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UP Textiles Ministry officials at Bharat Tex 2026

UP, Karnataka & Maharashtra Make Big Pitches At BHARAT TEX 2026

Bharat Tex 2026 Day 2 turned the spotlight on India's textile states and they came ready with big ambitions.

From manufacturing and apparel to handlooms, handicrafts and technical textiles, state governments showcased why their regions are emerging as attractive destinations for textile investment.

The Uttar Pradesh State Session highlighted the state's growing textile ecosystem and opportunities across the value chain. Shri Rakesh Sachan, Minister for Handloom and Textiles, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Shri Ravindra Jaiswal, Minister of Stamp and Court Fee and Registration, Government of Uttar Pradesh, shared the state's vision for strengthening its textile sector.

Karnataka highlighted its strong industrial base and manufacturing capabilities, pitching the state as a promising hub for textile and apparel growth.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra



Maharashtra Govt. officials at Bharat Tex 2026

showcased its technical textile ambitions through the session "Maharashtra: An Attractive Global Destination for Technical Textiles in India." Shri Sanjay Savkare, Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, highlighted the state's potential in technology-driven textile manufacturing.

With states bringing their strengths to the table, Bharat Tex reinforced one clear message: India's textile growth story will be powered from every corner of the country.

TEXTILE MACHINERY LEADERS CALL FOR SCALE, INNOVATION AND CONFIDENCE

From global ambitions to stronger ecosystems, industry leaders outline the roadmap for India's textile engineering future.

"Made in India" cannot remain just a tag, it has to become a belief. This was a strong message at a technological session on Make In India – Textile Machinery: The US\$ 100 Billion Opportunity, organised by India-ITME Society, on Day 2 of Bharat Tex 2026.

Textile engineering leaders debated the opportunities, challenges and the road ahead for building a globally competitive textile engineering ecosystem.

They pointed out that Indian manufacturers must first believe in their own capabilities. While Indian machines can match international standards, customers often expect them to come at a lower price simply because they are made in India.

"Would you pay the same for a Made in India machine as a Made in Germany machine?" they asked, highlighting the mindset shift needed

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Swasti Vinayaka Expands Into Premium Apparel With Focus On Innovation And Global Markets

Swasti Vinayaka Ltd is accelerating its transformation from a leading woven fabric manufacturer to an integrated premium apparel player, backed by advanced fabric technologies, value added products and strategic capacity expansion. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Rajesh Poddar, Managing Director of Swasti Vinayaka Ltd, said the company has built its reputation on innovation, specialising in linen blends and premium cotton fabrics. Established in 1978 and listed on the BSE since 1985, the company



MR. RAJESH PODDAR, Managing Director of Swasti Vinayaka Synthetics Ltd.

manufactures a wide portfolio of woven fabrics, including dobby, jacquard, cotton, polyester cotton and specialised blends, supplying more than 30 leading brands and around 20 export houses while producing nearly 1.3 million metres of fabric every month. Poddar said Swasti Vinayaka is now strengthening its value chain through direct exports and garment manufacturing. A new state of the art apparel facility at Tarapur is expected to commence operations by December, with a long-term expansion plan capable of accommodating nearly 2,000 machines. The company will initially focus on premium formal shirts featuring globally advanced non-iron technology, delivering durable press

ratings exceeding DP 4 through specialised processing and garment construction techniques. The company has also entered the premium lifestyle segment through its new consumer brand, House of Namah, offering luxury shirts and liquid cotton tee shirts produced using double mercerised long staple cotton with advanced finishing technology. Poddar noted that such products remain largely unavailable in the Indian market and are aimed at consumers seeking superior comfort, softness and performance. Reflecting on Bharat Tex 2026, Poddar described the exhibition as an increasingly important global sourcing platform. He said the company welcomed more than 20 overseas buyer delegations within the first two days, representing markets including the United States, Israel, Africa, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Türkiye. According to him, the strong international response reinforces India's growing reputation as a reliable destination for premium textiles, innovation and value-added apparel manufacturing.

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From pg 1 to truly make Make in India successful. For **Avinash Mayekar, Director, Suvin Advisors**, Make in India is not just an initiative, it is part of India's larger vision towards 2047. The journey, he said, must move beyond assembling imported components to developing high-precision manufacturing capabilities, strong R&D and indigenous technology development. **Mr Rajasekaran from LMW** highlighted that the company's success has come from unwavering management focus, continuous technology development and listening closely to customers. With strong intellectual property and in-house R&D, he said Indian companies today have the capability to lead in their segments.

However, the industry acknowledged that several roadblocks remain. **Madhusudhan Dadu, Director, Colorjet**, stressed that textile growth and textile technology growth must move together. The textile machinery sector needs stronger policy support similar to the textile industry, along with solutions for inverted duty structures, low-cost imports and the challenges of developing prototypes. **Amoli Shah, Prashant Gamatex**, highlighted the massive opportunity ahead. The global textile machinery market is around US\$ 30 billion, dominated by countries like China, Germany and Japan, while India's share remains below 10%. With expanding trade opportunities, India has the potential to capture a much larger share.

However, compared with countries like China, Indian manufacturers still need stronger incentives, especially for R&D and technology development. Ketan Sanghvi, Director, Laxmi Looms pointed out that the industry remains highly fragmented, with around 3,500 MSME units manufacturing machines and components. Many lack the financial and intellectual resources required to compete with global giants. While machines may be made in India, several critical precision components are still imported. The panel agreed that the future lies in scaling up, strengthening supply chains, investing in innovation and becoming customer-centric.

For Senthil Kumar of Simta, the ultimate goal is clear: India's textile machinery industry must not only serve domestic demand, it must build for the world. The message from the discussion was unmistakable: India has the engineering talent and market opportunity. The next challenge is building the ecosystem that allows Indian textile machinery to truly go global.

From Indian Designers To Global Fashion Brands: Brand India Takes The Spotlight



Designer **VAISHALI SHADANGULE**

At Bharat Tex 2026, leading voices from the world of fashion came together to discuss how Indian designers and brands can move beyond creativity and build successful global fashion businesses. The session "Global Ambitions: Redefining Retail Growth Beyond Borders" featured renowned designers Rahul Mishra and Vaishali Shadangule, who shared insights on taking Indian design, craftsmanship and identity to international markets. The conversation focused on what it takes to create a strong Brand India - one that combines heritage with modern design, innovation with sustainability, and creativity with commercial scale. A fireside conversation by NIFT further explored "Building Global Fashion Enterprises from India: Innovation, Sustainability and Scale", highlighting the need for Indian brands to think bigger, embrace technology and develop business models that can compete globally. With India's rich textile heritage and growing design talent, the next global fashion names can emerge from India if creativity is matched with ambition, innovation and scale.



Designer **RAHUL MISHRA**



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INDIA ITME UNVEILS BOLD VISION FOR INDIA'S TEXTILE ENGINEERING FUTURE

India ITME isn't thinking bigger. It's thinking bolder.

As preparations gather pace for India's biggest textile machinery exhibition, the India ITME Society is expanding its ambition well beyond exhibition stands and machine demonstrations. The goal is to make the event the industry's most influential platform, not just for technology, but for investment, policy, collaboration and the future of Indian textile engineering.

"Technology will always remain our mainstay," says Ketan Sanghvi, Chairman of India ITME Society, and Director – Laxmi Looms. "But today the industry needs much more than technology."

That means global thought leaders debating the future of manufacturing.

It means dedicated sessions on sustainability and digitalisation.

