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### TEXPROCIL organizes India Pavilion in Intex South Asia 2024, Colombo, Sri Lanka



Intex Sri Lanka was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Deputy High Commissioner of India (Chief Guest) and Dr. Bernard Kingsley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Export Development Board of Sri Lanka (Guest of Honour) in the presence of key trade bodies and industry stake holders.

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#### About Intex South Asia

Intex South Asia – 2024, Sri Lanka Fair continues to be a trailblazer, facilitating business collaborations, fostering innovation, and promoting trade opportunities across the textile value chain. Intex South Asia 2023 held in Sri Lanka provided a comprehensive sourcing platform for Indian companies to connect with Sri Lankan Apparel manufacturers, importers, buying houses and brands.

Intex textile fair, is South Asia's only international sourcing fair, showcasing the best in yarns, fabrics (apparel & denim), clothing accessories and allied services from across Asia and the World.

Supported by Sri Lanka Board of Investment (BOI), Export Development Board (EDB), Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF), Korean Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and many other leading international industry associations and Chambers of Commerce, the present edition of 'Intex South Asia' offered its participants, a unique platform for making global connections between buyers from the South Asian region and the rest of the world.

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## Kasturi Cotton Standard:

Parameter	Criteria	
Staple length/UHML	30 mm+	29 mm+
Micronaire value	3.7 to 4.5	3.7 to 4.5
RD value	76+	76+
Fibre strength	30.5 (±1.5) g/tex	29.5 (±1.5) g/tex
Uniformity index	84% or more	83% or more
Trash	2% or below	2% or below
Moisture content	8% or below	8% or below

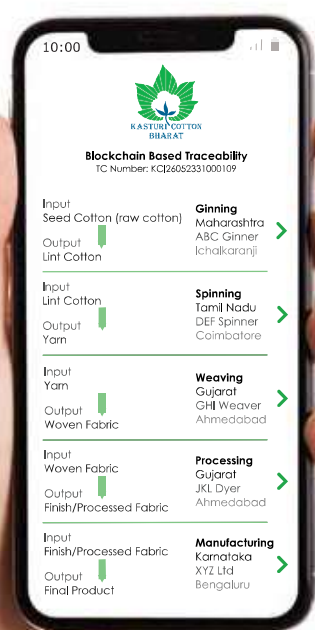


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## Kasturi Cotton Traceability with Blockchain Technology



Ensuring Supply Chain traceability using blockchain platform at every stage of supply chain using QR code.



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## Editorial



**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
Executive Director  
TEXPROCIL

## Dear Reader,

The global trade landscape has witnessed increased protectionism in recent years. The post pandemic reconfiguration of global value chains, triggered by the pandemic, has created opportunities for India. India has boosted its competitiveness through infrastructural reforms and digital initiatives that are reducing trade costs. However, tariff and non-tariff barriers have increased and could limit the potential for trade focused investments.

India can boost its growth further by harnessing its global trade potential. In addition to sectors where it excels, India can diversify its export basket with increased exports in textiles, and apparel sectors, as well as green technology products. To create more trade-related jobs, India can Integrate more deeply into global value chains which will also create opportunities for innovation and productivity growth.

On its part, the Council continued its wide ambit of activities, with a view to promote growth of Indian textile sector in markets that can help our exporters to integrate with the global value chain.

The 'Trade Promotion' column of this Newsletter presents a report on the Intex South Asia Fair 2024 held from 7-9 August 2024 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conventional Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Council organised pavilion of 16 Indian companies which included a total of 64 Indian companies participating directly setting up bigger stalls.

The Texworld Evolution Show was held at the new venue Porte De Versailles in Hall No 7 from 1-3 July, 2024 in Paris. Overall, the Indian participation was 116 exhibitors in Texworld as well as in Apparel section and a total of 13 Indian exporters of fabrics and apparel participated through TEXPROCIL in this

important Fair in Europe. A report on the fair is enclosed elsewhere in this issue of newsletter.

The Special Feature in this issue of newsletter covers the special promotion drive held for Kasturi Cotton Bharat Programme being implemented by the Council. A report on Awareness Program for Kasturi Cotton Bharat held from 7th to 13th August 2024 at Hotel Pride, New Delhi, in Collaboration with BCI (BCI Ginning Training Programme) and the 6th Bi-annual All India Cotton Conference held in Coimbatore on 9th & 10th August 2024.

The 'Policy Talks' section of this Newsletter presents the recent changes in policy and procedures announced by

the government and various provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy, incentive schemes, and issues of taxation.

We do hope that you find reading this edition of the E-Newsletter worthwhile.

We welcome your valuable feedback on the present edition and also invite contributions in the form of short articles on matters relevant to trade and industry.

TEXPROCIL E-Newsletter values your comments and contributions and looks forward to receiving continuous support for the various activities of the Council.

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## Chairman's Page



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### Curtain Raiser - Bharat Tex 2025

A Curtain Raiser for 'Bharat Tex 2025' was held in New Delhi on September 4, 2024. Scheduled to be held from February 14-17, 2025, BHARAT TEX 2025 is positioned as a global scale textile trade fair and knowledge platform. The second edition of Bharat Tex will be held simultaneously at two state-of-the-art venues, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida.

Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles, was the Chief Guest at the Curtain Raiser along with Shri Pabitra Margherita, Minister of State for Textiles and Smt. Rachana Shah, Secretary. I along with, Shri Vijay Kumar Agarwal, Vice Chairman, and Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director of the Council attended the event.

Spanning 200,000 square meters, the mega textile expo will host over 5,000 Exhibitors, 6,000 international buyers from over 110 countries and over 1,20,000 visitors are expected to participate in this year's event. Around 100 international speakers are also going to participate in the event.

TEXPROCIL has been allocated 6,500 square meters, to set up a pavilion for showcasing the choicest range of textile products under the Council's purview. I appeal to all our members to support

## Dear Friends,

The World Bank, in a recent report, has revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth estimate to 7 per cent for FY25, up from its previous prediction of 6.6 per cent. The World Bank stated that the global trade landscape is challenging and undergoing significant changes, yet India has considerable untapped potential to leverage international trade for development. India could further leverage Global Value Chains (GVCs) to their full potential, generating more jobs and enhancing productivity, the report noted.

With a view to leverage the global opportunities in textiles, the consortium of Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) supported by the Ministry of Textiles have announced the organising of the second edition of India's mega textile fair 'Bharat Tex 2025'.

the event by booking large stalls under TEXPROCIL pavilion and benefit from the focussed buyer program being planned for the exhibition.

### Yarn Expo & Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics

The Council organized participation of 49 member exporters at the Yarn Expo Autumn and the InterTextile Apparel Fabrics at the National Exhibition & Convention Centre, Shanghai, China from 27th to 29th August, 2024. The event was organized by Messe Frankfurt, Hong Kong.

At the InterTextile Apparel Fabric Show, over 100,000 visitors from 115 countries attended the event. The Top 10 visiting countries included South Korea, India, Hong Kong China, Taiwan China, Japan, Russia, Türkiye, Vietnam, Indonesia & Thailand.

At the Yarn Expo, 22,000 visitors from 81 countries attended the event. The top 10 visiting countries included Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, India, Japan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Russia, Turkey & USA.

The meetings by Indian participants are expected to generate good business in view of the recent reports, wherein, the Indian Government has expressed readiness to extend relaxation on trade with China.

### Intex South Asia

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The Council organized group participation of 16 Indian companies by setting up the India Pavilion at the fair under the MAI Scheme of Government of India. The participation was highlighted with special promotions highlighting the 'Incredible Textiles of India' programme of the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. Other Indian companies participating in the fair included 64 companies participating directly through the organizers by setting-up large stalls.

The underlying theme of the exhibition and the conferences held was that the India-Sri Lankan alliance holds immense potential in view of the diverse value chains existing in both the countries and India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA), expected to be concluded by the end of this year. Sri Lanka being an important garment conversion centre, trade facilitation measures like banking reforms, special rates on fabrics, speedy logistics, etc. can provide impetus for growth of India's textile exports into Sri Lanka.

