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ALL EYES ON BHARAT TEX 2026

Union TexMin Giriraj Singh Opens India's Biggest Textile Show Today

Bharat Tex 2026 opens today at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with Union Minister for Textiles Giriraj Singh set to inaugurate India's flagship global textile exhibition.

The inaugural ceremony will also be attended by Pabitra Margherita Minister of State for Textiles, Government of India, Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, along with Arti Kanwar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, and various government and industry leaders, underscoring the Government of India's strong commitment to the growth and global expansion of the country's textile and apparel sector.

Over the next four days, Bharat Tex 2026 will bring together the entire textile value chain - from fibres, yarns and fabrics to apparel, home textiles, technical textiles, machinery, chemicals and sustainability solutions. The event is expected to host thousands of exhibitors, buyers, brands, investors and policymakers from India and around the world.

Organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation with the support of the Ministry of Textiles, the exhibition



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Govt. of India, Shri Giriraj Singh was invited by Shri Sudhir Sekhri, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Members of the Bharat Tex Core Committee, to be a part of Bharat Tex 2026 exhibition.

is expected to witness several policy announcements, business partnerships, technology launches and investment discussions aimed at strengthening India's position as a global textile powerhouse.

This year's exhibition features 1,600 exhibitors, over 20,000 products, 7,000+ international

buyers, an estimated 1.3 lakh trade visitors, participants from 20+ countries, and 350+ global speakers. The four-day event will also host more than 100 knowledge sessions, facilitate 3,500 curated B2B meetings, and witness the signing of 20+ strategic MoUs, making it one of the world's largest integrated textile business platforms.

A major highlight of Bharat Tex 2026 is the return of the Official Bharat Tex Show Daily Newspaper, once again being published by Textile Excellence following its successful debut at Bharat Tex 2025. Published every morning from 14 to 17 July, the official newspaper will serve as the exhibition's daily news source, delivering comprehensive coverage of product launches, exhibitor announcements, business developments, knowledge sessions, investment news and market intelligence.

The publication offers extensive industry reach through an average of 30,000 printed copies every day, distributed free to exhibitors and visitors, while also reaching

audiences digitally through the Bharat Tex website and mobile app, the Textile Excellence website, email campaigns, WhatsApp and social media. The combined print and digital platforms are expected to generate a cumulative reach of more than 1.48 million industry professionals during the four-day exhibition.

Bharat Tex 2026 has attracted strong participation from India's leading textile companies and global technology providers. Major sponsors include Trident Group India, Vardhman Textiles, RSWM Limited, Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd., COLORJET, Arvind Limited, PDS Limited and Sattva, reflecting the exhibition's growing stature as India's premier global textile business platform.

As the doors open today, Bharat Tex 2026 is set to become the global meeting point for manufacturers, brands, buyers, technology providers, investors and policymakers, driving new business opportunities and reinforcing India's position as a trusted global sourcing and manufacturing hub.



Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, in the presence of Ms. Arti Kanwar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, was invited to Bharat Tex 2026 by Mr. Bhadrash Dodhia, Co-Chairman, Bharat Tex, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Member, Core Committee, Bharat Tex.

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Sourcing executives walking the floor at Bharat-Tex this week will find a sudden shift in the landscape at 25 Indian garment manufacturer stalls: a simple QR code that unlocks a complete Digital Product Passport (DPP). Scanning it reveals a product's verified carbon footprint, material composition, and supply chain journey, exactly the data European buyers will soon be legally required to demand under the upcoming Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR).

The live rollout is the result of a targeted pilot program between the Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) and sustainability intelligence platform Green Story. The timing is highly strategic: the EU Central DPP Registry goes live on July 19, anchoring Europe's sweeping new product transparency mandates.

While India's recently concluded Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the EU dismantles traditional import tariffs, industry leaders warn that tariffs are no longer the only gatekeeper. Western buyers are rapidly locking down supply chains, requiring verified sustainability data as a condition for business. Without it, India's hard-won price advantages could count for very little, turning data unreadiness into an insurmountable non-tariff barrier.

For MSMEs, building this digital infrastructure has historically meant months of expensive consultants and complex spreadsheets with

INDIA GOES LIVE WITH DIGITAL PRODUCT PASSPORTS

AEPC And Green Story Put India's First Live Digital Product Passports On The Bharat-Tex Show Floor

25 MSME apparel exporters showcase EU-ready DPPs at Bharat Tex ahead of Europe's new compliance regime



“The breakthrough here isn't just our platform technology - it's the speed and ease of adoption. Moving a manufacturer from zero data infrastructure to a live, EU-ready product passport in a few weeks is a massive shift. Seeing it function in real-time on a

busy trade show floor is exactly the frictionless outcome we aimed to achieve with AEPC.”

- Akhil Sivanandan, CEO, Green Story.



“Our collaboration with Green Story on the Digital Product Passport pilot is a significant step towards building future-ready capabilities, strengthening India's competitiveness and

reinforcing our position as a trusted and responsible global sourcing destination.”

Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC

costs that rarely made commercial sense.

The 25 companies in this pilot changed that narrative in a matter of weeks. Using Green Story's AI enabled platform, each exporter generated an EU-compliant DPP covering product-level environmental footprints and material origin without needing a dedicated in-house resource. Built on verified secondary Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) data, the

framework gives small factories an immediate foothold in European markets while allowing them to upgrade to primary facility data over time.

"The global apparel trade is entering a new era where market access will increasingly be supported by sustainability, transparency and digital traceability. As the proposed India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement is expected

to create new opportunities for Indian apparel exporters, it is equally important for the industry to be prepared for evolving EU sustainability and traceability requirements, including the Digital Product Passport framework. AEPC is committed to preparing Indian apparel exporters, particularly MSMEs, to meet these emerging requirements with confidence." said Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC.

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Universal Brings Danitech's Advanced Dyeing, Finishing And Automation Technologies To India

Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited (Universal), a wholly owned subsidiary of Voltas Limited, a Tata Enterprise, has entered into a strategic partnership with Italy's Danitech Group to introduce its advanced dyeing, finishing and automation technologies to the Indian textile industry.

Under the agreement, Universal has been appointed the exclusive commercial representative for Danitech Engineering & Solutions Srl (Italy) and its subsidiary, Suzhou Danitech Intelligent Technology (China) across India. The partnership strengthens Danitech's presence in one of the world's largest textile manufacturing markets, where demand for automation, sustainability and productivity is growing rapidly.

Complete turnkey solutions

Danitech goes beyond supplying standalone machinery by offering complete turnkey solutions that integrate textile processing equipment, automation systems, engineering services and Industry 4.0 technologies. Its approach enables manufacturers to build intelligent production facilities that deliver higher productivity, consistent quality and lower operating costs.

With decades of international experience, Danitech has successfully

designed and implemented fully automated dyeing, processing and finishing plants worldwide. Its expertise includes production automation, real-time process monitoring, Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) and integrated process control.

Advanced technologies for Indian mills

Through this partnership, Indian manufacturers will have access to Danitech's portfolio of advanced technologies, including the DYB-V Yarn Dyeing Machine, Dani-Evo 2.0 Fabric Dyeing Machine, Dani 8000 Stenter, and the DaniRob Automatic Stereoscopic Library. These solutions are designed to improve production efficiency,

automation, quality and operational reliability across textile processing operations.

Sustainability at the core

Environmental sustainability is a key pillar of Danitech's engineering philosophy. Its integrated production systems are designed to reduce water, energy and chemical consumption while minimising waste and emissions.