And, for the first time, it means bringing governments, banks, buyers and manufacturers to the same table to unlock fresh investment into India's textile machinery sector.

But behind this bigger vision lies an even bigger challenge.

According to Mr Sanghvi: "India has the engineering talent. It has entrepreneurial companies. It has one of the world's largest textile industries. Yet the country's textile machinery manufacturers continue to battle structural hurdles that make scaling up far harder than it should be."

The Chairman believes the industry has reached a point where it needs to stop thinking small.

"With nearly 3,500 manufacturers, most operating

India ITME 2026 aims to unite technology, investment and policy to power the next phase of textile engineering.



KETAN SANGHVI, Chairman, India ITME Society

as MSMEs, the sector remains highly fragmented. Instead of thousands of small players competing individually, we need globally competitive champions - companies strengthened through consolidation, strategic partnerships, joint ventures and patient capital," he believes.

Just as critical is building India's

component ecosystem.

"Even today, manufacturers continue to depend on imports for key technologies such as servo motors, PLCs, precision bearings, dobbies and jacquards. Every imported component means higher costs, longer lead times, exposure to currency fluctuations and vulnerability to global supply chain

disruptions."

His solution?

"Encourage component manufacturing in India through targeted incentives, potentially extending PLI-style support to critical engineering components."

He also points to what he sees as one of the industry's biggest contradictions. Domestic manufacturers often pay duty on imported components used to build machinery in India, while complete imported machines can enter under far more favourable duty structures.

"Why would anyone invest in manufacturing in India if it's cheaper to import?" is the question he believes policymakers must answer.

Yet the message isn't one of confrontation, it's one of collaboration.

The Chairman repeatedly stresses that textile machinery makers and textile manufacturers must work together more closely, giving Indian engineering companies the opportunity and the confidence to develop world-class machines tailored to industry needs instead of defaulting to imported technology.

That's the future India ITME wants to champion.

Because when the exhibition opens its doors, the spotlight won't just be on the latest machines. It will be on a far bigger question: Can India build the world's next textile engineering powerhouse? The India ITME Society believes the answer is yes - but only if industry, policymakers and investors build that future together.

MP Rolls Out The Red Carpet For Textile Investors

Madhya Pradesh is stepping into the spotlight at Bharat Tex 2026 with a clear message for the textile world — come, invest, manufacture and grow with us.

Chief Minister **Mohan Yadav** is visiting the mega textile event at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, to showcase the state's growing textile ecosystem and attract fresh investments from Indian and global industry leaders.

The Madhya Pradesh Pavilion offers a glimpse of the state's textile



story — from investor-friendly policies and modern infrastructure to skill development initiatives and the upcoming PM MITRA Park in Dhar. The pavilion will also highlight the state's integrated textile value chain,

showing how Madhya Pradesh is building a complete ecosystem from fibre to fashion.

A key highlight of the visit is the high-level roundtable with textile and garment industry leaders, with discussions on investment opportunities, exports, sustainable manufacturing, logistics and future growth plans. More than 100 industrialists, investors and industry representatives are expected to participate.

The Chief Minister will also hold one-to-one meetings with leading

textile companies to explore new investments, capacity expansion, employment generation and technology partnerships.

Adding more momentum to the state's textile push, MoUs are expected to be signed with major industry bodies including the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPIC), Manmade and Technical Textiles Export Promotion Council (MATEXIL), and The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) to strengthen exports and industry collaboration.



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India ITME 2026: More Than A Technology Show, A Six-Day Innovation Marathon

The countdown has begun. And if the buzz around India ITME 2026 is anything to go by, the textile engineering industry is in for a power-packed six days.

Preparations are in full swing, with the organisers working on a bigger and sharper edition, one that takes into account the changing global landscape, new risks and the evolving needs of the industry.

"If you are part of textiles, you cannot afford to miss this one," is the message from Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society.

With India emerging as a stable and fast-growing market, global interest in the event has surged. Leading international companies will participate, bringing new technologies, solutions and most excitingly, product launches designed specifically for Indian customers.

Says Ms Srivastava, "The previous edition witnessed over a 100 product launches, and expectations are high that this edition could match or surpass that number."

But India ITME is not just about machines.

Alongside the exhibition floor, visitors can look forward to a strong line-up of conferences, seminars and knowledge sessions featuring global experts across technology domains. The organisers have worked to create discussions that go beyond the usual conversations, bringing fresh ideas, new perspectives and future-focused thinking to the industry.

However, Ms Srivastava has a

With global technology leaders, product launches, thought-provoking sessions and a bigger vision, India ITME is once again gearing up to become the industry's must-attend event.



SEEMA SRIVASTAVA, Executive Director, India-ITME Society

message for visitors: "Don't just walk into India ITME, come prepared. Plan your time, plan your activities and decide what you want to take away from the event. The real value of India ITME lies not in simply seeing machines or meeting suppliers, but in returning with ideas that can improve businesses."

With Seema Srivastava at the helm of affairs, the ambition does not stop there.

The long-term goal is for India ITME to become more than an international-standard exhibition. The vision is to make it a benchmark that others look towards.

"We don't just want to reach the standard set by others. We want India ITME to become the standard for others," she says.

ITME Society – A platform that belongs to the industry

As the India ITME Society approaches its 50-year milestone in 2030, the focus remains on building an industry platform that belongs to everyone.

The Society, she emphasises, is not just an organisation, it is a collective industry platform. Manufacturers, users, technology providers and stakeholders across textiles are all part of the journey.

Her invitation to the industry is simple: participate, share ideas and make the platform stronger.

Because the future of textile engineering will not be built by one organisation alone. It will be built when the entire industry comes together, and India ITME is ready to be that meeting point.

Lakhpatri Didis Bring India's Craft Stories To Bharat Tex

Handmade textiles, bamboo crafts, silk jewellery and eco-friendly creations are drawing visitors at Bharat Tex 2026 as Lakhpatri Didis from across the country showcase how tradition, creativity and entrepreneurship are transforming rural livelihoods.

At Bharat Mandapam, some of the most inspiring business stories are coming from villages, where women entrepreneurs are turning age-old skills into thriving enterprises while preserving India's rich craft heritage.

Organised by the Ministry of Rural Development, the pavilion features



Rural Development Secretary **ROHIT KANSAL** visits Bharat Tex 2026

products created by women-led Self-Help Groups under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

Visitors can explore handwoven textiles, Dhokra metal craft, Kolhapuri leather products, bamboo and jute handicrafts, beadwork, silk-thread jewellery and eco-friendly products made from water hyacinth, reflecting India's rich craft diversity.

The showcase was inaugurated by Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal, along with Joint Secretary Swati Sharma and DAY-NRLM Director Dr. Molishree, who interacted with participating entrepreneurs.

A major attraction is the Saras Shakti Collection, a premium gifting initiative featuring curated handmade products

from rural women entrepreneurs for premium and corporate markets.

Through DAY-NRLM, more than 10 crore rural women have been mobilised into Self-Help Groups with access to finance, skills, training and markets. The mission is working towards creating six crore Lakhpatri Didis earning sustainable incomes.

At Bharat Tex 2026, these entrepreneurs are proving that India's textile future will be driven not only by technology and manufacturing, but equally by rural innovation, traditional craftsmanship and women-led enterprise.