### Bangladesh crisis

The apparel industry in Bangladesh has been in deep turmoil over the month long protests followed by the fall of the Government. Last year Bangladesh shipped USD 54 billion-worth of garments, second only to China, which are expected to fall by 10-20% this year owing to incessant problems. Empowered by the protests, several groups, including textile workers, have taken to the streets with fresh demands for the new interim government. The country has also been beset by power failures. Gas shortages this year have forced factories to operate at lower capacity.

The question looming on everybody's mind is whether other countries (including India) can take advantage of this situation. Recently there have been reports from Indian exporters based in Tiruppur and Delhi receiving fresh orders because of the unrest in Bangladesh. However, experts believe that the current unrest is likely to be short-term and may not impact Bangladesh's dominance in the global apparel business. Factories are already operating again and the situation is improving, as per the experts.

### 70th AGM of TEXPROCIL

The 70th Annual General Meeting of

the Members of the Council will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th September, 2024 at TEXPROCIL Head Office in Mumbai in Hybrid Mode (Video Conferencing as well as physical).

The Notice calling the AGM has been uploaded on the website of TEXPROCIL. The AGM provides an opportunity to members to interact and take stock of various developments affecting our trade. I appeal to all the concerned to make it convenient to attend the AGM physically at the Council's H.O. in Mumbai.

### Way Forward

Friends, economists have suggested that India has made progress in facilitating trade and re-engaging with global markets, but progress is limited by new barriers affecting goods, services, and investments. They believe that while FTAs have a strong impact on India's exports, recent agreements that exclude key areas like digital trade limit the country's potential in growing its exports.

Given the slowdown in orders and slower revival of trade levels, it is necessary to develop a new strategic plan to diversify exports, leverage the changing geopolitical landscape, reduce trade costs, and improve trade facilitation.

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## Trade Promotion



## TEXPROCIL organizes India Pavilion in Intex South Asia 2024, Colombo, Sri Lanka



"India Sri Lanka Textile Forum and Networking Evening" at Lavender Banquet Hall, BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka

### Sri Lankan T&A Market

Sri Lanka is primarily a garment conversion center with exports in this category surpassing US\$ 4.5 billion in 2023. The country is a preferred destination for high-end apparel sourcing across Asia, with its apparel export industry continues to be the most significant, highest industrial employment generator, highest foreign exchange earner and among the most vital sectors for Sri Lanka's economy.

In 2023, Sri Lanka's merchandise exports to India were valued at around US\$ 1221.45 million while imports from India were valued at US\$ 3576.74 million. In 2023, Sri Lanka imported

US\$ 95.11 million in cotton yarn, US\$ 310.04 million in cotton fabrics, cotton madeups, etc. and US\$ 0.21 million in raw cotton imports from India with total imports from India reaching a level of US\$ 405.36 million in the cotton textiles sector. Overall, Sri Lanka imported US\$ 676.43 million worth of Textiles & Clothing from India including textiles valued at US\$ 633.27 million and clothing valued at US\$ 43.16 million in 2023.

### Intex South Asia 2024

Intex South Asia 2024, organized by Worldex India Exhibition & Promotion Pvt. Ltd., was endorsed and supported by Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF), Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association (SLAEA), Sri Lanka Apparel Sourcing Association



At the India Sri Lanka Textile Forum held on 8th August 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Mr. Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL coordinated meeting of around 35 Indian CEOs with 25 SriLankan CEOs led by Mr. Yohan Lawrence, Secretary General, Joint Apparel Association Forum. From the Indian side discussions were led by Shri Manoj Patodia, Past Chairman, TEXPROCIL and Shri S. Dinakaran, Past Chairman SIMA and Yarn Subcommittee of TEXPROCIL.



Texprocil presented the "Kasturi Cotton Bharat" programme to Brands & leading industry representatives in Sri Lanka at Interactive Business Forum in Intex South Asia 2024 Fair at Colombo Sri Lanka. Around 100 leading participants attended the interaction held on 8th August 2024.



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### Trade Promotion



Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL moderated a panel discussion involving panelists from Industry Development Board, Brandix, MAS, Ocean Lanka, Eurofins held on 8th August at the Interactive Business Forum on the sidelines of Council's participation in Intex South Asia Colombo Sri Lanka

(SLASA), Sri Lanka Apparel Brands Association (SLABA), Fabric & Apparel Accessory Manufacturers Association (FAAMA), Free Trade Zone Manufacturers Association (FTZMA), The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), High Commission of India, Colombo, KOTRA Colombo and others.

Intex Sri Lanka was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Deputy High Commissioner of India (Chief Guest) and Dr. Bernard Kingsley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Export Development Board of Sri Lanka (Guest of Honour) in the presence of key trade bodies and industry stake holders. Notably, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and diplomatic representatives from 12 countries, including India, Italy, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, UAE, Oman, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Maldives and the Netherlands attended the ceremony, along with heads of industry associations and business chambers across Sri Lanka.

The exhibition showcased 150+ companies from 12+ countries including India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan, and more. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) and Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) organized India Pavilion at Intex Sri Lanka. The international pavilions were organized Taiwan, Korea, Japan and Pakistan. The present edition of Intex South Asia saw a palpable sense of optimism as international buyers spanning continents from Russia to Mexico visited the fair. The trade visitors that attended the show across 3 days, were on visit to Sri Lanka for sourcing their requirements as well as to connect with industry stakeholders, meet their suppliers, gain market insights and explore opportunities in Sri Lanka through the Intex trade platform.

#### TEXPROCIL India Pavilion

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The organizers allocated a 9 sqm information booth to the Council at the 'Indian Pavilion' set up by TEXPROCIL. The Council stall disseminated information about 'Kasturi Cotton' brand and received a lot of interest on the Branding, Certification, and

Traceability initiatives. The Council's information booth saw a steady stream of visitors, the information on which is being separately circulated to all members.

#### Fringe Programs

Intex also hosted a high-level industry knowledge business forum alongside the exhibition. The Interactive Business Forum Seminar Series presented a panel discussion on "Race for Supremacy in Global RMG Industry" and "Growing Trend in Synthetic Knit Fabric Business in Sri Lanka". Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL represented India and moderated the panel discussion at the Interactive Business Forum Seminar Series held alongside Intex fair on 8th August, 2024 at Mihilaka Medura Venue in BMICH, Sri Lanka.

The Forum also included presentation by Global Organic Textiles Standard (GOTS) on European Producer Responsibility (EPR). The Council also took the opportunity to make a presentation titled "Kasturi Cotton Bharat – The Promise of Quality, Certification and Traceability", to raise awareness on India's premium branded 'Kasturi Cotton'.

Over 200+ industry professionals attended the forum. More than 90% of the attendees rated the forum highly informative with well-balanced topics on innovation and sustainability as well as upcoming trends across the textile supply and value-chain.

#### Support by the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka

The team of officials at the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka supported the Indian participants by circulating their



Team from IDFL USA certification body discussing Kasturi Cotton chain of custody at the Council's stall at Intex South Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka

profiles to their database of Sri Lankan companies importing textiles from India. On the first day of the fair, H.E. Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Acting High Commissioner of India inaugurated the Indian Pavilion set up by the Council and met all the participants to understand the difficulties faced in exporting textiles into Sri Lanka and assured all possible cooperation from his office in facilitating trade growth.

#### India Sri Lanka Textile Forum

On the second day, after the end of fair, the organizers facilitated the meetings between Indian and Sri Lankan textile companies by holding "India Sri Lanka Textile Forum and Networking



## Trade Promotion



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Members of the Russian Delegation being welcomed at the India Pavilion set up by TEXPROCIL at Intex South Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Evening" at Lavender banquet Hall, BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka on 8th August, 2024. Hosted by Intex Sri Lanka, the proceedings were led by Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL from the Indian side and Mr. Yohan Lawrence, Secretary General, JAAFSL led the industry representatives from Sri Lankan side.

At the meeting, discussions from the Indian side were led by Shri Manojkumar Patodia, Past Chairman, TEXPROCIL, and Managing Partner, Patodia Overseas Ltd. and Shri S. Dinakaran, Past Chairman SIMA, and MD, Sambandam Mills Ltd. along with CEOs of leading textile companies from India like Kanodia Global, Mahaluxmi Processing House, Siyaram Silk Mills, among others.