By combining machinery with intelligent automation and process control, manufacturers can improve resource efficiency, lower their environmental footprint and meet increasingly stringent global sustainability requirements.

Improving productivity and competitiveness

Danitech's technologies also deliver significant economic benefits. Through advanced automation, energy optimisation and intelligent process management, textile manufacturers can reduce production costs, improve productivity, minimise manual intervention and achieve consistently high product quality.

The result is a more efficient manufacturing operation capable of responding quickly to market demands while improving profitability and global competitiveness.

A strong partnership for India

Through its collaboration with Universal, Danitech aims to strengthen its footprint across India while providing customers with technical

consultancy, project execution, after-sales support and complete Industry 4.0 automation solutions.

Universal's Textile Machinery Division operates from 16 locations across India and offers application engineering, installation and after-sales support through a team of highly trained textile professionals. Its engineers receive specialised training from global technology partners, enabling the company to deliver innovative, cost-effective and sustainable solutions tailored to the Indian textile industry.

As India's textile sector accelerates its adoption of smart manufacturing and sustainable production, the Universal-Danitech partnership is well positioned to support this transformation. By combining globally proven European technology with Universal's nationwide service network and engineering expertise, the collaboration will help Indian textile manufacturers modernise their operations, improve efficiency, reduce environmental impact and strengthen their competitiveness in global markets.



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ARVIND LIMITED ENTERS HOME TEXTILES WITH BIG BET ON PREMIUM LINENS

Marking a major milestone in its 95-year journey, Arvind Limited has officially entered the home textiles segment with the launch of Arvind Home Linens, expanding its presence beyond apparel and fabrics into the fast-growing home furnishings market.

The new business vertical, unveiled at Bharat Tex 2026, signals Arvind's strategic expansion into premium home textile solutions, leveraging nearly a century of expertise in textile manufacturing, product development and innovation.

The company said Arvind Home Linens will offer a comprehensive portfolio of products, including bed linen, bath linen, comforters, dohars, blankets, pillows, cushions and coordinated home furnishing

solutions, designed to meet the changing needs of modern consumers.

Built on Arvind's longstanding reputation for quality and manufacturing excellence, the new venture combines contemporary design, superior comfort and product durability with the company's established strengths in responsible manufacturing and continuous innovation.

Arvind's entry into the home textiles market is backed by an extensive distribution network of more than 40 distributors and over 2,500 retail touchpoints across India, providing the company with a strong platform to expand its presence in the segment.

Sustainability will remain a key focus of the business. Leveraging Arvind's existing manufacturing

ecosystem, the company will emphasise resource-efficient production, environmentally responsible manufacturing practices and long-term value creation, while developing products that combine aesthetics with sustainability.

The launch comes at a time when demand for premium home textiles is growing rapidly in both domestic and international markets, driven by rising consumer spending, changing lifestyle preferences and increasing demand for design-led, high-quality home furnishing products.

Through its participation at Bharat Tex 2026, Arvind Home Linens is showcasing its capabilities to retailers, brands, sourcing professionals, institutional buyers, hospitality companies and international business partners. The company said it aims to position

itself as a reliable long-term sourcing partner by offering premium collections, customised product development and innovative home textile solutions.

The launch also marks the beginning of a new chapter for one of India's most respected textile companies. As Arvind celebrates 95 years of "Fashioning Possibilities," the company is extending its textile expertise beyond fashion to create a comprehensive home furnishings business built on quality, innovation and sustainability.

With the launch of Arvind Home Linens, the company is positioning itself to capture new growth opportunities in the expanding home textiles sector while reinforcing its commitment to delivering premium, value-driven products for customers in India and global markets.



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Bihar Chief Minister **SAMRAT CHOUDHARY**

Bihar's Big Factory Boom!

₹6,000 Crore Investment Wave Set To Transform State's Industrial Map

electric vehicles, lithium-ion batteries, compressed biogas and general manufacturing.

Among the biggest investments is Empra Life India Private Limited's ₹5,600 crore project, the largest proposed private single-company

investment in Bihar so far. The company has been allotted land at Sikandarpur Industrial Area, Bihta, for its advanced manufacturing facility.

With fresh investments, improved industrial infrastructure and a growing focus on manufacturing,

Bihar is steadily positioning itself as an emerging industrial destination. For textiles and allied industries, the state's latest push signals new opportunities, new capacities and a new growth story.

Bihar is preparing for a major industrial makeover. The state has cleared 29 new industrial projects with an estimated investment of ₹5,998 crore, opening a fresh chapter of manufacturing growth and creating opportunities across sectors including textiles, food processing and allied industries.

The projects have been allotted 37.95 acres of industrial land by the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), with units planned across key industrial locations including Sikandarpur, Hathua Phase-3, Forbesganj, Lohat Phase-1, Bariyarpur and Fatuha.

For the textile sector, the development adds another promising manufacturing destination in eastern India. With textile projects included in the approved investment pipeline, Bihar is strengthening its industrial ecosystem through improved infrastructure, ready industrial spaces and investor-friendly policies.

The focus is not just on factories but on building a complete manufacturing environment. BIADA is developing industrial infrastructure with better connectivity, utilities and plug-and-play facilities to help companies start operations faster. Such infrastructure can benefit not only large manufacturers but also MSMEs, suppliers and supporting industries across the textile value chain.

The new investment wave is expected to generate around 3,000 employment opportunities, creating demand for skilled workers, technicians and service providers. As industrial clusters expand, opportunities are also expected to emerge in logistics, packaging, machinery support and other allied activities.

The approved projects cover a wide range of industries, including textiles, advanced manufacturing, food processing, chemicals, plastics,



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Himson's Patent Breakthrough Set To Replace Decades-Old Apron Feeding In Yarn Texturizing

Himson Engineering Pvt. Ltd. has unveiled a patented Individual Motorized Godet Feeding Technology that could transform the synthetic yarn texturizing industry by replacing conventional apron-feed systems with a more precise, efficient and automated solution.

As global textile markets demand higher-quality, defect-free yarn and manufacturers seek greater productivity with lower operating costs, Himson's breakthrough addresses one of the biggest challenges in Draw Texturizing Machines (DTY)—maintaining consistent yarn tension and uniformity at high speeds.

Breaking the limits of conventional apron feeding

For decades, apron-feed systems have been widely used in DTY machines. However, these systems come with inherent limitations, including frictional wear, frequent maintenance, yarn slippage and inconsistent tension control.

Continuous friction between rubber aprons and rollers leads to component degradation and production interruptions. Variations in pressure can also affect yarn properties, resulting in irregular dye absorption, inconsistent bulk and reduced product quality.

With textile manufacturers moving towards faster production, specialised yarn applications and smarter manufacturing systems, the need for a more advanced feeding mechanism has become critical.

Himson's patented technology eliminates the apron system completely by introducing high-precision metallic godet rollers, each powered by individual dedicated motors and integrated with an advanced Motorized Twist Unit.

Precision engineering for superior yarn performance

The new system provides stress-free positive yarn feeding

New motorized godet technology delivers precision yarn control, lower energy consumption and superior quality for next-generation textile manufacturing.

by guiding yarn over hard-chrome-plated godet rollers. This eliminates slippage and enables precise tension control throughout the process, ensuring consistent yarn structure, improved uniformity and enhanced performance characteristics.

The individual motor-driven godets allow independent control of each feeding point, giving manufacturers greater flexibility and accuracy in producing high-value specialty and technical yarns.

