



Press Release

Union Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita Honours Textile Sustainability Champions at CITI Awards 2026

~ New CITI-SLCP collaboration to help manufacturers navigate evolving ESG expectations and global supply chain requirements ~

New Delhi, July 15, 2026: The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) hosted the **CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2026** at Bharat Tex in New Delhi on July 15, recognising organisations, institutions and individuals for their outstanding contributions to sustainable manufacturing, responsible sourcing, resource efficiency, innovation and social impact across the textile value chain.

Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs **Shri Pabitra Margherita** attended the ceremony as Guest of Honour. Senior officials from the Ministry of Textiles, global industry bodies, UNIDO, and textile industry leaders also participated in the event.

CITI Chairman **Shri Ashwin Chandran** said, "At CITI, we have always been committed to the Triple Bottom Line approach and to bringing stakeholders together to advance the cause of sustainability. The CITI Textile Sustainability Awards reflect that commitment by recognising innovation, collaboration and leadership in building a more sustainable textile industry."

Strengthening Global Partnerships

At the event, CITI also announced a collaboration with the **Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP)** to support Indian manufacturers, particularly MSMEs, in addressing evolving sustainability expectations, responsible business practices and human rights due diligence requirements. SLCP is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together brands, manufacturers, industry associations, civil society organisations and audit firms with the shared objective of promoting decent working conditions across global supply chains.

Recognising Sustainability Excellence

The Awards celebrated excellence across two broad segments:

- **CITI Textile Sustainability Awards**, recognising achievements in climate-resilient cotton production, Kasturi Cotton promotion, circular economy, energy efficiency, sustainable cluster development, HR excellence and academic contribution to sustainability.
- **CITI Birla Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards**, recognising excellence in:

1. Effective Chemical Management and Compliance in Textile Wet Processing
2. Low Carbon Footprint Initiatives in Textile Manufacturing
3. Data-Driven Sustainability Excellence in Textile Manufacturing
4. Achieving ESG Compliance through Innovation

In addition, there was a Special Award to recognise the municipal corporation that has demonstrated exemplary leadership and innovation in waste management through effective collection, segregation, recycling and resource recovery.

Award Winners

CITI Textile Sustainability Awards

S No	Category Name	Ranking	Name of Company
1	CITI - IDH Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cotton Production Award	Winner	Cottonguru Maha Farmers Producer Company Limited
		1st Runner-Up	Varaha ClimateAg Private Limited
		2nd Runner-Up	Indo Count Foundation
2	CITI - Aalekh Foundation Textiles Heritage Reviver Award	Winner	Mauna Dhwani Foundation (MDF)
		1st Runner-Up	Patakaara Fashion & Textile Design Studio
		2nd Runner-Up	Ka-pore by Moumita
3	CITI - UNIDO Best Cluster Initiative Towards Sustainable Textile Production Award	Winner	Tiruppur Exporters Association
4	CITI - BEE Energy Efficiency in Textile Sector Award	Winner	Indo Count Industries Ltd
5	CITI-TEXPROCIL Kasturi Cotton Mitra Award	Winner	Ram Lal (Associated with CITI CDRA)
		1 st Runner-Up	Narayan Lal (Associated with CITI CDRA)
		2 nd Runner-Up	T.Poochiappan
6	CITI - TEXPROCIL Leading Kasturi Cotton Ginner Award	Winner	Amit Cott Fibre
		1 st Runner-Up	Shree Ram Fibres
		2 nd Runner-Up	Shree Vallabh Trading Company
7	CITI - RBC Best HR Practices Award	Winner	Brandix Apparel India Private Limited
8	Best Academic Institution	Winner	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of

	Educational Contribution to Textile and Clothing Sustainability Award		Textiles and Management
9	CITI - Reverse Resources Textile Waste Handlers Award	Winner	MuddleArt Pvt Ltd
		1 st Runner-Up	PKN TRADERS
		2 nd Runner-Up	BMS TRADERS
10	CITI-BCI Women in Sustainable Cotton Farming Awards	Sustainability Champion Award	Jeevan Jyot Charitable Trust (BCI-CottonConnect)
		Innovation in Sustainable Cotton Cultivation Award	Ambuja Foundation Better Cotton
		Community Leadership & Peer Influence Award	Ambuja Foundation

CITI-BIRLA Economic & Textile Research Foundation Awards

S. No.	Category Name	Ranking	Name of Company
1.	Achieving ESG Compliance through Innovations	Winner	Radnik Exports Global Private Limited
		1 st Runner-Up	Indo Count Industries Ltd.
		2 nd Runner-Up	Poppys Knitwear Private Limited
2.	Effective Chemical Management and Compliance in Textile Wet Processing	Winner	SCM Garments Private Limited
		1 st Runner-Up	Vardhman Fabrics (A Unit of Vardhman Textiles Ltd.)
		2 nd Runner-Up	Eastman Exports
3.	Data-Driven Sustainability Excellence in Textile Manufacturing	Winner	Rajasthan Spinning and Weaving Mills (RSWM)
		1 st Runner-Up	Radnik Exports Global Private Limited
		2 nd Runner-Up	SCM Textile Processing Mills (A unit of SCM Garments Pvt Ltd)
4	Low carbon footprint	Winner	Radnik Exports Global Private

	initiatives in Textile Manufacturing		Limited
		1 st Runner-Up	Victus Apparel Private Limited
		2 nd Runner-Up	Poppys Art

Special Award Winner: Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation for Waste Management Efforts at the Municipal Corporation Level.

Kasturi Fashion Showcase Highlights India's Cotton Journey

CITI also presented the Kasturi Fashion Showcase – "From Farm to Fashion", curated by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Institute of Textile Management. The showcase traced the journey of premium Indian Kasturi Cotton from farm to finished fashion, highlighting quality, traceability and value addition across the cotton value chain.

About Confederation of Indian Textile Industry

<https://citiindia.org/>

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) is India's premier industry body, representing the entire textile and clothing value chain with a cumulative annual turnover of around \$30 billion. Serving as a key interface between the government and industry, CITI contributes to policy formulation, capacity building, and awareness initiatives to enhance the sector's growth and global competitiveness. A founding member of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and promoter of the Textile Sector Skill Council, CITI has also advanced technology adoption through the ITME Society and supports cotton research and extension via its subsidiary, CITI-CDRA. Additionally, CITI has established a Young Entrepreneurs Group (YEG) to nurture future leaders of the industry.

For more information, contact:

Mr Sumali Moitra
Media Consultant
Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
6th Floor, Narain Manzil, 23, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi – 110001
Phone: +91-8860084554
Email: mediadivision@citiindia.org
Website: www.citiindia.org