The most prevailed thought was that India-Sri Lankan alliance holds immense potential in view of the diverse value chains existing in both the countries. Sri Lanka being an important garment conversion centre, trade facilitation measures like banking reforms, special rates on fabrics, speedy logistics, etc. can provide impetus for growth of India's textile exports into Sri Lanka.

Mr. Yohan Lawrence, Secretary General, JAAFSL emphasized that Sri Lankan apparel and textile manufacturers have successfully utilized the opportunities in the international market to evolve beyond traditional exports and have successfully developed connections with global super brands in Europe and the USA. For the garment sector to experience any genuine benefits, he emphasized the need to go beyond the current export quota in the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA), expected to be concluded end of this year.

The Textile Forum proved to be a robust platform for reinvigorating South Asian intra-regional trade, by delivering access to industry developments, networking opportunities and strategic initiatives taken by suppliers from Sri Lanka and helped to connect industry and business representatives attending the event.

### Feedback from the participants

The participating companies were generally satisfied with their participation at the fair. They were happy with the footfalls and marketing & publicity undertaken by the Council along with the organizers to invite right visitors to the exhibition.

Facilitating information exchange, to share data on the specific

needs of high net-worth buyers in terms of potential ordering quantity and quality desired, competition pricing and last mile delivery facilitation, etc. can help to determine ways and means Indian businesses can grow volume trade with Sri Lanka. Each participant expressed contention with the quality of visitors and expressed hopes to consider participating in the future editions of this fair.

### Conclusion

Intex South Asia – 2024, fair in Sri Lanka presented an ideal opportunity for the Indian companies to strengthen business partnerships with Sri Lankan apparel companies and create a positive platform for future business.

Visitors at the exhibition included local manufacturing companies and many international buyers with sourcing base in Sri Lanka, seeking to make contacts with suppliers of innovative, high performance textiles for casual, intimate and performance wear. The fair also presented an opportunity to connect with international exhibitors representing 12+ countries including India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, and more.

Based on the feedback received, the potential enquiries generated with interactions between Indian and Sri Lankan buyers in the fair will translate into trade over time and holds



Dr. Satyanjal Pandey, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India in Colombo, Sri Lanka & Dr. Kingsley Bernard, Chairman, Sri Lanka Export Development Board are being briefed about "Kasturi Cotton Bharat" by Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL at the Intex South Asia Fair 2024 inaugurated on 7th August 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

the potential to grow further. Indian companies can look forward to fulfill the growing demand for raw material required by the Sri Lankan industry.

The Council's participation in the fair along with its member companies was successful in meeting the objectives to promote "Incredible Textiles of India", provide opportunities for Indian companies to reconnect with their existing customers and meet potential buyers in Sri Lanka.

Intex Sri Lanka 2024 left an indelible mark, fostering collaborations, and facilitating global engagement to drive business opportunities. The enquiries generated during the show, from volume buyers like Hirdaramani, MAS, Hela Clothing etc., have undoubtedly solidified the fair's reputation as the premier international textile sourcing show of the region and annual calendar event for networking with the textiles and apparel industry of Sri Lanka.

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## Report on the Council's participation at the Texworld Evolution, Paris from 1-3 July 2024

Trade Promotion



H.E. Mr Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India (3rd from left), Mr Nikunj Bagdia, Chairman of Texprocil Fabric Sub Committee (2nd from left) and Mr Frederic Bouchard, CEO of Messe Frankfurt (4th from left) visited the Texprocil booth after the inauguration, during the Texworld and Apparel Sourcing Show being held at Paris from 1-3 July 2024

### Introduction

The Texworld Evolution Show was held at the new venue Porte De Versailles in Hall No 7 from 1-3 July, 2024 in Paris. Overall the Indian participation was 116 exhibitors in Texworld as well as in Apparel section and a total of 13 Indian exporters of fabrics and apparel participated through Texprocil in this important Fair in Europe. Approx 70% of the booths in Texworld and Apparel Sourcing were booked by Chinese exhibitors. The Council was offered an information booth of 12 sq mtr at the Texworld Show. There were four EPCs through which participation was mobilise and these were AEPC, HEPC, ISEPC and Texprocil.

European Union (EU 27) as a combined market is India's largest importer of Textiles & Clothing (T&C) accounting for approx. 24 % of total export of T&C from India during 2023. As a block, it is the single largest market for the Indian export of T&C products. However, only 6.51 % of total import of T&C into EU was from India thereby offering scope for increasing market share by undertaking suitable marketing activities like participation in this global event to meet major importers in EU.

### About Texworld Evolution Show

Organized by Messe Frankfurt France, the 'Texworld Evolution, Paris' Fair is a Show where two levels of the venue are used for a total exhibition space of approx. 20,000 sqm with over 1200 exhibitors from over 26 countries participating under one roof, attracting over 8,000 visitors from over 50 countries during the 3 days of the show.

The Fair helps in getting first-hand information on the needs

of the European market for Textile and Fashion; meet major importers / buyers and agents; provide a gateway to Europe, as this Fair is a better, broader professional platform. India has a strong presence in the Embroidery and Shawls and Scarves section.

### Exhibitor Profile

Over 1200 exhibitors from over 26 countries for Texworld Evolution made the Show an "all-in-one" platform for the textile sectors including Cotton and Synthetic fabrics / Shirting / Linen / Denim / Wool / Knitted fabrics / Silk fabrics / Embroidery, Lace / Prints / Scarves and shawls & Yarns.

### Positioning the exhibitors in the venue

In this Fair, layout of the whole Exhibition Hall is divided into several areas as per products listed above. Exhibitors are grouped according to their products and allocated stalls in their respective product area as visitors / buyers directly go to respective product area in which they are interested. India had the second largest number of exhibitors in the Texworld Evolution Show after China.

### Country-wise break-up of exhibitors at Texworld & Apparel Sourcing Show

China	862
India	116
Turkey	102
South Korea	92
Others	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1240</b>



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# Report on the Council's participation at the Texworld Evolution, Paris from 1-3 July 2024

### Visitor Profile

The Show received over 8,000 visitors from over 50 countries. The Top 5 visitor profiles were French buyers (20% of the total), the UK (8.3%), Italy (7.9%), Turkey (7.2%) and Spain (6.8%).

### India presence at the Show

There were 116 exhibitors from India (42 in Texworld and 74 in Apparel Sourcing). Although the footfalls over the three days were less, the quality of buyers at the Show was very encouraging. One of the first time exhibitors in the Apparel Section also received the "Best Stand Display" Award and were very happy with the response at the Show. They have confirmed to participate in the next edition of the Show with a bigger stall.

### Feedback from the participants through the Council

Overall, most of the exhibitors this time were not satisfied with the number of visitors to their stalls. Visitor turnout during the three days were thin as many buyers went to visit the Premier Vision Show held concurrently with Texworld. Due to the change in venue as well as the timing of the Show being

brought forward from September, the visitor turnout has not been very encouraging. Going forward the Organisers will be holding the Feb editions in Le Bourget and the July editions in Porte de Versailles.

### 'TEXPROCIL' Information Stall

The Council had a 12 sq mt stall in Texworld and samples of Kasturi Cotton products like hand towels and T-Shirts were displayed along with the QR code showing traceability of the final products. The Ambassador of India to France, H.E. Shri Jawed Ashraf inaugurated the Indian pavilion and interacted with the participants. He was very happy with the momentum and continuation of the Kasturi Cotton promotion at the Show which the Council started in the February 2024 edition of Texworld. Visitor enquiries were recorded at the information booth and were duly disseminated to the members.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

- 1) The Texworld and Apparel Sourcing Show is one of the biggest fabric shows in Europe and is the main gateway for meeting buyers across Europe
- 2) On the Apparel front, the Show has established itself as a good sourcing platform for products like scarves, shawls and stoles while the demand for Indian embroidered / lace fabrics and wool products has continued to be good at the Show
- 3) The change in venue and timing of the Fall Show has impacted the overall visitor footfalls to the Show.
- 4) New applicants especially MSMEs found the Show fruitful as they were able to get new leads and contacts for their products especially for casual wear for men and women
- 5) It is recommended that Texprocil should continue its presence in the Texworld Evolution Show for the next financial year as MSME companies look forward to the MAI subsidy due to the high price of booths at Texworld.