A major advantage of the technology is improved energy efficiency. By removing the mechanical friction associated with conventional apron brackets and combining direct-drive motors with redesigned vapor-phase heaters, the system significantly reduces power consumption.

Lower maintenance, higher productivity

Himson's motorized godet technology also reduces the maintenance burden faced by traditional systems. Unlike rubber aprons that require regular replacement, cleaning and adjustment, the metallic godet rollers offer durability and significantly reduce routine wear.

The integrated Motorized Twist Unit further enhances process control by allowing operators to adjust crimp and bulk characteristics with greater precision. This enables manufacturers to respond quickly to changing market requirements while maintaining consistent yarn quality.

Smart automation for future-ready manufacturing

Designed for Industry 4.0-enabled production environments, Himson's system features advanced PC-based software, an intuitive HMI touchscreen interface and stepless parameter adjustment capabilities.

The technology enables manufacturers to achieve high levels of process repeatability and is fully compatible with Online Tension Monitoring (OLT) systems, helping ensure consistent quality in sophisticated yarn applications.

OPERATIONAL BENEFITS FOR MANUFACTURERS		
OPERATIONAL METRIC	CONVENTIONAL APRON FEED	HIMSON PATENTED MOTORIZED GODET
Yarn Quality & Consistency	Vulnerable to slippage; higher rate of dye defects.	Excellent reproducibility; ultra-uniform yarn structural properties.
Energy Consumption	High mechanical friction increases energy draw.	Significantly low energy consumption due to direct-drive motors.
Production Speed	Constrained by apron wear and friction limits.	High-speed, easy operation with zero physical degradation.
Maintenance & Downtime	Frequent apron replacements and cleaning required.	Highly durable metallic surfaces; near-zero routine wear elements.

Setting a new standard for texturizing

Compared with conventional apron-feed systems, Himson's patented solution delivers measurable advantages:

- Improved yarn consistency by eliminating slippage and tension variations
- Lower energy consumption through direct-drive technology
- Higher production efficiency without apron-related speed limitations
- Reduced maintenance and machine downtime
- Greater flexibility for specialty yarn production

Himson's Individual Motorized Godet Feeding Technology represents a significant advancement in synthetic yarn processing, combining precision engineering, automation and sustainability. As textile manufacturers worldwide invest in smarter and more efficient production systems, the innovation positions itself as a next-generation solution for mills seeking higher quality, lower costs and stronger global competitiveness.

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DARSHAN BHOGILAL BACHKANIWALA
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Jharkhand Chief Minister **HEMANT SOREN**

Jharkhand's Textile Moment Arrives!

New Policy Sets Stage For Fresh Investments

with plug-and-play infrastructure are being developed to attract new investments in apparel production.

The labour-intensive garment sector has also become an important driver of women's employment, helping reduce seasonal migration by creating jobs closer to home.

A key pillar of the state's textile

ecosystem is JHARCRAFT, which connects rural artisans with national markets by supporting raw material sourcing, design development, skill enhancement and marketing.

Looking ahead, the draft Jharkhand Textile, Apparel & Footwear Policy 2026 aims to attract ₹1,000 crore in fresh investments

and create more than 20,000 jobs. The state's long-term vision extends beyond conventional textiles, with a growing focus on technical textiles for high-value sectors such as healthcare, defence and infrastructure, positioning Jharkhand for the next phase of India's textile growth story.

Jharkhand is rolling out a new industrial roadmap with textiles taking centre stage. The state government has unveiled the draft Jharkhand Textile, Apparel & Footwear Policy 2026 along with the Jharkhand Industrial Investment Promotion Policy (JIIPP) 2026, setting the stage for fresh investments, new manufacturing units and large-scale employment.

The move marks a major push to position Jharkhand as an emerging textile and manufacturing destination. The draft policies, now available on the Jharkhand Single Window Portal, invite suggestions from industry leaders, investors, experts and stakeholders before final approval.

For the textile sector, the proposed policy comes at a crucial time as companies look for new manufacturing destinations backed by infrastructure, skilled manpower and investor-friendly support. The policy is expected to provide momentum to apparel manufacturing, footwear production and allied industries, creating opportunities for MSMEs and large-scale units alike.

Officials said feedback received during the consultation process will be reviewed and incorporated before the policies are placed before the Cabinet for final approval.

Jharkhand's natural resources, strategic location and growing industrial infrastructure provide a strong foundation for manufacturing growth. With a dedicated textile and apparel policy now in the pipeline, the state is aiming to move beyond raw material advantages and build a complete production ecosystem.

The message from Ranchi is loud and clear: Jharkhand wants a bigger share of India's textile growth story and the new policy push could be the trigger.

Jharkhand at a glance

Jharkhand is steadily emerging as a competitive textile manufacturing destination, backed by a mix of large-scale industry, dedicated infrastructure and strong artisan support. Leading companies such as Arvind Mills, Orient Craft and Kishore Exports already operate manufacturing facilities in the state, while specialised Textile Parks

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 Jul-14	India - A Trusted Partner In An Uncertain World: How Can Indian Companies Navigate A Rapidly Changing Global Trade Scenario - HMoT.MoS	Deloitte	 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm	 MR19, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Unlocking Opportunities in The India-NZ Wool Ecosystem	Deloitte	 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm	 MR 15, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Tamil Nadu visit to State Pavilion	Govt. of Tamil Nadu	 11.30 am - 11.45 am	 State Pavilion, Exhibition Hall 9 to 11
 Jul-14	Gujarat State Session	Govt. of Gujarat	 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	 MR 16, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Punjab State Session + Press Conference	Govt. of Punjab	 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	 State Pavilion Exhibition Hall 9 to 11
 Jul-14	Infrastructure & Investment - The backbone of Indian Textiles	Invest India	 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm	 MR 19, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	International Apparel Federation Board of Directors Meeting	IAF	 2.00 pm - 4 pm	 MR 15, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Sustainability Conclae: Setting the Scaling Agenda (Opening Plenary Session)	Sattva	 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm	 Auditorium 1, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Bihar State Session + Press Conference	Govt. of Bihar	 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	 Summit Room, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	PM MITRA Master Developer Session with Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh	Govt. of Gujarat + Govt of UP	 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	 MR 16, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	India-Russia Roundtable on Global Trade Across the Textile Value Chain	Deloitte	 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	 MR 15, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Fireside chat with Sandeep Khosla and Abu Jani	Sandeep Khosla & Abu Jani	 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm	 MR 16, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	E-commerce as a gateway to global export markets	TEXPROCIL & Amazon	 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm	 MR 8, Convention Centre
 Jul-14	Women at the Centre: Mainstreaming Gender Across Textiles, Garments, Weaving and Handicrafts	UN Women	 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm	 MR 9, Convention Centre