Garden Silk Bets On Integration, Sustainability And Capacity Expansion To Drive Next Growth Phase



MR. AMITAVA BANERJEE, Chief Executive Officer of Garden Silk Mills Private Limited

Garden Silk Mills is strengthening its position in India's polyester value chain through vertical integration, renewable energy adoption and strategic capacity expansion, according to Amitava Banerjee, Chief Executive Officer of Garden Silk Mills Private Limited. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Banerjee said the company's integrated manufacturing model, spanning raw materials to polyester yarn, fabrics and finished products through its sister company Garden Silk Fashions, enables faster response to changing fashion trends, better cost optimisation and greater supply chain resilience. He added that the company's dependence on domestic raw materials has also helped shield operations from recent global supply disruptions and geopolitical uncertainties.

Banerjee expects India's recently concluded Free Trade Agreements with the United Kingdom and the European Union to create fresh opportunities for polyester yarn manufacturers by boosting exports of fabrics and garments. He noted that while Garden Silk remains primarily focused on the domestic market, the company is well positioned to support export-oriented customers with high quality speciality yarns.

Sustainability remains central to the company's long-term strategy. Garden Silk is transitioning its manufacturing operations from fossil fuel-based power to a hybrid renewable energy system combining solar and wind power, increasing renewable energy consumption from around 6 MW to more than 40 MW. The company has also established a Centre of Excellence dedicated

to circular economy, recycling and product innovation while collaborating with IIT Delhi on advanced textile recycling research.

Garden Silk is simultaneously expanding its manufacturing footprint through investments in advanced spinning technology, specialty polyester yarns and future capacity

additions. Banerjee revealed that the company is planning another major investment of nearly Rs 3,000 crore to convert additional polymer capacity into higher value yarn production. He also highlighted the upcoming MCPI and Indian Oil Corporation joint venture at Bhadrak, Odisha, which is expected to accelerate

downstream textile investments in eastern India. According to Banerjee, India's expanding trade partnerships, coupled with the China Plus One sourcing strategy, present a historic opportunity for the country's polyester industry to emerge as a globally competitive manufacturing hub.



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Advanced Textile Technology Will Power India's Textile Industry Growth: UMPESL

India's textile industry is entering a transformative phase where advanced machinery, automation and sustainable processing technologies will determine global competitiveness, according to Pradip Roy, Head of Textile Machinery Division, UMPESL. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Roy said the recently concluded Free Trade Agreements with the United Kingdom and the European Union, coupled with the global China Plus One sourcing strategy, are expected to accelerate investments across the entire textile value chain. He noted that India's ambition to increase textile and apparel exports from around US\$ 37 billion to US\$ 100 billion will require significant technological upgradation across spinning, weaving, knitting, processing and garment manufacturing.

Roy identified dyeing and finishing as the segment requiring



MR. PRADIP ROY, Head of Textile Machinery Division, UMPESL

the highest level of technological investment, particularly in man-made fibre processing. He emphasised that future growth will depend on machinery capable of reducing water,

salt and chemical consumption while improving productivity and environmental performance. Artificial intelligence, automation and next generation processing technologies

are already reshaping textile manufacturing, enabling higher efficiency and sustainable production practices.

Highlighting UMPESL's long standing presence in the sector, Roy said the company has more than seven decades of experience supplying advanced textile machinery across India. Its portfolio spans weaving, knitting, dyeing, processing and garment manufacturing equipment, supported by a nationwide service network and a large team of specialised textile engineers. He added that Bharat Tex provides an ideal platform to understand evolving customer requirements and introduce global technologies that strengthen India's manufacturing ecosystem. Roy believes continued investments in advanced machinery and sustainable innovation will be instrumental in positioning India as a preferred global textile sourcing destination.

Arvind Eyes Leadership In India's Premium Home Textiles Market Through Innovation And Brand Strength

Arvind Ltd is expanding its footprint in the premium home textiles segment, leveraging its decades of expertise in cotton, product innovation and brand equity to capture the rapidly evolving domestic market. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Anurag Badal, Chief Executive Officer of Arvind Ltd, said the company entered the home textiles business to bridge the gap between premium quality products and organised branding in India. While the market remains fragmented with several regional players, Arvind sees significant opportunities driven by rising disposable incomes, increasing home ownership and growing consumer preference for premium home décor products.

Badal said Arvind is focusing on the mid premium and premium segments with an extensive portfolio of cotton bed linen featuring thread counts ranging from 300 to over 1,000, alongside Jacquard, Dobby, digital print and wrinkle resistant collections. The company is also introducing innovative products such as fitted sheets, knitted sheets and specialised lifestyle collections to differentiate itself in a highly competitive market. He noted

that Arvind's long-standing expertise in premium cotton apparel and its relationships with leading global fashion brands provide a strong foundation for delivering superior quality home textile products.

Although exports have already commenced, Badal emphasised that the company's immediate priority is establishing Arvind as a trusted home textiles brand in India before significantly expanding overseas. Existing relationships with leading international retailers offer substantial long term export opportunities once domestic operations achieve greater scale. He added that product innovation, design diversity, efficient inventory management and multiple stock keeping units will remain central to Arvind's growth strategy.

Reflecting on Bharat Tex 2026, Badal described the exhibition as an excellent platform for showcasing Arvind's growing presence in home textiles. The encouraging response from domestic retailers, organised retail chains and overseas buyers has reinforced the company's confidence in its long-term vision to become a leading premium home textiles brand while strengthening India's position in the global home furnishing industry.



MR. ANURAG BADAL, CEO, Arvind Ltd.

VastraApp Enabling Indian Textile Businesses To Get Digital And AI-Ready

India's textile and apparel industry is one of the country's largest and most diverse business ecosystems. Yet, most manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors, everyday operations still involve fragmented processes, manual coordination and disconnected business data. VastraApp is working to change this by making digital transformation simple, practical and industry-specific.

Built specifically for textile and apparel businesses, VastraApp provides an all-in-one business management platform that simplifies essential operations such as inventory, production, order management, dispatch and catalogue management. The platform's user-friendly design enables existing operation teams to adopt technology without significantly changing the way they work. As employees carry out their routine activities through VastraApp, valuable operational data is created as a natural part of the workflow.



VastraApp Founder **VIKASH RAJPUROHIT** with Co-Founders **HARISH RAJPUROHIT** and **KESHAV DHAMECHA**

This data then can be transformed into meaningful insights, providing business owners with greater visibility into their operations and assist them to make faster informed decisions.

Led by Founder Vikash Rajpurohit and Co-Founders Harish Rajpurohit and Keshav Dhamecha, VastraApp

has focused on understanding the practical challenges of the textile industry and building technology around real business workflows. The team's vision is to make advanced technology accessible and useful for businesses at every stage of their digital journey.

Beyond core operations, VastraApp offers broader connected ecosystem that can be integrated with WhatsApp for automated customer communication, or with accounting platforms such as Tally and BUSY.

VastraApp is also making AI practical and accessible for traditional businesses through a suite of AI-powered solutions includes AI Photoshoots, AI Calling Agents, AI Data Entry Operators, AI MIS Assistants and AI-powered Image Search.

Today, VastraApp is helping 5,000+ businesses across 25 cities, serving manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and other participants across India's textile & apparel value chain. By combining industry-focused business management with automation, integrations and emerging AI capabilities, it is helping textile businesses become organised, data-driven and ready for an AI-powered future.