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H.E. Mr Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India scanning the Traceability Code on the Kasturi cotton produced T-shirt at the Texworld and Apparel Sourcing Show being held at Paris from 1-3 July 2024

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## Country Report – U. K.



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### Textiles Market current situation in U. K.

The report includes market data on clothing and textile consumption rates, household expenditure on clothing, average clothing prices, UK textiles imports and exports, UK textiles manufacturing, the post-consumer textiles market, and upcoming innovation and developments.

Since the last Textiles Market Situation Report was published in 2019, the textiles industry has faced several challenges, such as the UK's exit from the EU, the covid-19 pandemic, and a cost-of-living crisis. These macroeconomic developments, coupled with growing concerns about climate change and the environmental impact of fashion, have questioned established market knowledge and necessitated business practice shifts.

### Consumption

The covid-19 pandemic had a large impact on textiles consumption, with rates falling 330,000 tonnes between 2019 and 2020, however this downward trend was temporary. Consumption figures are back to near pre-covid levels, with the UK consuming 1.42 million tonnes of new textile products in 2022.

The average cost per item of clothing in the UK has decreased by 2% since 2015, reaching £16.70 in 2023.

### Imports and exports

Leading up to 2021, there was a significant decline in the value and volume of textile imports and exports. For imports in particular, this was largely attributable to a shift towards onshoring production post-Brexit and during the pandemic when the movement of goods became more difficult.

Post-2021, the volume of imports has recovered, but only by 12.5%. Yet, the cost of those imports is greater than pre-pandemic levels, indicating a shift towards a higher £/kg ratio.

### Post-consumer textiles

Approximately, 1.45 million tonnes of used textiles were generated in the UK in 2022. Of this, around 276,000 tonnes were sold to the public, 650,000 tonnes were diverted to reuse and recycling from end-of-life disposal, and 421,600 tonnes were exported.

In 2021, around 711,000 tonnes of used textiles were discarded in the household bin and in general waste containers at Household Waste Recycling Centres. This means almost half (49%) of all used textiles in the UK was disposed of in general waste, or 35 items per person per year on average. Of these items, 84% was incinerated with energy recovery and 11% was sent to landfill.

Between 2013 and 2023, there was a 57.5% reduction in price per tonne for textile bank donations and a 41% reduction for charity shop donations, without accounting for inflation. The 2023 figures stood at £172.5 per tonne for textile banks and £255 per tonne for charity shops.

### Clothing Manufacturing in the UK industry analysis

The UK Clothing Manufacturing industry is in decline, owing to severe labour shortages, surging input prices and intense import competition. Over the five years through 2024-25, revenue is expected to contract at a compound annual rate of 6% to £2.2 billion. This is partly due to a sharp revenue decline in 2020-21 caused by disruption created by COVID-19, including retail closures, subdued consumer spending and lower production across the UK and the globe. Over 2024-25, revenue is expected to tumble by 1.8% as ongoing inflationary pressures squeeze Briton's disposable income, limiting their clothing budgets. Growing sustainability and ethical shopping trends have become driving forces in the industry, with many consumers looking to buy higher-quality, sustainably made products – despite their higher price tag. The strength of the Made in Britain label and strong brand recognition continues supporting sales for heritage brands like Mulberry, Barbour and Burberry.

### United Kingdom is ruling the Apparel and Fashion world. Here's How

Today, the UK textile industry holds 6 percent market share only in the fashion sector. The domestic market value of the UK fashion industry in Approximate 66 Million Pounds. Total household clothing consumption in the UK is above 6 Million Dollars per year. The country has advance spinning and weaving technologies to produce the high-quality fabric and largest collection of fabric. Later on, the fabrics are exported and supplied around the European, Middle East, China, Pakistan, and the other parts of the globe.

The United Kingdom's textile industry plays a vital role in the country's economy for centuries. The textile industry of the UK drove the industrial revolution, advanced technology, raw materials imports, and better logistic. And as a result of this, the UK became the global textile industry leader.

### Pre-Industrialization

At the beginning of the 18th century, the key UK textile industry was producing textiles from the large sheep-farming areas from the midland and the other regions across the country. The UK textile industry employed Britain by opening major centres in the west country, Norwich and environs, and west riding of Yorkshire. The woollen goods export trade accounted for more than a quarter of British exports during the 18th century. Interestingly, the cotton exports grew tenfold during the period, but that's still accounted for only a tenth of the woollen trade.

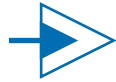
Moreover, fabrics such as silk, fustian, and linen were eclipsed by cotton, which turned out to be the most important fabric of all time.

### The Current Scenario

With the growing demand for cheap clothing, retailers are continuously looking for cost-effective ways to keep their stock up. Today labor costs are 37 times cheaper when outsourced to



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Asia than when buying from domestic suppliers. However, most of the high street chains are continuing to turn their backs on UK-manufactured clothing, which results in many campaigns to Buy British.

Today two major concerns of the UK textile industry are infrastructure and skills. For cotton producers to again reach the highs in the early 20th century is quite challenging. However, the UK has dedicated considerable skills and infrastructure to restore the cotton manufacturer.

Yet, the United Kingdom holds the top 15th position in the list of textile goods producers worldwide. The UK textile industry is moving towards a brighter future by starting smaller, producing high-quality goods, luxury garments, and continuously innovating new clothing to buy as best gifts for men and women.

Source: [wrat.ngo/resources](http://wrat.ngo/resources)

### Country Report – Morocco

As of mid-2024, the textile industry in Morocco continues to play a significant role in the country's economy, showing a mix of resilience and adaptation in response to various global and local challenges. Here's an overview of the current state of the Moroccan textile industry:

#### Industry Overview

- \*\*Economic Contribution\*\*:** The textile sector remains one of Morocco's key industrial pillars, contributing significantly to employment and export revenue. It accounts for a substantial portion of Morocco's industrial output and is a major source of jobs, particularly for women.
- \*\*Exports\*\*:** Moroccan textile exports have seen fluctuations due to global economic conditions and changes in trade dynamics. The European Union remains the primary market for Moroccan textiles, with countries like Spain, France, and Italy being significant buyers. However, there has been a push to diversify export markets and reduce dependency on traditional partners.
- \*\*Key Segments\*\*:-**
  - \*\*Apparel\*\*:** Includes both high-volume, low-cost production and high-end fashion items. The industry caters to both mass-market and niche segments.
  - \*\*Home Textiles\*\*:** Products such as carpets, curtains, and bed linens remain important for domestic consumption and export.
- \*\*Innovation and Technology\*\*:** The industry is increasingly adopting new technologies and practices. Investments in automation and digitalization are helping Moroccan textile manufacturers improve efficiency and product quality. Additionally, there is a growing focus on sustainable practices, including the use of eco-friendly materials and processes.

#### Challenges

- \*\*Global Competition\*\*:** Moroccan textile producers face

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stiff competition from countries with lower production costs, particularly in Asia. Maintaining competitive pricing while ensuring quality is a continuous challenge.

- \*\*Sustainability\*\*:** There is increasing pressure to adopt environmentally friendly practices. The Moroccan government and industry players are working on initiatives to improve sustainability, but there is still progress to be made in reducing the industry's environmental footprint.
- \*\*Supply Chain Disruptions\*\*:** The industry has been impacted by global supply chain issues, including fluctuations in raw material prices and delays. These disruptions have led to increased costs and operational challenges for manufacturers.
- \*\*Economic Fluctuations\*\*:** Economic instability, both locally and globally, can affect consumer spending and demand for textile products, impacting Moroccan exports and domestic sales.