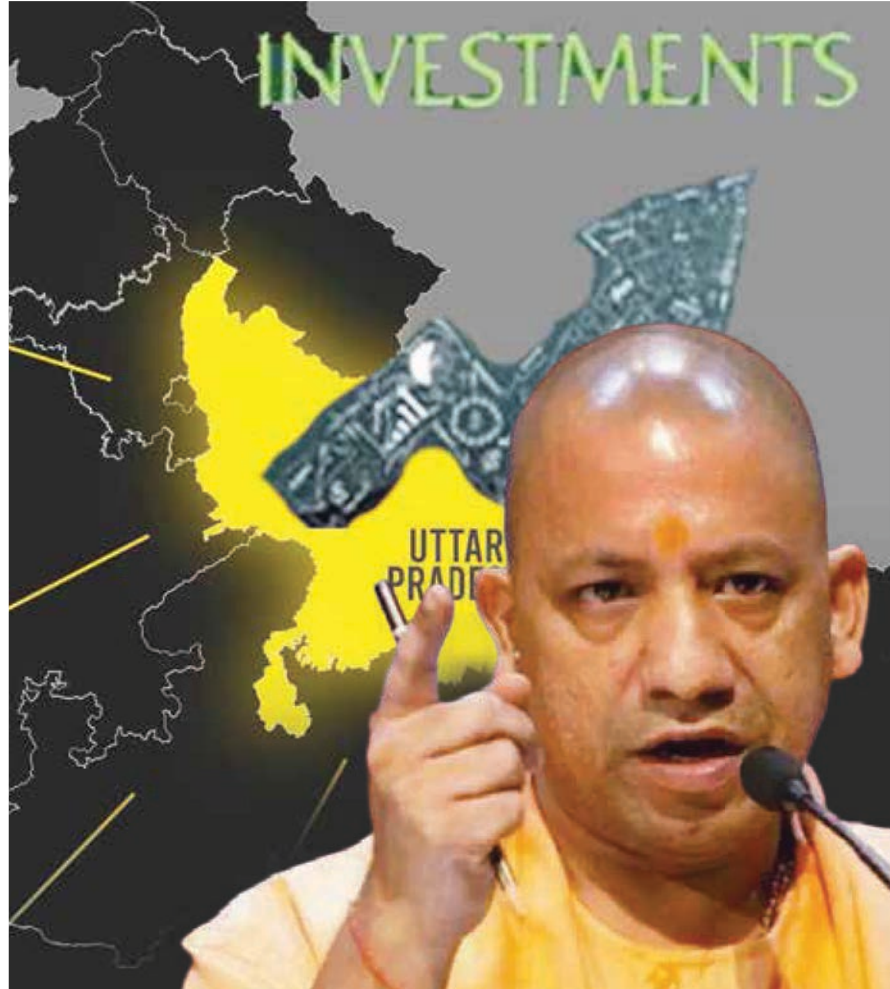
Ghaziabad Gets New Industrial Powerhouse! 200 Units Cleared, Textiles In Focus

A new industrial hotspot is taking shape in Uttar Pradesh. The Madhuban Bapudham area of Ghaziabad is set to host more than 200 industrial units, creating jobs for around 5,000 people and giving a fresh boost to manufacturing in the National Capital Region.

The upcoming industrial estate will house key sectors including textiles, manufacturing and food processing, making it another promising destination for investors looking to expand in North India.

The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA), with support from the Uttar Pradesh Government, has fast-tracked the project. Roads, water supply, sewerage and other essential infrastructure are being developed, while electrification work will follow to prepare the site for industries.

For the textile sector, the announcement comes at a time when companies are actively scouting new manufacturing locations backed by strong infrastructure. With textiles identified as one of the priority industries, the new hub is expected to attract spinning, weaving, garmenting, technical textiles and



allied manufacturing units, along with a large ecosystem of MSMEs and service providers.

The project is also expected to create demand for machinery, packaging, warehousing, logistics and industrial services, multiplying its economic impact well beyond the factory gates.

Located close to Delhi and well connected to major transport corridors, Ghaziabad already enjoys a strong industrial presence. The addition of Madhuban Bapudham strengthens its position as an emerging manufacturing destination and adds another growth centre to Uttar Pradesh's expanding industrial network.

With infrastructure work gathering pace and over 200 industrial units in the pipeline, Madhuban Bapudham is gearing up to become one of the state's newest engines of industrial growth. For the textile industry, it is another signal that the manufacturing map of North India is expanding and new opportunities are opening up fast.

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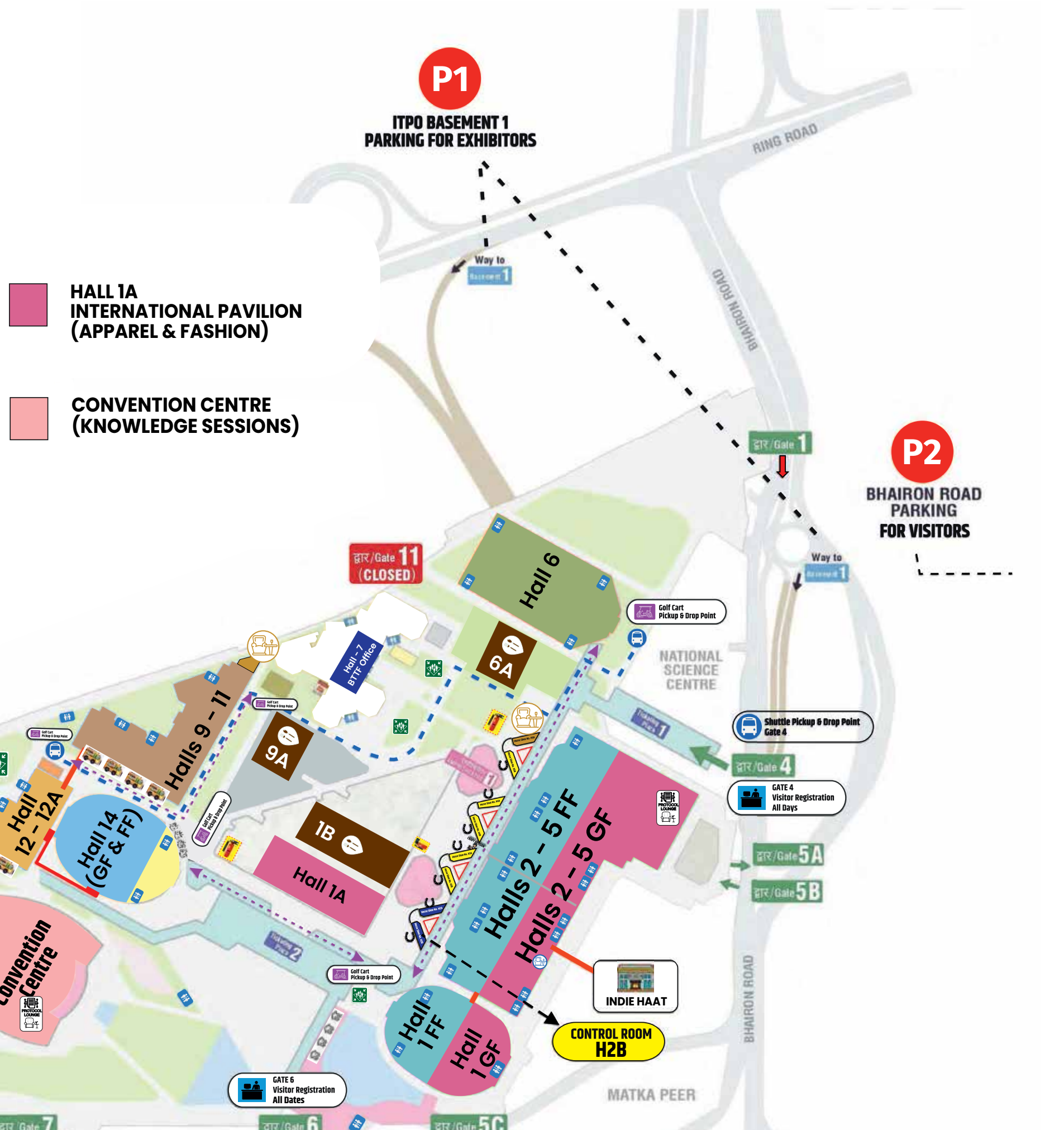
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A Decade After Its Debut, SonicWASH Ultrasonic Technology Is Helping Textile Manufacturers Cut Costs, Improve Efficiency and Build a Cleaner Future

Geratex is the pioneer of Ultrasonic Fabric Washing technology globally. The company introduced their invention - SonicWASH ultrasonic washing line in 2016 and now have a decade long experience with proven performance based on real world results and savings in steam, water, and power.