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FTAs And Value-Addition Are A Great Opportunity For India's Textile Industry: RSWM

India's textile industry is poised for sustained growth, supported by expanding domestic demand, favourable trade agreements and increasing investments in value added manufacturing, according to Rajeev Gupta, Joint Managing Director of RSWM Ltd. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Gupta said India's growing economy and rising population continue to create strong long-term demand for textiles despite global trade uncertainties. He noted that recent Free Trade Agreements, particularly with the United Kingdom and the proposed agreement with the European Union, could unlock access to a combined market exceeding US\$ 230 billion, creating significant export opportunities for Indian manufacturers.

Gupta observed that India's textile exports have remained largely stagnant at around US\$ 40 billion, while the domestic textile market has expanded considerably. He attributed



MR. RAJEEV GUPTA, Joint Managing Director of RSWM Ltd.

this gap to the country's limited presence in garment manufacturing and stressed that future export growth

will depend on building globally competitive, large scale apparel manufacturing clusters. He also

highlighted the need to strengthen segments such as knitting, technical textiles and value-added apparel to improve India's position in the global textile value chain.

RSWM is aligning its growth strategy with these opportunities through continued investments across its integrated operations. The company manufactures recycled polyester fibre, synthetic and cotton yarns, knitted fabrics and denim while expanding its knitting division, rotary printing capabilities and value-added textile portfolio. Gupta also revealed that RSWM is developing a bottle-to-bottle recycling project in Ratlam, converting recycled PET bottles into food grade resin, reinforcing the company's commitment to circular manufacturing and sustainability. He added that the company is also evaluating investments in denim garment manufacturing, positioning itself to capture emerging opportunities created by global sourcing shifts and India's evolving trade landscape.

Beyond China: Hemp Supply Chains Take Centre Stage At Bharat Tex 2026

As global buyers look for resilient, traceable and compliant sourcing options, hemp emerges as a promising opportunity for India's textile sector.

At Bharat Tex 2026, the spotlight turned to hemp as industry leaders discussed how India can build tariff-safe, compliant and traceable hemp supply chains for global markets.

The session "Beyond China: Building Tariff-Safe, Compliant & Traceable Hemp Supply Chains for Global Markets" by Heartland Industries explored the growing importance of diversified supply chains as brands and buyers increasingly look for reliability, transparency and responsible sourcing.

With global trade facing continued uncertainty, companies are seeking alternatives that reduce risk while meeting rising expectations around sustainability and traceability. Hemp, with its potential as a sustainable fibre, is gaining attention as part of this evolving landscape.

The discussion highlighted the



need for stronger supply chain development, improved compliance systems and closer collaboration between farmers, manufacturers and global brands.

As India looks to expand its role in global textiles, emerging fibres like hemp could open new opportunities, connecting sustainability goals with export growth.

Andhra Pradesh Bags ₹4,100 Crore Investment Buzz

From cotton fields to global markets, Andhra Pradesh showcases why it wants to be the next big textile destination.

Andhra Pradesh arrived at Bharat Tex 2026 with a clear message for the textile world, the state is ready to weave a bigger growth story.

The result? A strong investor response, with the state attracting textile investment proposals worth around ₹4,100 crore, giving a major boost to its ambition of becoming a leading textile and apparel manufacturing hub.

At the global textile showcase, Andhra Pradesh highlighted its complete textile potential — from its strong cotton base and skilled workforce to manufacturing capabilities, handlooms, apparel production and export opportunities.

The state's pitch was simple: strong raw material availability, growing infrastructure, excellent connectivity through ports and an investor-friendly environment

make Andhra Pradesh an attractive destination for textile companies looking to expand.

The proposed investments are expected to strengthen capacities across spinning, weaving, processing, garments and value-added textile segments, while creating new employment opportunities and boosting allied industries.

Bharat Tex 2026 provided the perfect stage for Andhra Pradesh to connect with investors, manufacturers and global stakeholders. With companies worldwide looking for reliable and diversified supply chains, the state showcased itself as a promising partner for the next phase of textile growth.

The ₹4,100 crore investment wave marks an important step in Andhra Pradesh's textile journey. The state is now looking to turn investor interest into factories, jobs and a stronger place on India's textile map.

Karur Celebrates India-UK CETA

Karur took a significant step in India's export journey after the implementation of the India United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement through a special export flag off ceremony organised by the Karur Textile Manufacturer Exporters Association in association with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations and the Office of the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Coimbatore. The event, held on 15 July 2026 at the KTMEA Meeting Hall, celebrated the commencement of exports under the landmark trade agreement and highlighted fresh opportunities for India's textile and home furnishing industry.

The ceremony was attended by Thiru C. Muthukumar, IAS, District Collector, Karur, Thiru D. Sridhar, ITS, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Coimbatore, and Mr. Ramesh, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Karur, along with KTMEA office bearers, executive committee members and leading exporters from the region. An interactive technical session on DGFT policies, export documentation, customs procedures and the commercial benefits of the India-United Kingdom CETA provided exporters with practical guidance to maximise utilisation of the agreement.

The India United Kingdom CETA



is expected to eliminate import duties on nearly 99% of Indian exports to the United Kingdom, substantially improving the competitiveness of Indian textile, apparel and home textile products. Bilateral trade

between India and the United Kingdom currently exceeds US\$ 60 billion, while the agreement is expected to significantly expand textile exports over the coming years. Karur, recognised globally as

one of India's leading home textile manufacturing clusters, accounts for a substantial share of the country's exports of kitchen linen, table linen, bed linen and made ups to premium international markets.

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AATCC Strengthens India Engagement To Advance Global Textile Testing Standards

The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, AATCC, is strengthening its engagement with India as part of its broader strategy to connect the global textile community through internationally recognised testing standards, education and technical collaboration. Speaking to Textile Excellence during Bharat Tex 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Garry Atkinson, Technical Manager at AATCC, said the organisation remains committed to supporting the industry with globally accepted test methods, reference materials and educational resources that ensure textile quality, consistency and repeatability across international markets.

Atkinson said AATCC's participation at Bharat Tex 2026 marks its first trade exhibition in India, reflecting the country's

growing importance in the global textile and apparel value chain. Alongside the exhibition, the organisation is launching a Global Trainer Workshop aimed at professors and educators teaching textiles and fashion, helping strengthen technical education and expand the adoption of internationally recognised testing practices across academic institutions.

Sustainability continues to be a key focus for AATCC. Atkinson highlighted the association's dedicated research committees working on global sustainability and PFAS related testing, supporting the development of scientific standards that help manufacturers evaluate emerging chemicals, environmentally responsible processing technologies and next generation textile materials. He noted that robust testing

protocols will remain essential as the industry transitions towards safer chemistries and circular manufacturing systems.

Reflecting on Bharat Tex 2026, Atkinson described the exhibition as an excellent platform to understand India's textile ecosystem, traditional dyeing and printing technologies, regional manufacturing strengths and evolving market requirements. He added that interactions with Indian manufacturers, technology providers and researchers have reinforced AATCC's commitment to expanding collaboration in the country. According to him, stronger partnerships in standards development, education and technical research will help enhance product quality, sustainability and global competitiveness across the Indian textile industry.



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Bullish Textile Industry Is Investing In Technology: LMW

From supply chain shocks and rising costs to new export opportunities, LMW says the future belongs to companies that adapt faster, innovate smarter and look beyond traditional markets.

The textile industry has always been a story of resilience, and LMW knows this journey better than most.

At Bharat Tex 2026, Lakshmi Machine Works' (LMW) Vivek Arora shared how it is navigating a world full of disruptions while continuing to focus on technology, customer support and new growth opportunities.