#### Opportunities

- \*\*Free Trade Agreements\*\*:** Morocco has several free trade agreements that offer access to new markets. The country is leveraging these agreements to expand its export base and enter new regions.
- \*\*Domestic Market Growth\*\*:** Rising middle-class income and urbanization are driving demand for a variety of textile products domestically. This presents opportunities for growth within Morocco itself.
- \*\*Tourism\*\*:** The revival of tourism in Morocco can boost demand for locally made textiles, including traditional products like rugs and garments.
- \*\*Sustainability Trends\*\*:** As global demand for sustainable and ethically produced textiles grows, Moroccan producers who invest in green technologies and practices may find new market opportunities.

#### Government and Industry Initiatives

- \*\*Support Programs\*\*:** The Moroccan government has introduced several initiatives to support the textile industry, including subsidies, tax incentives, and funding for modernization projects.
- \*\*Training and Development\*\*:** There are ongoing efforts to improve the skills of the workforce through training programs and partnerships with educational institutions.
- \*\*Infrastructure Investment\*\*:** Investments in infrastructure, such as industrial zones and logistics, are aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the textile supply chain.

Overall, while the Moroccan textile industry faces several challenges, it also has significant opportunities for growth and development. Continued investment in technology, sustainability, and market diversification will be crucial for the industry's long-term success.





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Casablanca is Morocco's largest city and economic center. Morocco – a leading regional power and one of the most developed countries in Africa; Morocco is a melting pot of indigenous Berber, African, Arab, and European influences. Due to its strategic location and proximity to Europe, the kingdom has been able to accommodate its cultural diversity in a stable and politically inclusive system. Located strategically between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, Morocco is a bridge in the trade with West African countries.

The Textiles & Apparel industry in Morocco is a significant component of the national economy, facilitating industrialisation, job creation and export growth. As of 2023, the textile and apparel sector is valued at approximately USD 7 billion, with garment manufacturing, fabric production, and export activities being the primary components.

The Textile industry has shown a steady revenue increase in recent years. Some European Apparel buyers and distributors have re-oriented their purchasing strategy away from Asia to focus on nearby markets such as Morocco, Turkey, or Tunisia. With a business-friendly and welcoming environment, special economic Industrial zones, and parks, Morocco is attracting huge Foreign investments as it moves to increase production in its Industries. Morocco's free-trade agreements and infrastructure network (Port of Tangier, free-trade zones) have transformed the country into a production and export platform for Europe, the United States, and the MENA region.

A major part of the textiles sold in Europe is produced in Asian countries, like China, Bangladesh or Vietnam. Yet new producers have begun to emerge in recent years and Morocco is becoming increasingly important. It is already the third biggest producer for Europe and there are many advantages the factories there have over their Asian competitors.

The Textile industry of Morocco will see robust growth in coming years due to the Government's active initiative and focus on the textile industry as its priority, to double the jobs in the garment industry and further develop its exports.

Morocco is recognized today as a major player in fast fashion with regard to its long-standing and established experience with the biggest vertical fast fashion brands and retailers in the world. One of its major competitive advantages lies in its proximity to Europe, and therefore its ability to react immediately to new trends to be delivered within a short time.

Located at the apex of North-west Africa and across the 14 km Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, the Kingdom of Morocco is the Regional and International hub, having benefitted from its advantageous geographic location at the crossroads between Europe and Africa, it has served as a very important Business hub between Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Morocco has not only deepened its economic and security ties with the EU but also with the Gulf states and China.

Morocco is North Africa's most politically and economically stable country. Being a Business hub for the EU and most African countries, it could be internationally competitive in Textile production sector as Morocco has an attractive textile manufacturing centre among others.

Morocco has been able to establish a solid network of international trade agreements, encompassing free trade deals with Canada, the US, and Turkey, as well as being a part of the European Free Trade Association. Trade between the EU and Morocco reached €53.3 billion in 2022. The EU's imports from Morocco amounted to €21.7 billion and were led by transport equipment (€5.1 billion, 23.5%), machinery and appliances (€4.6 billion, 21.2%), and textiles (€3.1 billion, 14.3%).

One thing that has always been to Morocco's benefit is its nearness to Europe, and the other is the comparatively lower wage costs and the natural skill and cleverness of its employees, the majority of whom are women.

Morocco's strategic location, close to European markets, provides it with a competitive advantage in terms of logistics and transportation particularly the establishment of free trade zones and the Tangier-Med port, which has further boosted Morocco's competitiveness across Africa. This proximity allows for shorter lead times and cost-effective delivery to European customers. It has served as a very important Business hub between Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Morocco's status as a trade hub is bolstered by its trade agreements with the Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, and African nations, the United States of America, and the European Union. Morocco currently has duty-free access to a market of 55 countries representing more than one billion consumers and 60 percent of world GDP.

The Moroccan government has been actively supporting the textile and garment industry through policies and incentives. This support includes measures to attract investments, improve infrastructure, and enhance the competitiveness of the sector.

### Highlights of Apparel industry:

The Apparel manufacturing sector in Morocco has been expanding, with the country becoming a hub to produce various types of apparel. The industry has attracted both domestic and foreign investments. The country is now Europe's eighth-largest textile and clothing supplier. The EU's imports of textiles from Morocco amounted to Euro3.1 billion with a share of 14.3% in comparison to other products.

- In 2024, the revenue in the Apparel market in Morocco is estimated to be US\$2.63bn.



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- It is projected to experience an annual growth rate of 3.00% (CAGR 2024-2028).
- The largest segment in the market is Women's Apparel, with a market volume of US\$1.20bn in 2024.
- When compared globally, in the United States generates the highest revenue in the Apparel market, reaching US\$359bn in 2024.
- On a per person basis, the revenue generated in the Apparel market in Morocco amounts to US\$68.80 in 2024.
- The volume in the Apparel market is expected to reach 778.8m pieces by 2028, with a growth rate of 1.6% in 2025.
- The average volume per person in the Apparel market is projected to be 19.2pieces in 2024.
- Additionally, by 2024, 95% of the sales in the Apparel market will be attributed to Non-Luxury.
- Morocco's apparel market is experiencing a surge in demand for traditional Moroccan clothing and accessories, reflecting a growing interest in cultural heritage and local craftsmanship.

Source: statistica.com/ CEMS/AMITH

## Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations at TEXPROCIL H.O.



Shri Sunil Patwari, Chairman, Texprocil and Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director participate in the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign and welcome this initiative to foster a deep sense of unity and patriotism amongst the citizens. #HarGharTiranga



TEXPROCIL welcomes this Independence Day with great joy. Happy Independence Day! #HarGharTiranga



Shri Sunil Patwari, Chairman, Texprocil and Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director participate in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign" by planting saplings and urge all citizens to renew their commitment to protect Mother Nature and make sustainable lifestyle choices. #Plant4Mother #एक\_पेड़\_माँ\_के\_नाम" #HarGharTiranga



TEAM TEXPROCIL organised "Tiranga Yatra" to mark the celebrations under "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign at the Council H.O in Mumbai. #HarGharTiranga



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### Crisis in Bangladesh: A turning point for global apparel supply chains

The gas crisis, along with the political turmoil in Bangladesh, including the stepping down of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has created uncertainty that is further straining the industry and economy. This instability has disrupted not only the overall industry but also the textiles and apparel sector, and it is likely to push international buyers to consider alternative sourcing destinations, potentially adopting a 'Bangladesh-plus-one' strategy. This shift could lead to a significant loss of market share for Bangladesh's ready-made garments (RMG) sector. The countries that are major import partners of Bangladesh include the US, the UK, Germany, Canada, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, and Australia. Many of these countries are also investors in Bangladesh's apparel industry. The countries that have heavily invested in Bangladesh's apparel industry, such as the US, Germany, the UK, and Canada, are seriously considering sourcing products from other Asian nations, such as Vietnam, India, and Sri Lanka.

The ready-made garment (RMG) sector of Bangladesh has been the cornerstone of the country's economy. The industry's contribution to Bangladesh's GDP is significant, with estimates suggesting that it accounts for around 18 per cent of the country's total GDP and was growing at a rate of about 6 per cent, according to IMF data. The official estimate for Bangladesh's GDP was \$1.429 trillion at the end of 2023 in purchasing power parity terms.