Based out of Vadodara, Gujarat, Geratex was established by K Venkat Reddy with the aim of creating textile machinery with state-of-the-art technologies for the 21st century. While the use of Ultrasonic technology has long shown at lab level the reduction in steam, water, and power, Geratex has now developed a patented and award-winning technology that has been running for the past decade.

The result of dedicated R&D, in an industry that has not seen any meaningful innovation in the textile processing segment for over 20 years, is a groundbreaking line of machines that have set new standards in textile production. For the past decade, their patented technology has been instrumental in conserving resources such as water, chemicals, and steam while simultaneously reducing effluents and emissions. This is in line with the textile industry's sustainable manufacturing goals.

Geratex is primarily exports their equipment and has customer base spanning 5 continents and 13 countries, including global giants like Vicunha - a Brazilian textile giant. They have placed orders



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annually for the past 8 years to upgrade all their washing needs, whether it be dedicated scouring, desize washing, post mercerize washing, along with other systems such as ultrasonic chemical application for bleaching, as well as on their indigo denim line, apart from other systems like singeing and steamers. With a large presence in the Brazilian textile industry, Geratex are now expanding to Europe, with customers in Germany, Norway, Portugal.

The primary attraction for Geratex machines is due to the delivery of profitable outcomes and prioritize sustainability, without compromising on either, surpassing conventional or dated limitations in design and engineering.

By using Ultrasonic technology to accelerate the washing process, the systems deliver the same results at 65°C instead of industry standard of ~90°C. It also eliminates the need for specialized steam or vacuum technology in certain lines such as scouring/de-sizing, resulting reduced downtime, and more importantly eliminating the need of more than 400kg steam per hour.

Furthermore, the washing compartments are

completely automated and any line equipped with the system or complete lines as well, requires not more than 2 people to operate and does not require any specialized chemicals/soaps etc. Innovation that has resulted in true plug-and-play systems. Importantly, this also mean that organizations don't have to change existing SOPs or create new ones to accommodate Geratex technology.

Apart from these advantages, each compartment consists of only 4 guide rolls and 2 rubber rolls (integrated squeezer with drive) compared to the more than 24 in comparable conventional wash-boxes, which significantly reduces downtime for maintenance, which also results in increased productivity.

Geratex has provided machines from the standard working width of 1800mm to the wider width 3400mm.

Geratex has shown that there is indeed a way forward, a system that achieves sustainability through efficiency. The lesser the resource used, results in efficiency, profitability, as well as sustainability.



SANJAY SAVKARE,

Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra

Maharashtra's Textile Mega Plan

₹25,000 Crore Investment Target, 5 Lakh Jobs And A New-Age Fibre Revolution

The biggest challenge and opportunity is cotton. Despite being one of India's largest cotton-producing states, a large share of cotton from Vidarbha and Marathwada leaves Maharashtra for processing elsewhere. The government now wants to reverse this trend by increasing in-state cotton processing from around 30% to 80%.

The government is encouraging investments in spinning, weaving, processing and garmenting capacities closer to cotton-growing regions, helping retain more value within Maharashtra.

To accelerate this shift, the state is offering capital and power incentives, with additional support for projects in backward regions.

Modernising textile processing

Modernisation of around 674 textile

processing units is also a priority, with incentives for technology upgrades, renewable energy adoption, Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) and Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) systems.

Maharashtra's iconic textile clusters including Bhiwandi, Chalkaranji, Solapur, Malegaon and Nagpur are also set for a technology upgrade. Through Maha-TUFS and the Integrated Textile Policy, eligible units can access significant capital subsidies to invest in advanced machinery, improve productivity and become globally competitive.

Ease of Doing Business

Ease of doing business is another key focus. The state's e-Textile Portal aims to simplify subsidy applications, enable real-time tracking and speed up incentive disbursement through a

transparent digital process.

Focus on technical textiles

Maharashtra has announced six Technical Textile Parks and launched the Maharashtra Technical Textile Mission (MTTM), the first state-level mission aligned with the National Technical Textiles Mission. With a proposed ₹50 crore R&D component, the state aims to promote innovation, testing facilities, industry-academia partnerships and new product development across sectors such as Meditech, Agrotech, Buildtech and Geotech.

At Bharat Tex 2026, Maharashtra is showcasing its growing textile infrastructure, including the PM MITRA Park at Amravati, Technical Textile Parks and Mini Textile Parks across the state, as platforms for large-scale manufacturing and investment.

Maharashtra is preparing for a major textile transformation. The state is targeting 25,000 crore in textile investments and five lakh employment opportunities through its Integrated and Sustainable Textile Policy 2023-28, with a sharp focus on boosting value addition, modernising clusters and building a future-ready textile ecosystem.

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Bharat Tex 2026 To Showcase India's Circular Textile Capability With Eco-Stitch Hub

India's sustainable textile ambitions will take centre stage at Bharat Tex 2026 as the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) and the Global Alliance for Textile Sustainability (GATS) launch the Eco-Stitch Sustainability & Circularity Hub, a dedicated platform showcasing India's capabilities in circular manufacturing, traceability and responsible apparel production.

Built around the theme "Sustainable, Circular and Competitive Bharat", the Eco-Stitch Hub will bring together the entire textile and apparel value chain, from fibres and yarns to fabrics, recycling, technology, traceability and sustainable fashion, positioning India as a preferred sourcing destination for global brands and retailers.

The flagship initiative will demonstrate how India's textile and apparel industry is adapting to rapidly changing global sourcing priorities, where sustainability, transparency and regulatory compliance are becoming key business drivers.

The pavilion will feature immersive zones including the India Impact Wall, Circularity at Scale, From Waste to Global Wardrobe, Made in Circular Bharat, Material & Innovation Library, and Circular Bharat Forum. These experiences will highlight India's strengths in recycled and natural fibres, resource-efficient manufacturing, circular production models, digital traceability and sustainable apparel innovation.

More than an exhibition space, the Eco-Stitch Hub will function as a business and collaboration platform connecting manufacturers, exporters, global brands, recyclers, technology providers, startups, certification agencies, policymakers and international institutions.

The hub will host international



buyer walkthroughs, B2B meetings, sustainability knowledge sessions, CEO dialogues, product launches, sustainability report releases, MoU signings, case study presentations and technology demonstrations to create new business opportunities and strengthen global supply chain partnerships.

CMAI President Santosh Katariya said global buyers are increasingly evaluating sourcing destinations on sustainability, transparency and regulatory preparedness. He added that the initiative will showcase India's ability to deliver sustainable manufacturing at scale and strengthen its position as a trusted global sourcing partner.

Naveen Sainani, Hon. General Secretary and Chairman – ESG Committee, CMAI, said the

initiative reflects the organisation's efforts to prepare the apparel industry for emerging sustainability requirements and enhance India's competitiveness in international markets.

