.9	28.6	27.3	34.5	4.0%	6.5%
8	USA	25.9	27.2	26.1	22.8	25.5	2.9%	-0.3%
9	Netherlands	14.5	16.6	17.2	17.2	21.0	2.4%	9.6%
10	Spain	18.6	19.2	19.1	15.8	20.7	2.4%	2.7%
	Others	267.4	285.1	277.5	245.7	283.2	32.5%	1.4%
	World	785.6	832.4	820.9	782.0	871.4	100.0%	2.6%

Source: ITC Trade Map

India's Export of Textile & Apparel (US\$ Bn) for 2021-22

- India's exports of T&A stood at US\$ 43.44 bn for FY 22 which is about 40.55% higher than FY 21 and about 26.9% higher than FY 20.
- Apparel with a share of about 36.89% in India's total T&A exports was the highest exported T&A commodity in FY 22 followed by Home Textiles and Yarn with 16.44% and 14.9% share respectively.

India's Export of Textile & Apparel (US\$ Bn)						
Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Share 2021-22	% Change FY22 to FY21	% Change FY22 to FY20
Fibre	1.89	2.69	4.01	9.24%	49.45%	112.25%
Filament	1.16	0.83	1.48	3.41%	78.98%	27.37%
Yarn	3.50	3.41	6.47	14.90%	89.95%	84.90%
Apparel	15.51	12.29	16.02	36.89%	30.37%	3.30%
Fabric	5.07	4.11	5.90	13.58%	43.68%	16.44%
Home Textiles	5.27	5.73	7.14	16.44%	24.60%	35.40%
Others	1.82	1.86	2.41	5.54%	29.67%	32.46%
Total T&A	34.22	30.90	43.44	100.00%	40.55%	26.93%
Total Merchandise	313.36	291.81	421.89		44.58%	34.64%
Share of T&A	10.9%	10.6%	10.3%			

Source: DGCI&S

CITI ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF T&A FOR APRIL 2022

Monthly Export Updates of Textile and Clothing (Value in USD Mn.)

	April-21	April-22	% Change
<i>Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.</i>	1065.20	1158.08	8.72
<i>Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.</i>	424.52	458.59	8.02
<i>Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering</i>	37.12	45.56	22.73
<i>Carpet</i>	129.92	125.02	-3.77
<i>Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet</i>	158.42	118.85	-24.98
Sub-Total Textiles	1,815.18	1,906.1	5.01
Apparel	1,297.68	1,575.86	21.44
Textile and Clothing	3,112.86	3,481.96	11.86
All Commodity	3,07,47.13	4,01,86.90	30.70
% of T&C in Total Exports	10.12%	8.66%	

Source: Press Information Bureau

Monthly Import Updates of Textile and Clothing (Value in USD Mn.)

Import category	April-21	April-22	% Change
<i>Cotton Raw & Waste</i>	33.36	52.59	57.64
<i>Textile yarn fabric, made-ups</i>	145.87	197.35	35.29

Source: Press Information Bureau

QUICK ESTIMATES OF IIP FOR TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SECTOR (T&C): MARCH 2022



T&C in Index of Industrial Production (IIP): Growth Rates (% , Y-o-Y)

Sector	Weights	Index			Cumulative Index		
		Mar-21	Mar-22	% Change	Apr 20 – Mar 21	Apr 21- Mar' 22	% Change
General	100	145.6	148.3	1.9	118.1	131.5	11.3
Manufacture of textiles	3.2913	143.8	118.7	-0.8	91.1	118.0	29.5
Manufacture of wearing apparel	1.3225	143.8	197.5	37.3	108.4	139.2	28.4

Source: * CITI Analysis & Ministry of Statistics Planning & Implementation;

- For the month of March 2022, the Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base 2011-12 stands at **148.3**
- Cumulative change for April'21 - March 2022 for textiles was up by (+) **29.5** percent and Wearing Apparel was up by (+) **28.4** percent over the same period of the previous year.