The industry that has made a crucial contribution to rebuilding the country and its economy is none other than the RMG industry, which is now the single biggest export earner for Bangladesh. The country's apparel exports in 2023 reached a staggering figure of \$47.5 billion, accounting for over 86 per cent of the total export earnings from the textiles and apparel industry combined. More than 290,000 registered manufacturing units employ 4.22 million workers in the RMG industry, with strong female participation (41 per cent), according to estimates, which has grown at a rate of about 7 per cent over the years.

Bangladesh remains the second-largest RMG supplier to the world after China. The countries that are lagging include Vietnam, Germany, Italy, and India.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

### India-Sri Lanka ETCA: Govt working closely with industry to maximise gains

With India and Sri Lanka aiming for an early conclusion of the proposed bilateral Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA), after a five-year hiatus in the negotiations, the Commerce Department has asked various industry sectors to give inputs on crucial areas such as product specific rules to determine eligibility of items for tariff concessions.

"While an initial round of inputs was submitted by the industry when the negotiations resumed late last year, now that the two sides have made progress and are negotiating on details including on rules of origin, it is important to take the industry's views before finalising commitments. That is why more inputs

have been sought," the official said.

Following visit of Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe to India in July last year and the decision of both the countries to resume talks on the ETCA (that were stalled in 2018 after two years of negotiations), India and Sri Lanka re-started the negotiations in Colombo on October 30, 2023.

Colombo also hopes that the pact with India would help in its efforts to deal with the economic crisis it has been grappling with since the Covid-19 pandemic devastated its economy.

### Bilateral FTA

The India-Sri Lanka ETCA seeks to build upon the bilateral FTA signed in 2000 which already helped Sri Lanka in increasing its exports to India in several key commodities. The proposed ETCA has various chapters including trade in goods, trade in services, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, rules of origin, customs procedure & trade facilitation, trade remedies, economic and technological cooperation and dispute settlement. It also seeks to eliminate non-tariff barriers and enable greater trade facilitation.

India hopes the ETCA will help it gain greater market access in items such as automobiles, auto parts, pharmaceuticals, certain textile products, chemicals as well as various services. Moreover, research by some industry bodies suggest that Sri Lanka could become a significant part of the Indian supply chain enabling Indian manufacturers to set up factories in the country to manufacture and export products to nations with which Sri Lanka has or is planning to have Free Trade Agreements.

"The Commerce Department has asked various industry sectors to examine the proposed rules of origin (that determine how much value addition is needed for a product to be eligible for preferential tariff benefits) to see if there is a need of product specific rules (flexibilities) to either grant them more access in the Sri Lankan market or protect the domestic industry. It is very important to be precise in the demands put forward," the official said.

India and Sri Lanka are also weighing the demands made by both sides in terms of implementation issues flowing from the India-Sri Lanka FTA. These include removal of import quotas on certain commodities, SPS notifications on dairy, market access for vehicles and certain issues on movement of professionals.

In 2023-24, India's exports to Sri Lanka were valued at \$4.11 billion while its imports were at \$1.42 billion, per government data.

Source: The Hindu Business line

### India creates legroom to sign UK, EU FTAs with Customs Act amendments

To create legroom for signing free trade agreements (FTAs) with developed nations such as the UK and European Union, the Union Budget 2024 has introduced amendments in the Customs Act, liberalising compliance with value-addition norms that typically guard against misuse of concessions agreed in a trade pact.



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Value addition norms guided by 'rules of origin' assume special significance at a time when India is signing a slew of FTAs. Rules of origin are the criteria needed to determine the national source of a product. While trade agreements help boost trade volumes with partner countries, it often risks a third country benefiting from the concessions resulting in a loss of revenue if rules of origin are breached. The government on Tuesday amended Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 substituting 'certificate' of origin with 'proof' of origin. The fine prints of the Budget defined "Proof of origin" as a "certificate" or "declaration" in accordance with a trade pact.

Tax experts explained that the amended Customs Act now enables the acceptance of "proof" of origin (if India decided so in an agreement) which is a wider term that includes a certificate of origin as well as a self-declaration in line with global Customs norms. However, they also expressed concerns over the implementation as allowing self-certification could result in a breach and require a high degree of integrity in the exporting country without which India could lose Customs revenue.

### 'Amendments to impact future FTAs'

Former Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) S Ramesh explained that the amendments in the Customs Act would affect future trade agreements including the one signed with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) which has a provision allowing self-certification that can be activated in the future. Notably, China is Switzerland's third-biggest trading partner after the US and the European Union. Switzerland is a member of EFTA. The two countries signed FTA in 2013. Earlier this year, China and Switzerland signed a joint declaration agreeing to deepen their partnership.

"The developed countries have good tracking systems, and the self-certification mode has already come into play in those countries for the FTAs they sign. India is still insisting on authority to sign a certificate of origin, because we had a bad experience of goods being diverted from China and other countries through Indonesia and Vietnam among others," Ramesh, former CBIC Chairman and current MD, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP said.

The amendments came ahead of British Foreign Secretary David Lammy's two-day visit to India to galvanise negotiations for the India-UK FTA. Lammy began his visit on Wednesday. Moreover, India is also set to resume talks with the EU after a pause during the general elections.

### Rules of origin breach

While the amendments give Indian trade negotiators a choice as to which geography they wish to allow self-certification by foreign exporters, India has seen various instances of breaches in rules of origin.

A report by the think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that a nearly 60 times jump in silver imports during the last financial year from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is unusual since the West Asian country does not produce silver and the import jump may be indicative of a breach in rule of origin

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finalised by India and UAE under the FTA.

In fact, India introduced stringent rules of origin verification norms, CAROTAR, in 2020 after the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said it had found "few instances of re-routing of goods through the countries" with which India has FTAs. Several Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand subsequently raised concerns against CAROTAR norms in the India-ASEAN FTA review.

Despite stringent rule of origin norms, the India-ASEAN trade gap in FY23 surged to \$43.57 billion in favour of bloc countries, growing sharply by over 40 per cent compared to \$25.75 billion in FY22. "Circumvention of rules of origin has been happening regularly and enforcement of rules of origin and even the CAROTAR has been a problem. Such is the nature of integration and supply chain that it requires a robust Customs administration to do the due diligence. And the problem is that you get caught between ease of doing business and regulating trade," Biswajit Dhar, Professor of Economics at JNU said.

Source: Indian Express

### India flagged concerns with Russia over non-tariff barriers: Commerce secy

India has flagged concerns over non-tariff barriers (NTBs) faced by its exporters with the Russian government, commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal said here on Monday.

NTBs faced by Indian exporters are mainly in sectors such as marine products and pharmaceuticals. For instance, India has been finding it difficult to export marine products to Russia as exporters face certification and listing challenges related to exports.

"These issues are being taken up at different forums. We are looking at getting greater market access and addressing these non-tariff barriers in areas such as marine products and pharmaceuticals," Barthwal told reporters, adding that a visit to Moscow is also being planned.

The secretary's statement comes against the backdrop of setting an ambitious target to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, up from over \$67 billion now. The target was set during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Russia last week.

"We are looking to raise the overall trade volume with Russia... We are looking at various sets of commodities such as electronics, engineering goods and other items, where trade can be enhanced," the commerce secretary said.

The trade between both the countries expanded rapidly over the last two financial years. However, it was mainly driven by a rise in oil imports from Russia, soon after its standoff with Ukraine started in February 2022. Trade deficit with Russia is also the second highest, raising concerns over an "imbalanced trade" between the two countries.

Source: Business Standard



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### India's Maharashtra cabinet clears state's logistics policy

Two global mega logistics hubs in the Navi Mumbai-Pune area and near Nagpur, and five state logistics hubs in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar-Jalna, Thane-Bhiwandi, Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Pune-Purandar and Palghar-Vadhavan are being planned under the Maharashtra Logistics Policy 2024, which was approved yesterday by the Indian state's cabinet.

The policy aims at generating revenues worth around ₹30,573 crore (\$3.64 million) over the next five years.