"The challenges are real. When our customers are affected, we are affected too," says Mr. Vivek Arora, General Manager, Marketing and Sales, Textile Machinery Division, Lakshmi Machine Works Ltd.

And the challenges have been plenty.

Global uncertainty, rising costs of metals and plastics, shortages of critical components such as chips and inverters, longer delivery timelines and supply chain pressures have all added complexity to the business environment.

LMW has worked hard to manage these pressures, absorbing cost increases and maintaining stability for customers as much as possible. But with geopolitical tensions continuing to create uncertainty, the company believes adaptability will be the biggest advantage going forward.

According to Arora, the textile industry must prepare for a changing global trade map by



MR. VIVEK ARORA, GM Marketing and Sales, Textile Machinery Division, LMW

focusing on technology, market diversification and long-term competitiveness.

And the industry looks to be in a good space despite the hardships. The next two years are expected to be a boom for the textile industry, which is investing heavily in technology. "We are fully booked for this year, and almost fully booked for the next year too."

India's recently concluded Free Trade Agreements with markets such as the UK and EU, the various government policies are creating an environment that is boosting business confidence.

For LMW, technology will remain at the centre of India's textile growth story.

Platforms like Bharat Tex are playing an important role by bringing together machinery makers, textile manufacturers, policymakers and global stakeholders under one roof.

Says Arora: "The textile industry cannot control every global disruption, but it can control how quickly it adapts."

And for LMW, the next chapter of growth will be written through innovation, flexibility and the confidence to explore new possibilities.

Hall 14GF – Stall No. 14G-D11

LMW: Networking With Customers, Understanding Future Tech Requirements At Bharat Tex 2026

LMW Limited is receiving an enthusiastic response at Bharat Tex 2026, being held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 14–17 July 2026. On Day 2 of the exhibition, the company's stall (Hall 14GF | Stall 14G-D11) attracted a steady stream of customers, industry professionals, and business partners, reaffirming LMW's leadership in textile machinery solutions.

According to Mr Vivek Arora, "This is a great opportunity for us to meet our customers, to understand the textile trends, to gauge future technology requirements."

A key highlight of the day was the participation of Mr. S. Rajasekaran,

President – Operations, LMW Limited, as a panellist in the India ITME Society session on "Make in India – Textile Machinery: The US\$ 100 Billion Opportunity." He shared LMW's successful journey in building a comprehensive ecosystem for the spinning industry and emphasized the need for similar ecosystem-driven development across other textile machinery segments.

With a strong customer response and thought leadership at one of the industry's premier events, LMW continues to demonstrate its commitment to innovation, excellence, and shaping the future of the global textile industry.

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From climate-smart cotton to cleaner factories and circular fashion, CITI Awards celebrate the textile industry's green champions.

The CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2026 celebrates companies, institutions and individuals who are turning sustainability goals into real action across the textile value chain.

The awards ceremony, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), saw Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, honour sustainability champions at a gathering of industry leaders, policymakers and global stakeholders.

From climate-resilient cotton farming and energy efficiency to circular economy initiatives, responsible sourcing and social impact, the awards showcased the many ways Indian textile businesses are rewriting the sustainability playbook.

SUSTAINABILITY STARS LIGHT UP BHARAT TEX 2026



Among the key winners were Indo Count Industries Ltd for energy efficiency, Tiruppur Exporters' Association for sustainable cluster development, Brandix Apparel India for best HR practices, and MuddleArt Pvt Ltd for textile waste handling.

The CITI-Birla Economic & Textile

Research Foundation Awards further recognised companies leading in ESG innovation, chemical management, low-carbon manufacturing and data-driven sustainability. Radnik Exports Global Private Limited, SCM Garments, Rajasthan Spinning and Weaving Mills (RSWM) and others

were among the awardees.

Adding another dimension to the sustainability story, CITI also announced a collaboration with the Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP) to help Indian manufacturers, especially MSMEs, navigate evolving ESG expectations, human rights requirements and global supply chain demands.

The event also showcased the Kasturi Fashion Showcase "From Farm to Fashion", tracing the journey of premium Indian Kasturi Cotton from farms to finished fashion, highlighting quality, traceability and value addition.

With global markets demanding greener, more transparent supply chains, the CITI Sustainability Awards sent out a strong signal: India's textile industry is not waiting for the future of responsible manufacturing, it is already building it.

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'TARIFFS? TURMOIL? BRING IT ON!'

Indo Count Says Agility Is The New Superpower

If there was one word that summed up Indo Count's mood at Bharat Tex 2026, it was calm.

The world may be dealing with tariffs, geopolitical tensions, rising energy costs and shifting trade policies, but the home textiles giant isn't losing sleep. Instead, it's doing what every successful exporter has learnt over the last few years - adapt, innovate and keep moving.

The company says Bharat Tex continues to draw strong domestic participation, with Indian buyers and industry professionals keeping the aisles busy. International visitors remain relatively few, but that's nothing new.

"July isn't the best travel season for buyers from the US and Europe because of holidays," the company pointed out. "So the overseas turnout is similar to previous editions."

Refreshing product line-up

What is new is the refreshed product line-up. Indian buyers are getting to see the latest collections, while global ranges first showcased at international fairs are also making an appearance at Bharat Tex, giving domestic customers a glimpse of what the world is buying.

Handling headwinds

But beyond the exhibition floor, the real story is how Indo Count has handled one of the most turbulent trading environments in recent memory.

With 85% of its business coming



GAUTAM SAREEN, President of Marketing, Indo Count Industries Ltd.

from the US, the company found itself right in the middle of the tariff storm. When duties shot up, margins took a hit, but customer relationships didn't.

Instead of walking away, Indo Count and its customers shared the pain.

The company absorbed part of the tariff burden, retailers adjusted pricing where possible, and both sides chose partnership over panic. The result? Market share stayed intact.

"There was turmoil, but customers didn't stop buying," said Gautam Sareen, President of Marketing, Indo Count Industries Ltd.

Now, with US courts allowing

tariff reimbursements, some relief has started flowing back. Claims are being processed in phases, and Indo Count has already begun receiving reimbursements on eligible imports through its overseas operations.

Does that mean the uncertainty is over?

Not quite.

The company believes tariffs are no longer an exception, they're becoming part of global business. The answer isn't waiting for perfect policy. It's becoming faster, leaner and smarter.

That means value engineering products, improving efficiencies and staying flexible enough to respond quickly when the next surprise arrives.

More surprises

And surprises haven't stopped.

Just as tariffs began easing, rising energy costs pushed input prices higher. Fresh price negotiations followed. Then came renewed geopolitical tensions.

For Indo Count, this is simply the new normal.

Rather than depending entirely on one geography, the company is also looking at new opportunities emerging from India's growing network of Free Trade Agreements. The India-UK agreement is now opening fresh doors, while Europe is expected to become increasingly important as trade ties deepen.

The domestic market, meanwhile, remains a long-term play. It currently contributes only around 2% of revenue, but the company continues to invest, recognising that winning India's highly diverse consumer market requires patience, localisation and time.

If Bharat Tex is a snapshot of where the textile industry stands today, Indo Count's outlook is refreshingly straightforward.

Yes, the world is unpredictable.

Yes, costs are rising.

Yes, policies keep changing.

But business doesn't stop.

You stay nimble, keep customers close, and find the next opportunity before someone else does. That's the mindset Indo Count brought to Bharat Tex 2026, and it's betting that agility, not certainty, will define the industry's next chapter.