TEXTILE SECTOR SKILL COUNCIL



Indian Textile Industry provides revenue which is 27% of the total foreign exchange, mainly through textile exports. It contributes nearly 14% of the total industrial production of the country. Indian textile industry is also the largest in the country in terms of employment generation and currently generates employment to more than 35 million people.

To remain competitive in the open market, it is essential that the industry gets skill labor. Govt has taken strong initiatives to support skilling of workforce.

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

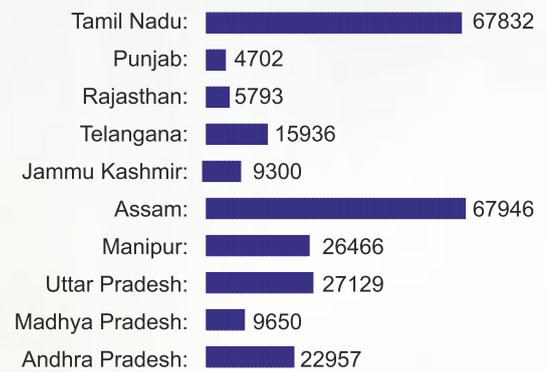
Affiliated 279 training partners. Out of these 195 are from organized mill sectors and 84 are from unorganized sector. To enhance spread of training over number of job roles, qualification packs were developed for 90 job roles.

58 Workshops were organized across India and including North-East.

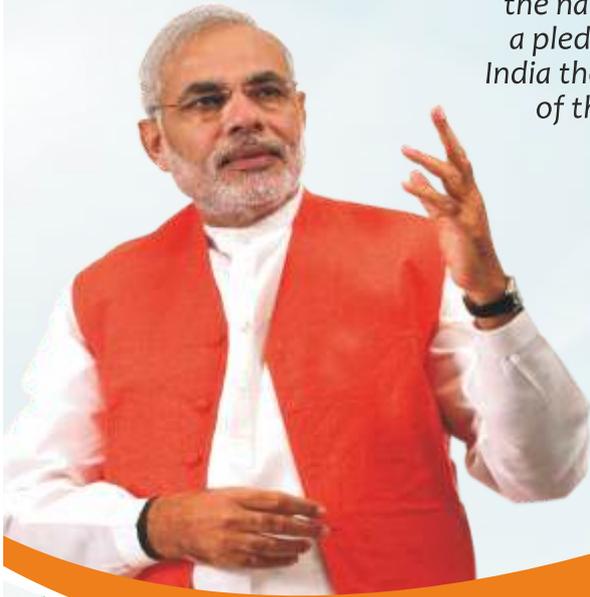
TSC has a strong presence on social media and is now able to connect with remote areas of the country.



Region wise Enrolment :



“ I call upon the nation to take a pledge to make India the Skill Capital of the World.”



TSC's ACHIEVEMENTS

Schemes: PMKVY, APSSDC, NBCFDC, NSFDC, NSKFDC & NCSR



Textile Sector Skill Council (TSC) is a not-for-profit Section 8(1) company established in August 2014 by 17 industry associations and 3 export promotion councils.

Continuously guided and monitored by more than 80 stakeholders representing all sub-sectors of the industry - organized textile mills and MSMEs.

TSC has ...

- ✓ developed a full-fledged skill ecosystem to meet the skill needs of more than 80% of workforce employed both in organized mill sector, as well as, small and medium units of decentralized sectors which include handlooms, power looms and dyeing & printing units.
- ✓ established 430+ training centers all across the country which are operated by 1,350+ certified trainers.
- ✓ developed 90 QPs. Out of these 67 QPs were offered to train more than 56,000 fresh candidates and 2,20,000 RPL candidates across 19 states including NE and J&K.
- ✓ enabled 80% of certified candidates to be employed by industry with salary ranging between Rs. 8,000 and 14,000 (CTC).
- ✓ facilitated 250 RPL certified handloom weavers in availing Pradhan Mantri Mudra Loan to become entrepreneurs.
- ✓ connected 160 certified handloom weavers to buyers from foreign countries.



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