The policy, formulated based on recommendations from the state's economic advisory council, focuses on reducing logistics costs by 4-5 per cent from the current 14-15 per cent, minimising logistics time, implementing green initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and utilising technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence and intelligent logistics management systems.

It also aims at promoting green logistics parks, sustainable designs and modal shifts, while attracting domestic and foreign investment to establish Maharashtra as a global logistics hub.

It foresees a substantial growth in the sector over the next decade and is expected to create nearly 5,00,000 jobs, according to media reports from the state.

A ₹1,500-crore global mega logistics hub will be developed on 2,000 acres in the Navi Mumbai-Pune area, adjacent to the new international airport in Panvel. This will connect with industrial estates like Taloja, Patalganga, Rasayani, Khopoli, Mahad, Roha, Chakan and Talegaon.

The ₹1,500-crore Nagpur-Wardha national mega logistics hub will be set up across 1,500 acres, linked to the Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg.

A provision of ₹2,500 crore has been made for the five other logistics hubs in the state.

Regional hubs will be developed on 300 acres each in Nanded-Deglur, Amravati-Badnera, Kolhapur-Ichalkaranji, Nashik-Sinnar and Dhule-Shirpur. These hubs will receive a total of ₹1,500 crore.

Multi-purpose logistics parks will be set up in urban areas like Thane, Mumbai and Pune.

Micro, small and medium enterprises within and outside logistics parks will receive various incentives, including interest subsidies, stamp duty concessions, technology improvement assistance and industrial-rate electricity.

The Maharashtra Maritime Board, the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, the Mumbai Port Trust, the State Road Development Corporation and the Maharashtra Airport Development Company had a role to play in the formulation of the policy.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

### Customs, banking reforms, incentives at par with China key to boost e-com exports to \$350 bn: GTRI

Reforms in certain customs and banking rules, access to credit, and incentives at par with China will be key for India to boost its exports through e-commerce medium to USD 350 billion by 2030, think tank GTRI said on Monday. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report also suggested creation of separate regulations and ecosystems to support two different types of e-commerce exports - direct export and overseas warehouse models; supporting firm to open warehouses in key foreign cities; export incentives at par with physical shipments; marketing support; and creation of regional hubs for MSMEs.

"Over 60 per cent of Chinese e-commerce exports (USD 330 billion in 2023) use foreign warehouses for faster delivery. They have special rules and support systems that help their e-commerce sector grow. If we do not adopt similar measures, our e-commerce exports might only reach USD 25 billion by 2030, despite having the potential to reach USD 350 billion," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said.

The global cross-border e-commerce exports are projected to grow from USD 1 trillion in 2023 to USD 8 trillion by 2030 on account of the ability of online firms to deliver overseas products to consumers within 1-2 days, matching the speed and convenience of local supplies.

India's e-commerce exports could grow from USD 5 billion to USD 350 billion by 2030, thanks to strengths in customized products, traditional crafts, and a growing base of over 100,000 sellers.

At present, the domestic sector is facing different issues and as successful e-commerce policies in China, Korea, Japan, and Vietnam have helped many firms sell globally, India too needs to publish an e-commerce export policy and these steps.

It said that Indian regulations primarily cater to the direct export model, and separate regulations need to be introduced for meeting the needs of the warehouse model which has several benefits such as over 50 per cent savings in freight, no customs delays, and faster delivery.

Warehouses can be established by the government, private sector, or e-commerce firms and efficient warehouse management including using foreign warehouses will immediately boost India's e-commerce exports, the report said.

Currently, over 60 per cent of China's global cross-border e-commerce exports use overseas warehouses.

Recommending nine customs reforms, Srivastava said that there is a need to set up a green channel for e-commerce shipments; single window system; complete digital submission of documents; and implementation of 24-hour automated





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inspections.

“Create a dedicated green channel for e-commerce shipments across express, post, air cargo, and ocean cargo channels. This will ensure faster and more efficient clearance for e-commerce exports,” the report suggested.

On banking reforms, it said that most banks are not geared to cater to the small packet, low-value e-commerce requiring quick and low-cost processing.

“Key issues include reluctance to process forex through alternative channels, high and multiple processing fees, incorrect allocation of purpose codes, limitations in the RBI’s EDPMS (Export Data Processing and Monitoring \*System\*), and penalties imposed on exporters for banks’ inefficiencies,” he said.

It recommended raising the export realization variation limit from 25 per cent to 100 per cent; waiving bank charges and automate processes; define a time limit for banks to complete all small export-related requests; and exempting shipment value up to USD 1000 per shipment from monitoring till single window is implemented.

It also said that access to credit is a significant challenge for small e-commerce exporters in India and unlike B2B (business to business) exporters, who enjoy multiple financing options due to their priority status with banks, e-commerce exporters face several hurdles.

It added that e-commerce exporters do not receive the same priority status as B2B exporters as they face higher interest rates (12-15 per cent) compared to B2B exporters (7-10 per cent).

“Treat e-commerce exports on par with B2B exports. Include loans for e-commerce exports in priority sector lending. Provide easy credit access as it will allow small firms to expand operations, invest in new inventory, and improve their competitiveness in global markets,” Srivastava said.

Further e-commerce export shipments cleared through express courier mode do not get export incentives like Duty Drawback, RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products), export promotion capital goods scheme (EPCG), and advance authorisation, creating a disparity compared to B2B offline exports.

“India should extend existing export incentives to all e-commerce exporters, besides matching the incentive provided by Chinese provinces to e-commerce exporters,” he added.

Source: Economic Times

### **Centre takes multiple initiatives to boost exports, production & employment generation in Textiles Sector**

The Government has taken a number of initiatives/ measures

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since 2019 to boost exports, production and employment generation in textiles sector. Some of the major initiatives include:

Government has approved setting up of Seven Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield/Brownfield sites with an outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore for a period of seven years upto 2027-28. PM MITRA Parks are being set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh & Maharashtra.

Government is implementing the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, with an approved outlay of Rs. 10,683 crore, to promote production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country to enable Textile sector to achieve size and scale and to become competitive. 73 companies have been selected under PLI scheme.

The scheme of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) is under implementation for Exports of Apparel / Garments and made-ups in order to make the textile sector competitive in international market.

Government has allocated an outlay of Rs.1,480 Crore for advance research and innovation in Technical Textiles sector. 137 research and development projects have been sanctioned so far, out of which 49 have been sanctioned in the year 2023-24.

Under Samarth Scheme so far 3.27 lakh beneficiaries have been imparted skill development, out of which 1.33 lakhs beneficiaries received skill training in 2023-24.

Silk Samagra-2 is being implemented since 19.01.2022 for holistic development of the sericulture industry. The Silk Samagra-2 scheme consists of various components and sub-components under Mulberry, Vanya and Post-cocoon Sectors. The programme synergises the efforts of State Governments and other implementing agencies to improve the quality, productivity and production of raw silk, besides generating employment opportunities, particularly in the rural areas.

Under National Handloom Development Programme, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshop, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers’ MUDRA scheme, scholarships and social security etc.

Under Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), quality yarn & their blends are provided to the eligible Handloom weavers at subsidized rates. Total 340 lakh kg of yarn has been supplied during financial year 2023-2024 under the Scheme.

Under National Handicraft Development Programme and



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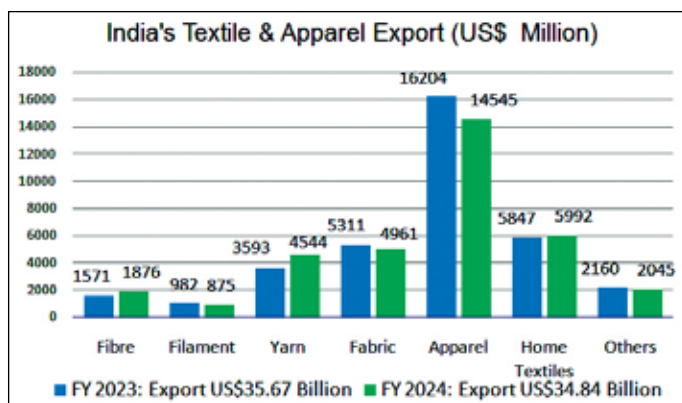
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Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, support to artisans is provided through marketing support, skill development by means of Design programme, training programs, cluster development, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructure and technology support and assistance through Ambedkar HastshilpVikasYojana.