Parvinder Singh, Founder-Director, GATS, said the hub will showcase India's capabilities in responsible manufacturing, circular materials, recycling innovation and traceable textile value chains. The initiative will also see the release of a CXO Blueprint and a Sustainable Textiles Accord to guide industry action on sustainability.

The push comes as global regulations such as the EU Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), Digital Product Passport (DPP), Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) reshape textile supply chains.

The Eco-Stitch Sustainability & Circularity Hub is supported by leading sustainability and industry organisations including Grasim, GIZ, UNEP, UNIDO, Alliance for Textile Sustainability, Centre for Responsible Business, Conserve India, Fashion for Change, IDH, Green Stitch, Grant Thornton, H&M, Fashion for Good, Canopy and several other partners.

With sustainability set to define the next phase of global textile trade, the Eco-Stitch Hub will reinforce Bharat Tex 2026 as a platform where innovation, business, policy and partnerships converge to shape the future of India's textile and apparel industry.



India-New Zealand FTA Opens US\$ 2 Billion Textile Opportunity For Indian Exporters

India's textile and apparel exporters are set to gain a new market opportunity as the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) moves towards implementation, opening doors for higher exports, investment and supply chain partnerships.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the landmark agreement will add "depth and dynamism" to bilateral economic ties by improving market access, boosting investment, expanding services and enabling greater talent mobility.

For the textile industry, New Zealand represents a small but attractive opportunity. With a population of around 5 million, the country is highly dependent on imports for its clothing and textile requirements. Its textile and apparel import market is estimated at around US\$ 2 billion annually, with apparel accounting for nearly 65% of imports.

New Zealand's apparel imports alone are valued at around US\$ 1.2 billion, covering products such as knitwear, casual wear, jackets, sportswear, formal clothing and home textiles.

However, India currently has only a limited presence in this market. Indian textile and apparel exports to New Zealand are estimated at around US\$ 100 million, highlighting significant room for expansion.

China leads, India has room to grow

China remains the largest supplier of textiles and clothing to New Zealand, dominating categories such as T-shirts, knitwear, sweaters, jackets and casual apparel. Bangladesh has also built a strong position, particularly in basic garments and knitwear.



Indian PM
NARENDRA MODI
with New Zealand
PM **CHRISTOPHER LUXON**

In comparison, India's share remains relatively small despite its strengths in cotton textiles, garments and sustainable manufacturing.

The FTA could create fresh opportunities for Indian exporters in:

Ready-made garments, particularly cotton apparel, knitwear and woven products

Home textiles such as bed linen, towels and curtains

Sustainable and recycled textile products

Cotton-based value-added products

Wool blends and premium textiles by leveraging New Zealand's strong wool ecosystem

Strategic partnership gets bigger

push

Addressing business leaders in Auckland, PM Modi highlighted India's economic growth, skilled workforce, digital ecosystem and infrastructure expansion as major opportunities for New Zealand companies.

The two countries have upgraded relations to a Strategic Partnership and set a target of doubling bilateral trade to NZD 7 billion (around 35,000 crore) by 2030.

New Zealand has also committed to investing US\$ 20 billion in India over the next 15 years, strengthening opportunities for collaboration across manufacturing, technology and infrastructure.

PM Modi invited New Zealand

businesses to partner with India in areas including logistics, clean energy, digital economy and innovation.

For India's textile sector, the agreement comes at a crucial time as exporters seek new markets and diversified supply chains. With global buyers increasingly looking for reliable, sustainable and transparent sourcing partners, the India-New Zealand FTA could help Indian manufacturers expand their footprint in a market where China and Bangladesh currently dominate.

The opportunity is clear: New Zealand may be a small market, but its nearly US\$ 2 billion textile import demand offers significant headroom for India's exporters.

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India-Maldives FTA Talks Open New Textile Export Window In Indian Ocean Market

India and the Maldives have formally begun negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) aimed at expanding trade, investment and economic cooperation between the two countries.

For India's textile and apparel industry, the proposed agreement could strengthen access to a nearby and import-dependent market, creating new opportunities in garments, home textiles, hospitality textiles and value-added textile products.

The Maldives may be a small market, but its textile and clothing import demand is significant for its size. The country imports around US\$ 90 million worth of textiles and clothing annually, with demand driven largely by tourism, hospitality and domestic consumption.

India is already a leading supplier to the Maldives, exporting around US\$ 21 million worth of textile and apparel products to the country, ahead of China, Thailand, the UAE and Sri Lanka.

The proposed FTA could further strengthen India's position by reducing trade barriers and improving market access for exporters.

Potential opportunities for Indian



Union Commerce and Industry Minister **PIYUSH GOYAL** with the Maldives' Minister of Economic Development and Trade, **MOHAMED SAEED**, in New Delhi.

textile companies include:

Hospitality textiles such as bed

linen, towels, curtains and furnishings

for Maldives' expanding tourism

sector

Ready-made garments and uniforms for hotels, resorts and businesses

Cotton textiles and fabrics

Sustainable and recycled textile products

The announcement followed discussions between India's Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and Maldives Minister of Economic Development, Transport and Trade Mohamed Saeed during the latter's visit to India.

Both sides reviewed ongoing economic initiatives and formally launched FTA negotiations, with the agreement expected to improve market access, encourage investment and create new opportunities for businesses.

India is already one of the Maldives' key development and trading partners, with cooperation spanning infrastructure, connectivity, healthcare, education and tourism.

For textile exporters, the Maldives represents a strategic regional opportunity - a nearby market where India already has a strong supply position and where stronger trade ties could unlock further growth

India and Mali are moving to deepen cooperation in cotton, textiles and manufacturing as both countries look to convert growing trade ties into long-term investment partnerships.

The inaugural India-Mali Forum for the Promotion of Exports, held in Bamako, has opened new opportunities for collaboration across cotton, textiles, mining, energy, pharmaceuticals and infrastructure.

Bilateral trade between India and Mali crossed US\$326.61 million in FY 2025-26, registering a strong 55% growth over the previous year. The forum brought together senior government officials and around 30 Indian business leaders to explore commercial opportunities through B2B, B2G and government-level engagements.

Cotton value chain emerges as key opportunity

For the textile industry, Mali's biggest strength is its position as one of Africa's leading cotton producers. The country produces around 600,000-700,000 tonnes of cotton lint annually in strong crop years, making cotton a critical pillar of its economy and exports.

However, Mali's textile industry remains largely underdeveloped, with much of its cotton exported

India-Mali Textile Partnership Gains Momentum As Trade Surges 55%



as raw material. The country is looking to expand domestic value addition through spinning, weaving, processing and garment manufacturing.

This creates opportunities for Indian companies with expertise across the textile value chain from cotton processing and spinning to

textile machinery, fabrics, apparel manufacturing and sustainable production technologies.

Import-dependent textile market offers scope

Mali's textile and apparel market is estimated at around US\$200-300 million annually, with significant dependence on imports for finished garments, fabrics, synthetic textiles and home textiles.

China remains the dominant supplier of textile and apparel products to Mali, particularly in low-cost garments and fabrics. Other suppliers include India, Pakistan, Turkey and UAE-based trading hubs.

India already has a presence in the market, exporting products such as cotton fabrics, pharmaceuticals, vehicles and bicycles. A stronger partnership could help Indian textile companies expand exports of fabrics, garments, home textiles and machinery while supporting Mali's move towards local manufacturing.

Building a textile manufacturing

ecosystem

During the forum, both sides identified cotton and textiles as priority sectors for cooperation, along with mining, renewable energy, agro-industry and healthcare.