Kashi's Golden Threads Shimmer At Bharat Tex

From royal sarees to global wardrobes, Varanasi's legendary weaves are ready for their next big journey.

The magic of Banarasi silk has travelled through centuries, but at Bharat Tex 2026, the iconic weave is looking towards a brand-new audience — global buyers, exporters and fashion houses.

Bringing the rich textile heritage of Varanasi to the national spotlight, manufacturers and exporters from the city are showcasing their exquisite sarees, silk fabrics and handcrafted creations at Bharat Tex, giving visitors a glimpse of one of India's most celebrated weaving traditions.

Known for intricate motifs, luxurious silk, delicate zari work and unmatched craftsmanship,



Banarasi sarees have long been a symbol of Indian elegance. Now, the focus is on taking this heritage craft beyond traditional markets and creating stronger connections with international buyers.

The participation of Varanasi's textile community at Bharat Tex highlights the growing effort to

connect traditional artisans with modern markets. The platform brings together exporters, brands, designers and global sourcing professionals — creating new possibilities for handloom clusters.

With India's textile sector increasingly looking at value addition, sustainability and unique storytelling,

Banarasi weaving carries a powerful advantage: authenticity. Every piece reflects the skill of artisans, generations of craftsmanship and a story that machines cannot replicate.

The initiative also aligns with the broader vision of strengthening India's handloom and handicraft sectors by improving market access and creating new opportunities for artisans and entrepreneurs.

For Varanasi, Bharat Tex 2026 is more than an exhibition. It is a chance to tell the world that its legendary looms are not just preserving history — they are creating the future of Indian fashion.

The message from Kashi is clear: the golden threads of Banaras are ready to weave their way into global wardrobes.



(L-R) **NARESH MISTRY & JAYESH MISTRY**, Directors, with **B. SANKAR**, GM (Tech & Dvpt), Perfect Engineering

The Industry Is Finally Ready For Perfect Engineering's Perfect Textile Recycling Technology

After years of pushing smarter recycling technology, Perfect Engineering says the industry is finally ready for the next big leap - quality recycling, not shortcuts.

At Bharat Tex 2026, one message was loud and clear: recycling is no longer a future conversation. It is happening now and it needs the right technology.

For Perfect Engineering Corporation, the response at the show has been extremely encouraging. The company says visitors, especially spinning entrepreneurs, are looking for sustainable solutions that can deliver not just recycled yarn, but premium quality recycled materials.

"Sustainability is the need of the hour. Everyone wants to know what solutions are available and what makes them different," says Mr B Sankar, General Manager (Tech & Development), Perfect Equipments Pvt. Ltd.

And this is where Perfect Engineering believes it has a story to tell.

For more than 12 years, the company has been advocating a more advanced approach to textile recycling. While many recycling systems focused on a single process, Perfect Engineering pushed for a two-step methodology to protect fibre quality and create better end products.

The idea was simple - recycling should not mean compromising.

According to the company, many low-cost recycling machines available in the market have focused on producing lower-end applications, often resulting in damaged fibres, higher short fibre content and limited possibilities for premium products.

"The time has come now," says the company. "Customers are realising that low-cost solutions may work for the short term, but they are not the answer for long-term growth."

As demand for recycled materials rises, the value of textile waste is also increasing rapidly. Waste that was once considered a problem is now becoming a valuable resource.

Perfect Engineering believes the future belongs to companies that can transform waste into high-quality raw material while maintaining consistency and efficiency.

The company has already supplied recycling solutions to several leading textile groups, helping manufacturers move towards more sustainable production.

One of its key advantages, the company says, is fibre preservation. Compared to some conventional recycling systems, its technology generates lower short fibre content, allowing recycled material to be used for better-quality applications.

Looking ahead, Perfect Engineering is working on another important challenge facing the recycling ecosystem - automatic sorting.

While recycling machinery has evolved rapidly, getting the right input material remains a major hurdle. Separating textile waste by colour, fibre content and composition is still largely done manually in India.

The company sees huge potential here and is developing an indigenous auto-sorting solution that can identify materials more accurately and efficiently.

For Perfect Engineering, the recycling journey is just beginning.

The message from Bharat Tex is simple: the future of textiles will not

only be about making more, it will be about making smarter, cleaner and more circular. And companies that

invested in this vision years ago are now seeing the industry catch up.

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In the fast-evolving textile industry, balancing premium yarn quality with maximum operational output is the ultimate competitive advantage. The Himson HSS-DSR-2GTA Draw Texturizing Combination Machine represents the pinnacle of engineering innovation, seamlessly uniting mechanical reliability with cutting-edge automation. Featuring an advanced Individual Motorized Godet Feeding system, this single, versatile powerhouse efficiently processes DTY 2Ply, DTY-Flat, DTY-ATY, ATYC+DTY, and ATYCE, leading the next wave of global yarn innovation.

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Meher International : New-Age Yarn Brings Sustainability And Speed To Textiles

Meher International and Jilin are weaving together recycled innovation, smart supply chains and global-quality yarn solutions for India's textile future.

What if textile waste could come back as premium fashion yarn? What if sustainability could also mean faster deliveries, better quality and stronger business?

That is exactly the story behind Jilin's next generation of viscose filament yarn being showcased by its India partner Meher International at Bharat Tex 2026.

The yarn is made using 30% recycled textile pulp and 70% FSC-certified wood pulp, creating a true textile-to-textile circular economy solution. Instead of post-consumer cotton textiles ending up as waste, they get a second life as high-value filament yarn.

"Sustainability is not a trend anymore. It is part of the long-term growth strategy," says Sumit Agrawal, Director, Meher International, explaining the company's focus on responsible sourcing, reduced emissions, lower water consumption and circular production.

Jilin has been investing heavily in innovation, developing finer filaments, low-filament technologies and specialised fibres designed for high-value fabrics. One of its biggest



strengths is traceability - connecting the entire chain from brands and certified weavers to exporters and finished products.

But innovation is only one part of the story. Availability matters just as much.

Meher has built a state-of-the-art 110,000 sq ft warehouse on a major highway, backed by an investment of over US\$ 7 million. The facility uses modern handling systems, electronic forklifts, automated stacking solutions and customised pallets to ensure safe and efficient movement of yarn.

The result? Customers, from small manufacturers to large

exporters, get reliable supply without production delays.

In today's fashion world, where brands are racing to reduce lead times, this makes a big difference. Traditional sourcing routes can take weeks, but ready availability from local warehouses helps manufacturers respond faster and keep production moving.

The partnership also supports India's manufacturing ambitions. With thousands of crores invested in high-speed weaving capacity in Gujarat, Meher International is helping Indian manufacturers access world-class yarn to create premium fabrics for global markets.

The viscose filament yarn segment itself is growing rapidly, with the market expanding around 15% year-on-year, according to Mihir. The growth is also moving beyond traditional applications like sarees into suits, western wear and newer fashion categories.

After a decade-long partnership, Jilin and Meher believe their strength lies in combining global technology with deep understanding of the Indian textile market.

The ambition is clear: create yarn solutions that are sustainable, innovative and competitive, while helping Indian textiles move from "Made in India" to "Made for the world."



Bharat Tex has grown into much more than a trade exhibition, it has become a global showcase

for India's complete textile story. Bringing together everyone from fibre and yarn suppliers to weavers, manufacturers, garment makers and technology providers, the platform reflects the strength of the entire ecosystem. With innovation, sustainability, investment and global partnerships taking centre stage, Bharat Tex is changing how the world, and India itself, looks at Indian textiles. And with every edition, the event keeps getting bigger, better and more ambitious, creating fresh opportunities for the industry to connect and grow.

- Sumit Agrawal, Meher International





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WRA Receives Strong Industry Response At Bharat Tex 2026

The Wool Research Association's (WRA) pioneering research, innovation, and technical capabilities have received global attention at Bharat Tex 2026. The premier research institute is a major hub of innovation today, and at Bharat Tex, it has achieved several milestones through important international engagements. WRA has also received strong industry interest in its research, testing, product development, and commercial scaling capabilities.

WRA has had vital discussions on Indo-Pacific trade alliances with wool sector delegations from Australia and New Zealand. The delegations had serious discussions at WRA pavilion and expressed keen

interest in entering into Memoranda of Understanding to promote collaborative research, technology exchange, and value addition for boosting wool production and developing innovative wool-based products.

WRA witnessed significant interest from entrepreneurs, industry leaders and international delegates for collaboration in the development and commercialization of wool-based technical textile products. Major attractions included herbal essential oil-based eco-friendly moth-proofing technology, wool-based agro-mulch, wool-based building and acoustic insulation panels, wool-based denim, and other value-added wool products, along with advanced

sportech product testing facilities available at WRA. The enthusiastic response highlighted WRA's leadership in transforming Indian coarse wool into sustainable, high-value technical applications.

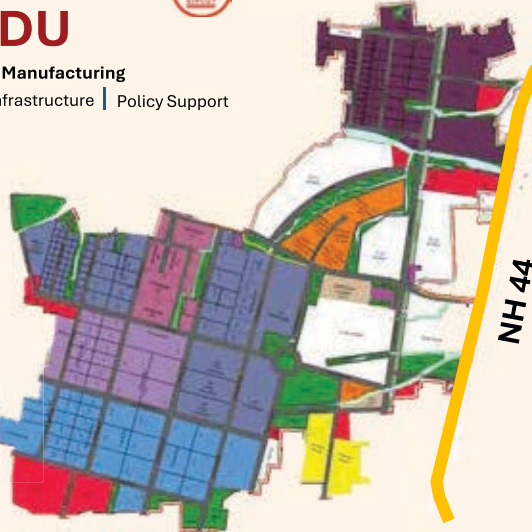
WRA showcased its state-of-the-art, NABL-accredited testing, certification, validation facilities for wool, technical textiles, and Sportech products. The exhibition highlighted WRA's comprehensive capabilities in physical, chemical, ecological, comfort, thermal, performance, and functional testing, enabling industries to ensure product quality, safety, sustainability, regulatory compliance, and global market acceptance.



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Himson's HSS-DSR-2GTA with Individual Motorized Godet Leads the Next Wave of Yarn Innovation. Processing DTY 2Ply, DTY-Flat, DTY-ATYE, ATYC+DTY & ATYCE Possible with just one Machine

As global demand for highly specialized, premium-quality yarns continues to surge, textile manufacturers are facing an identical challenge: how to maximize process flexibility while driving down operational costs. Himson Engineering answers this challenge decisively with the HSS-DSR-2GTA, an advanced combination texturizing machine designed to set new benchmarks in rotational accuracy, yarn protection, and operational efficiency.

In traditional synthetic textile processing, changing production profiles between distinct yarn types typically meant dealing with extensive machine reconfigurations, hardware swaps, and prolonged downtime. The Himson HSS-DSR-2GTA shatters these legacy operational bottlenecks by integrating an innovative technological blueprint that processes DTY 2Ply, DTY-Flat, DTY-ATYE, ATYC+DTY, and ATYCE yarns under one operational roof.

The Next-Gen Breakthrough: Individual Motorized Godet Technology

At the heart of the HSS-DSR-2GTA's success is the integration of Individual Motorized Godet technology. In conventional texturizing setups, yarn feed relies on traditional apron belts and nip rollers—systems notoriously prone to slippage, mechanical wear, and micro-abrasions that can compromise delicate yarns.

Himson's motorized godet principle replaces these components entirely. By providing a positive, slippage-free yarn feed with absolute rotational precision, the system delivers several distinct advantages:

Micro-Filament Protection: The smooth, controlled contact preserves the absolute structural integrity of fragile micro-filaments.

Multi-Yarn Capabilities: The combination Individual Motorized Godet Machine with new concept of texturizing process can make it possible to process DTY 2Ply, DTY-Flat, DTY-ATYE, ATYC+DTY & ATYCE on a single platform.

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high-wear parts like aprons and belts leads to a massive drop in routine maintenance and spare parts costs.

Thermal Precision & High-Speed Stability

To achieve truly consistent thread quality at elevated production speeds, the HSS-DSR-2GTA deploys a highly advanced thermal and mechanical architecture:

Advanced Heating & Cooling: The primary zone features a new Height Curvature Vapour Phase Power Efficient Heater operating seamlessly between 160°C and 240°C. This is paired with 1.25-meter Nitrogenised Ultra-Finished Cooling Tracks to lock in bulk and crimp uniformity. A highly thermal-efficient Vapour Phase Secondary Heater completes the path, optimizing energy draw.

Motorized Twist Unit: Featuring an individual motorized driving system, the twist unit operates with remarkably low noise, absolute disc speed stability, and zero structural displacement. Supported by a robust twist stopper, the process remains rock-solid even during high-speed operations.

Optimized Jet Box: The individual-position jet box uses fine-tuned thread geometry for high-speed texturizing. It features an integrated exhaust air extraction system to maintain low ambient noise and a clean working environment.

Designed for the Operator, Engineered for the Bottom Line

Beyond its mechanical capabilities, Himson has prioritized ground-level ergonomics. The machine features a highly accessible four-high rotary creel with a simple, low-drag yarn path. Operators benefit from stress-free yarn feeding, effortless threading, and convenient loading from ground level—factors that drastically slash changeover times and minimize human error.

The output quality is safeguarded right up to the final package. The winding and take-up section utilizes heavy-duty, low-maintenance cradles. Unified control over winding width, traverse speed, and winding speed completely eliminates the risk of ribbon winding. Furthermore, an individual rotary cam-operated axial arrangement—programmed with multiple disturbance profiles—ensures a structurally flawless,

precise package build ready for high-speed unwinding in downstream processes.

The Competitive Edge for Modern Mills

By combining structural flexibility with a massive reduction in power consumption and maintenance overhead, the Himson HSS-DSR-2GTA is more than a texturizing machine—it is a strategic asset for mills looking to secure a high-margin future in specialized synthetic yarns.

As the global textile value chain converges at Bharat Tex, manufacturing flexibility and energetic efficiency stand out as the twin pillars of future industry growth. Leading this paradigm shift is Himson's groundbreaking HSS-DSR-2GTA, an advanced combination texturizing machine engineered to handle multiple high-value yarn variants on a singular, highly optimized platform.



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Fineotex Brings The Chemistry Of A Smarter, Greener Textile Future To Bharat Tex 2026

From sustainable solutions to high-performance textiles, Fineotex shows why the future of textiles will be driven by innovation, chemistry and a greener approach.

Bharat Tex 2026 has been buzzing with ideas, innovations and global conversations and Fineotex Chemical Limited (FCL) has been right at the centre of it, showcasing how specialty chemicals can transform the way textiles are made.

For Fineotex, the event has been more than just an exhibition. It has been a meeting point with customers, brands, technology providers and global partners looking for the next generation of textile solutions.