Business discussions focused on converting opportunities into commercial partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding, with participation from sectors including textiles, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, automotive manufacturing and mining.

Mali has announced an Investment Forum on 3-4 December 2026, where additional investment opportunities will be presented to global investors.

For India's textile sector, the growing partnership offers a strategic opportunity: helping Mali move from a raw cotton exporter to a value-added textile producer while opening a new market for Indian technology, machinery, fabrics and manufacturing expertise.

Rs 25,000 Crore Export Promotion Mission Launched

Piyush Goyal Unveils 7-Point Action Plan To Achieve US\$ 1 Trillion Export Target

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has launched a seven-point export action plan focused on boosting manufacturing, empowering MSMEs and expanding India's global market presence.

At the Board of Trade meeting in New Delhi, Goyal announced the ₹25,000 crore Export Promotion Mission (EPM) to help MSMEs scale up exports through easier finance, market access, certifications, compliance support, warehousing, freight assistance and global branding.

The mission will work through two pillars - NIRYAT PROSAHAN and NIRYAT DISHA - aimed at increasing exporter participation and improving competitiveness.

90-day export sprint across 120 districts

A major push will come through a 90-day export drive across 120 priority districts in 27 States and Union Territories under the Districts as Export Hubs initiative.

The programme will focus on adding new exporters, strengthening MSME clusters and promoting local products under One District One Product (ODOP) and GI initiatives.



PIYUSH GOYAL launches Rs 25,000 crore Export Promotion Mission

India recorded its highest-ever exports of US\$ 863 billion in FY 2025-26, with merchandise exports at around US\$ 442 billion and services

exports crossing US\$ 421 billion.

Textiles, industrial parks in focus

The meeting also reviewed the Ministry of Textiles' Vision 2030, targeting US\$100 billion in textile and apparel exports, underlining the sector's importance in India's export journey.

Goyal urged States to accelerate participation in the BHAVYA Industrial Parks Scheme, which aims to develop 100 industrial parks with an investment of ₹33,660 crore.

He also stressed the need for better testing facilities, quality infrastructure and reduced compliance costs to make Indian products more competitive globally.

FTA advantage and global expansion

With India's expanding Free Trade Agreement network opening access to markets with a combined GDP of over US\$ 27 trillion, Goyal called on exporters to actively participate in international trade fairs, exhibitions and business delegations.

He also encouraged States to promote cross-border e-commerce and strengthen export channels through Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras.

Calling exports a priority for every State, Goyal said the US\$1 trillion export target can be achieved through stronger Centre-State coordination, regular reviews and a globally competitive manufacturing ecosystem.

MSME Payment Revolution: CPSEs Must Now Settle Invoices Through TReDS

Government move unlocks faster, collateral-free working capital for millions of small businesses

In a major boost for MSMEs, the Ministry of MSME has mandated all operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to route invoice settlements for goods and services purchased from MSME suppliers through RBI-authorised Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms.

The notification, issued on 30 June 2026, implements a key Union Budget 2026-27 announcement aimed at ending payment delays that often block MSME growth.

Under the new system, MSME suppliers can convert approved invoices into cash before the due date through TReDS, accessing collateral-free financing from banks and financial institutions through competitive bidding.

CPSEs will also be required to disclose details of MSME invoices routed and settled through TReDS and submit compliance certification



during annual audits.

The move is expected to significantly improve cash flow for India's MSME sector, which has over 8.70 crore registered enterprises supporting more than 38 crore jobs.

TReDS, an RBI-regulated digital platform operational since 2017, enables MSMEs to discount trade receivables from corporate buyers, government departments and PSUs. Invoice discounting through TReDS has grown from ₹40,000 crore in FY 2021-22 to ₹3.47 lakh crore in FY 2025-26, reflecting rapid adoption of digital payment solutions.

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Jute Mark India Scheme Extended For Three More Years

Textile Committee and National Jute Board join hands to expand JMI reach, add sustainability focus with carbon credit theme.

India's jute story is set for a bigger and greener push. The Textile Committee and the National Jute Board (NJB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to extend the implementation of the Jute Mark India (JMI) Scheme for another three years, giving fresh momentum to the promotion of authentic Indian jute products.

The MoU was signed by Shri Shashibhushan Singh, Secretary, National Jute Board, and Shri Kartikay Dhanda, Secretary, Textile Committee, in the presence of senior officials from both organisations.

The renewed partnership aims to expand the reach of the JMI Scheme, encourage greater industry participation and increase registrations by creating wider awareness about its benefits among jute manufacturers and stakeholders.

Building trust around Indian jute Launched to strengthen the identity and credibility of Indian jute products, the Jute Mark India label serves as a mark of authenticity, assuring buyers that products are made from genuine Indian jute and meet defined quality standards.

With sustainability becoming a key driver in global textile markets, the renewed JMI initiative will also explore the integration of a carbon credit theme into the JMI Label, further aligning Indian jute products with the growing demand for environmentally responsible materials.

The expanded JMI programme is expected to help Indian jute producers strengthen market visibility, build consumer confidence and tap into emerging opportunities in sustainable textiles.



The National Jute Board, under the Ministry of Textiles, has developed jute-viscose blended apparel for athletes participating in Commonwealth Games 2026

India To Showcase Sustainable Jute Apparel At Commonwealth Games 2026 In Historic First

India will make a sustainability statement at the Commonwealth Games 2026 after the National Jute Board (NJB), under the Ministry of Textiles, developed innovative jute viscose blended apparel that will be worn by the Indian contingent during the Games in Glasgow, Scotland, from 23 July to 2 August 2026.

The initiative marks the first time jute-based apparel will be showcased at a major

international multi-sport event. The biodegradable fabric was developed in collaboration with Gloster Jute Mills, while the official apparel was designed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi. The kit was unveiled in New Delhi in the presence of Union Ministers Giriraj Singh and Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, alongside Indian Olympic Association President P. T. Usha.

The Commonwealth Games will feature athletes from 72 countries, while India will field a 124-member contingent, including 78 male and 46 female athletes. India remains the world's largest producer of jute, contributing nearly 70% of global production. Officials believe the initiative will strengthen jute diversification, create new export opportunities and reinforce India's leadership in sustainable natural fibre innovation.



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India's efforts to expand sustainable silk production have reached Gujarat, with the Ministry of Textiles and the Central Silk Board (CSB) pushing for the large-scale promotion of castor-based Eri sericulture in the state.

Smt. Arti Kanwar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, and Shri P. Sivakumar, Member Secretary, CSB, met Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel to review ongoing initiatives and discuss scaling up Eri silk production using Gujarat's abundant castor crop.

Unlike conventional mulberry silk, Eri silk is produced by silkworms reared on castor leaves. Known for its soft, warm and durable texture, Eri silk is increasingly gaining attention as a sustainable natural fibre with growing

Gujarat Taps Its Abundant Castor Crop To Expand Eri Silk Production

domestic and international demand. The Gujarat initiative is part of the Centre's broader strategy to diversify India's sericulture sector, improve farmer incomes and reduce dependence on imported silk. In recent years, the Ministry of Textiles has been exploring castor-based Eri sericulture in new regions to unlock additional livelihood opportunities and strengthen domestic silk production.

India is the world's second-largest silk producer, with sericulture supporting around 9.2 million

livelihoods across more than 52,000 villages. The country produces all four major natural silks - Mulberry, Eri, Tasar and Muga - yet continues to import raw silk to meet rising domestic demand from the textile and fashion industries.

To strengthen the sector further, the Central Silk Board is promoting scientific farming practices through its 'Mera Resham Mera Abhimaan' (MRMA) campaign. The initiative encourages sericulturists to adopt improved technologies, sustainable

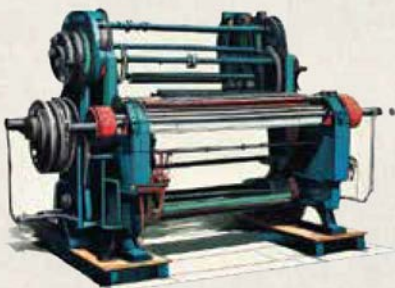
production methods and modern cultivation practices to enhance productivity and silk quality.

By leveraging Gujarat's extensive castor cultivation, the Ministry hopes to create a new growth engine for India's silk industry while generating additional rural employment and expanding the country's sustainable fibre basket. As global demand shifts towards eco-friendly textiles, castor-based Eri silk could emerge as an important addition to India's natural fibre portfolio.

A QUICK GUIDE TO INDIAN SILKS				
FEATURE	MULBERRY SILK	ERI SILK	TASAR SILK	MUGA SILK
SILKWORM	 <i>Bombyx mori</i>	 <i>Samia ricini</i>	 <i>Antheraea mylitta</i>	 <i>Antheraea assamensis</i>
FOOD PLANT	 Mulberry leaves	 Castor, tapioca, kessuru leaves	 Arjun, Asan, Sal & forest trees	 Som and Soalu trees
PRODUCED MAINLY IN	 Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal	 Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat (emerging)	 Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh	 Assam (almost exclusively)
SHARE OF INDIA'S SILK PRODUCTION	 ~90%	 ~8-9%	 ~1-2%	 <1%
NATURAL COLOUR	 White to cream	 Off-white	 Copper brown	 Natural golden yellow
TEXTURE	 Fine, smooth & lustrous	 Soft, warm, wool-like	 Rich texture with coarse feel	 Fine, glossy & highly lustrous
STRENGTH	 Strong with excellent drape	 Very durable and breathable	 Strong & durable	 Extremely strong & long-lasting
TYPICAL USES	 Sarees, apparel, scarves, ties, luxury fabrics	 Shawls, winter wear, stoles, home furnishings	 Sarees, jackets, furnishings, tribal textiles	 Premium sarees, bridal wear, luxury garments
SUSTAINABILITY	 Conventional silk production	 Often called "Peace Silk" as moth emerges before spinning	 Forest-based natural silk	 Natural, eco-friendly & geographically unique
PRICE	 Moderate to high	 Moderate	 High	 Highest among Indian silks
UNIQUE FEATURE	 World's most widely used silk	 Warmest silk; ideal for winter wear	 Wild silk with natural texture	 World's only naturally golden silk and exclusive to Assam
AT A GLANCE				
Mulberry – India's dominant silk (~90%)				
Eri – Soft, warm, sustainable, castor feed				
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Muga – Rare golden silk, Assam exclusive, premium fiber				



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NAGPUR TO BUILD CENTRAL INDIA'S FIRST TEXTILE RECOVERY FACILITY

Nagpur is set to become home to Central India's first Textile Recovery Facility (TRF), giving a major boost to textile recycling and the circular economy. The project, being developed by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), aims to recover discarded textiles, reduce landfill waste and turn used garments into valuable resources. Modelled on the successful textile recycling initiative in Navi Mumbai, the facility will help tackle one of India's fastest-growing

waste streams while promoting sustainable urban waste management. Nagpur generates nearly 500 tonnes of textile waste every day, much of which currently ends up in landfills or clogs drainage systems. The new facility aims to divert this waste from disposal sites, with around 70% recycled into raw materials and the remaining 30% upcycled into value-added products. A key feature of the project is the involvement of women-led

self-help groups, which will collect unwanted garments directly from households. Besides improving waste segregation, the initiative is expected to create new livelihood opportunities and encourage greater public participation in textile recycling. India generates an estimated 7.8 million metric tonnes of post-consumer textile waste every year, making organised collection and recovery systems increasingly important. As global brands and governments push for circular

textile value chains, recovery facilities are becoming a critical part of the industry's sustainability roadmap. The Nagpur Textile Recovery Facility is expected to reduce pressure on the Bhandewadi landfill, improve resource recovery and establish a replicable model for other cities across Central India. The project also aligns with India's broader efforts to promote circularity, reduce waste and maximise the reuse of textile resources.



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11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

The finest of Indian handicrafts and handlooms at Indie Haat
exhibition, Bharat Tex 2026!

Witness the unparalleled skills of decorated artisans like National Awardees
& Padma Shri honourees, showcasing their traditional crafts.

Whether you're a craft enthusiast or simply curious, there's something for
everyone!

TAKE HOME A PIECE OF INDIA'S
ARTISTIC LEGACY.



BEHIND HALL NO. 03, BHARAT TEX
NATIONAL CRAFTS MUSEUM &
HASTKALA ACADEMY
Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New
Delhi - 110001

ENTRY FREE ❄️

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❄️ **Live Demonstrations:**
Watch master artisans bring their craft to life
- ❄️ **Authentic Products:**
Purchase products that carry India's cultural tapestry.
- ❄️ **Interactive Conversations:**
Engage with artisans & learn their stories

Bharat Tex 2026: Weaving Modi's 5F Vision

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From Kashmir's iconic Pashmina to Assam's Muga silk, Rajasthan's Bandhani to Tamil Nadu's Kanjeevaram, India's textile heritage is stepping onto the world stage. Bharat Tex 2026, from July 14-17 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, brings the country's entire textile ecosystem under one roof, turning tradition, technology and trade into a powerful growth story.

Built around Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 5F Vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign, Bharat Tex 2026 showcases India's ambition to become a global textile manufacturing powerhouse.

The scale is massive. More than 1,600 exhibitors will showcase the complete textile value chain from fibre and yarn to fabrics, apparel, home textiles, technical textiles and machinery. The event is expected to attract over 7,000 buyers from more than 110 countries, 1.3 lakh trade visitors, and feature over 3,500 curated B2B meetings.

International participation has grown significantly, with exhibitors and delegations from countries including the US, UK, Japan, Portugal, Spain, New Zealand, South Korea, South Africa and Nepal, along with representation from global institutions such as the United Nations and the European Union.

For India's textile industry, the event comes at a

time of major transformation. The sector contributes 2.3% to India's GDP, 13% to industrial production and 8.6% to exports, while supporting livelihoods of more than 100 million people, including millions of women in rural areas.

The government's push for scale is visible across the value chain. The PLI Scheme for Textiles has attracted investment commitments of over ₹31,687 crore, while seven PM MITRA Parks are being developed as integrated textile manufacturing hubs. At the grassroots level, nearly ₹2,000 crore has been invested through handloom development programmes, supporting clusters, weavers and skill development.

Sustainability and innovation will remain at the heart of Bharat Tex 2026. The event's Global Textile Dialogue will feature over 100 sessions with more than 370 global and Indian leaders discussing trade, technology, circularity, fashion and future opportunities.

As global brands look for reliable, sustainable and integrated supply chains, Bharat Tex 2026 sends a clear message: India is not just making textiles for the world, it is building the future of textiles.

The event marks another major step towards India's ambition of creating a US\$ 350 billion textile industry by 2030 and advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.



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