"Bharat Tex has evolved into one of the world's most important textile platforms, reflecting India's growing strength as a global manufacturing



N. Noa, Sanjay Tibrewala and Aarti Jhunjhunwala

and innovation hub," says Aarti Jhunjhunwala, Executive Director, FCL.

At the show, Fineotex is presenting its wide range of textile chemical solutions, from pretreatment chemicals and dyeing auxiliaries to specialty finishes, silicones, enzymes

and advanced technologies that improve fabric performance while reducing environmental impact.

The big focus remains sustainability

As textile companies worldwide look for ways to reduce water consumption, energy use and chemical impact, Fineotex is showcasing solutions designed to help manufacturers produce better-performing and more responsible textiles.

With manufacturing operations in India, USA and Malaysia, exports to 69 countries and decades of industry experience, the company says its global footprint helps it remain resilient even amid geopolitical uncertainty and changing supply chains.

The textile world is changing fast, and Fineotex sees two major trends

driving the future - sustainability and functional textiles. Consumers are demanding fabrics that are smarter, stronger and more comfortable, with features such as water repellency, antimicrobial properties, easy-care performance and enhanced durability.

For Fineotex, this shift represents a huge opportunity.

With 47 years of experience, the company continues to invest in green chemistry, innovation and customer-focused solutions, aiming to help textile manufacturers create products that are not just fashionable, but future-ready.

"We focus on green chemistry, innovation, functionality because we believe that textiles are not so much about what they look like, and much more about intelligently and sustainably they are made."

Textiles Committee Sets Up Six Textile Export Facilitation Centres

A Game-Changing Initiative to Boost Textile Exports from Key Industry Clusters

In a significant move to strengthen India's position as a global textile powerhouse, the Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, GoI has established Textile Export Facilitation Centres (TEFCs) in six major textile clusters across the country. These centers are designed to offer comprehensive, on-the-ground support to both existing and emerging exporters. The purpose is to assist exporters in navigating the complexities of international trade and in identifying new market opportunities.

The Textiles Committee, is showcasing the Textile Export Facilitation Centre (TEFC) initiative at Bharat Tex 2026, at Hall No. 09, Booth No. 9-A4. Further, it is presenting its wide range of quality assurance, testing, certification and export promotion services, while highlighting TEFC as a flagship initiative for strengthening India's textile export ecosystem.

A major highlight of the pavilion is the display of the six Textile Export Facilitation Centres established in Surat, Karur, Ichalkaranji, Jaipur, Varanasi and Ludhiana. The pavilion showcases the unique strengths and export potential of these clusters through representative products. The display reflects India's rich textile diversity while promoting the export capabilities of these major manufacturing clusters.

Visitors to the pavilion are also being introduced to the comprehensive support provided by the TEFCs, including export handholding, HS Classification guidance, Certificates of Origin under FTAs/PTAs, EU-REX registration, quality testing, export certification, technical and regulatory



DR. T. K. ROUT, Director Textiles Committee, KARTIKAY DHANDA, Secretary Textiles Committee and R. CHANDRAN, Joint Director, Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, GoI

compliance, market intelligence, awareness programmes and buyer-seller interactions. The showcase demonstrates how the TEFC initiative is creating a robust support system for exporters and enabling Indian textile manufacturers to access global markets with greater confidence and competitiveness.

India's textile and apparel sector, especially the MSMEs in regional clusters, face challenges to meet international standards, understanding trade agreements, and accessing export markets. The TEFCs aim to bridge this gap by bringing expert guidance and institutional support directly to the doorsteps of

manufacturers and exporters.

Six Strategic Textile Clusters for Pilot Launch

Initially six TEFCs are being set up in carefully selected clusters, each representing a distinct strength of India's textile heritage like

Karur, Tamil Nadu – Home furnishings, made-up articles, and handlooms

Surat, Gujarat – Technical textiles and man-made fibre articles

Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra – Woven fabrics and made-up articles

Jaipur, Rajasthan – Handlooms and handicraft articles

Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh – Handlooms and carpets

Ludhiana, Punjab – Wool, woollen, and knitted articles

These clusters were chosen for their established manufacturing ecosystems and high export potential. Each Textile Export Facilitation Centre (TEFC) will function as a one-stop resource centre for exporters, providing a comprehensive range of services to strengthen export capabilities. The centres will take up capacity-building through training and to equip manufacturers with export-ready skills. In addition, TEFCs will offer technical and regulatory compliance guidance to help exporters meet destination country requirements, educate on relevant government schemes and incentives, promote best practices and assisting businesses in exploring new international markets.

TEFCs are expected to play a catalytic role in enhancing India's textile exports while fostering inclusive growth at the cluster level. The programme also aligns with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by creating sustainable export capabilities among grassroots stakeholders.

The Textiles Committee invites manufacturers, exporters, and trade bodies across the country to take full advantage of this initiative.

X-Rite Pantone And NIFT Showcase The Future Of Digital Color Management At Bharat Tex 2026

X-Rite Pantone, a global leader in color science and color communication solutions, in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), hosted a masterclass titled "Color Challenges – Transforming Knowledge into Practical Strategies" at Bharat Tex 2026. The session brought together industry professionals, brands, students, academicians, and media representatives to discuss the growing importance of digital color management across the textile and apparel value chain.

The masterclass explored the challenges of achieving color consistency from design through production and provided practical strategies for improving collaboration, quality, and efficiency through digital transformation. Participants gained insights into modern color workflows and the opportunities they present for the Indian textile industry.

The session was moderated by Prof. Savita Rana of NIFT, who set the context for the discussion by highlighting the growing importance of accurate color communication in today's fast-paced and globally connected textile and apparel industry.

Speaking during the event, Mr. Sam Salgaonkar emphasized the critical role of color



Dean of NIFT Delhi **DR NOOPUR ANAND** with **PIETER MULDER** (L), **SAM SALGAONKAR** (R) of X-rite Pantone during Masterclass on Colour Challenges- Transforming Knowledge into Practical Strategies

in brand identity and consumer engagement. He highlighted the challenges organizations face in maintaining color consistency across global supply chains and stressed the importance of Industry 4.0 and digitalization in driving greater efficiency, collaboration, and quality.

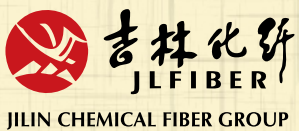
The second session, led by Mr. Pieter Mulder, introduced attendees to the Color Maturity Model and Textile Color Hub, X-Rite Pantone's cloud-based color management platform. He demonstrated how digital color workflows can

reduce physical sampling, improve color accuracy, accelerate speed to market, support regulatory compliance, and advance sustainability objectives through reduced waste and optimized processes.

A central theme throughout the masterclass was the industry's need to transition from traditional analog workflows to connected digital ecosystems. Such a shift can create significant value for the Indian textile sector by improving transparency, collaboration, and data-driven decision-making across the supply chain.

During the event, X-Rite Pantone also announced the launch of its Brand Experience Centre in Gurugram, (link to: <https://www.xrite.com/page/cpg-bec>) a collaborative hub where brands, manufacturers, designers, and color professionals can partner with color experts to explore color theory, trial innovative color solutions, and learn actionable tips to strengthen color programs.

Reinforcing its commitment to India's digital transformation journey, X-Rite Pantone announced plans to continue collaborating with NIFT and industry organizations through educational initiatives and skill-development programs that help professionals adopt digital color workflows and meet evolving global requirements.



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