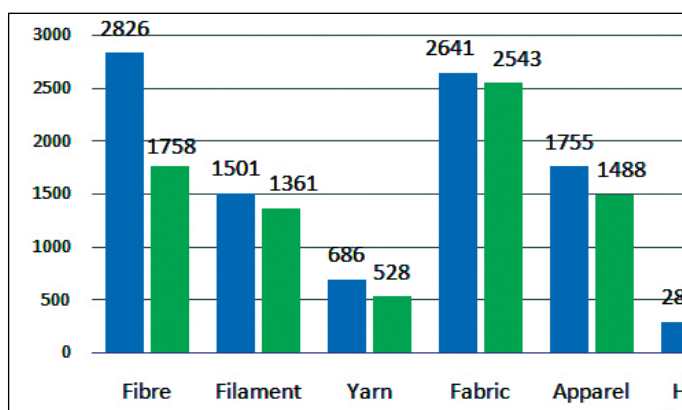
This information was given by the Union Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita in a written reply today in the Rajya Sabha.

Source: pib.gov.in

### US\$ 100 Billion Export Target By 2030: A Peek Into India's Textile & Clothing Trade In 2024



India's overall textile and apparel exports in value terms during FY2024 at US\$ 34.84 billion, recorded a decline of 2% compared to previous year's US\$ 35.67 billion. On the other hand, country's import of textile and apparel declined even more sharply. Data indicates that imports have reduced by 16% in FY 2024 to US\$ 8.89 billion when compared to US\$ 10.63 billion which was recorded in FY2023. The underlying reasons may be the series of Quality Control Orders (QCO) initiated by the Indian government in recent years and overall decline in demand from both domestic industry and retail sector.



When the central government has ambitious export target of US\$ 100 billion by 2030 for textiles and apparel, the current export figures depict a dismal scenario. At the current pace of investment in the industry, value addition, industry's readiness to export and trade partnerships, the set export target looks

an uphill task unless there are drastic change in all aspects of the business by all stake holders. The industry requires radical structural improvement and sector specific policy measures would be pragmatic approach keeping larger interest of the industry intact.

The fragmented industry structure seems to be a major disadvantage to be competitive in the market. Earlier policies have promoted fragmented growth of the industry which almost destroyed the composite mill structure. Now, when the need of the hour is competitiveness and innovation to expand market share, standalone units are finding it difficult to even survive!

Realising the need, several enterprises have adopted forward or backward integration in recent times but the numbers are still minuscule to bring structural changes. Here, policy initiatives can play the most important role.

It is often noticed that policy initiatives to support the interest of one individual segment is often opposed by players of other segments of the industry. The demand for level playing field is indeed justified for each segment and it must be carefully analysed. However, adoption of value chain specific policy might deliver better results. Providing impetus to the product value chains that has export competitiveness would boost export performance immediately while work must be initiated to improve competitiveness of other product chains as well. So, the policy initiatives should have goals and action plans for short, medium and long term which should be course corrected based on the need.

Well, it is not the policy makers but the industry which has to understand and adopt strategies that can boost their export competitiveness and business.

Source: Textile Excellence

### DGFT announces simplification of EPCG scheme to make compliance easier

More time for exporters to submit installation certificates for imported capital goods

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has announced changes for simplification of the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme making it easier for exporters to comply with regulations and reducing the time and effort required to meet requirements, per the government.

The scheme, which allows import of capital goods for pre-production, production and post-production at zero customs duty against an obligation to export, will now provide exporters an extended period to submit installation certificates for imported capital goods, reducing pressure on businesses to meet timelines.

Additionally, a simplified and reduced composition fee



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structure for extending the export obligation (EO) period has been introduced to minimise manual intervention, streamline compliance and speed up service delivery, according to a statement issued by the Commerce Department on Friday.

“These changes align with the commitment of the Government to create a more business-friendly environment and improving India’s manufacturing competitiveness,” the statement said.

It was also decided that Policy Relaxation Committee (PRC) decisions regarding export obligation extensions and regularisation of exports will be implemented with a levy of uniform composition fee making it easier to implement through the system.

“These updates make it easier for exporters to comply with regulations, reducing the time and effort required to meet DGFT requirements. By expanding automated rule-based processes, DGFT aims to reduce human intervention, mitigate risks and improve overall efficiency in trade facilitation,” the release pointed out.

Source: The Hindu Businessline

### **FY24 Indian textile-apparel exports up 1% at \$35.5 bn: Economic Survey**

India’s export of textiles and apparel, including handicrafts, increased by 1 per cent in fiscal 2023-24 (FY24) to reach ₹2.97 lakh crore (~\$35.5 billion), according to the Economic Survey released today by the finance ministry.

Readymade garments accounted for the largest share of 41 per cent, with exports worth ₹1.2 lakh crore (~\$14.34 billion), followed by cotton textiles (34 per cent) and man-made textiles (14 per cent).

The survey document projected India’s real gross domestic product (GDP) for FY25 at 6.5-7 per cent.

The report identified several challenges for the textile and apparel sector.

As most of the country’s textile and apparel production capacity is on account of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which account for over 80 per cent of the sector, and the average scale of operations is relatively small, efficiency and economies of scale from large-scale modern manufacturing are limited.

The fragmented nature of India’s apparel sector, with raw materials sourced predominantly from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, while spinning capacities are concentrated in southern states, contributes to higher transportation costs and delays.

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Other factors, like India’s heavy dependence on imported machinery, except in the spinning segment, inadequate availability of skilled manpower and technological obsolescence also act as significant constraints.

The central government will set up seven PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) Parks, with a budget of ₹4,445 crore (\$0.531 billion), between FY22 and FY28 in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Launched with an outlay of ₹1,480 crore (\$0.177 billion) for FY21 to FY24, the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) focuses on increasing the use of technical textiles in various sectors.

It has four components: research innovation and development; promotion and market development; education, training and skilling; and export promotion. It has been extended till March 2026, with a sunset clause until March 2028.

NTTM has seen 137 approved research projects worth ₹474 crore (\$56.65 million) so far, said the Economic Survey.

The National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) approved an outlay of ₹998 crore (\$119.3 million) between FY22 and FY26.

In FY24, the government initiated steps to set up 96 small handloom clusters. Nine mega handloom clusters were also set up.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

### **DGFT pushing proposal to further extend interest equalisation scheme for exporters**

The DGFT has proposed that the scheme should be extended as it was providing an interest equalisation benefit at the rate of 2 per cent on pre and post shipment rupee export credit to merchant and manufacturer exporters of the 410 identified tariff lines and 3 per cent to all MSME manufacturer exporters.

The popular interest equalisation scheme for exporters, that lapsed last month-end for all beneficiaries except for the MSME sector, may get extended for all. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade, under the Commerce Department, is moving a proposal to retain the scheme in its earlier form and will soon present it to the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for its approval, official sources have said.

Source: The Hindu businessline





## Export Statistics (April – June 2024)



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India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles			
Commodity	April - June		% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
	Million US \$		
	2023-24	2024-25	
Cotton Madeups	979.79	1081.97	10.43%
Cotton Fabrics	575.43	557.38	-3.14%
Cotton Yarn	873.86	909.71	4.10%
Cotton Textiles	2,429.08	2,549.06	4.94%
Raw Cotton	230.31	275.45	19.60%
Cotton Textiles + Raw Cotton	2,659.39	2,824.51	6.21%
In Quantity	April - June		% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Commodity	Million Kilograms		
	2023-24	2024-25	
Cotton Yarn	266.57	285.18	6.98%
Raw Cotton	109.00	138.75	27.29%

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

Market wise: Cotton Textiles (Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)						
India Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles (Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	2,429.08	2,549.06	100.00	100.00	4.94
1	USA	583.16	659.94	24.01	25.89	13.17
2	Bangladesh	322.53	512.18	13.28	20.09	58.80
3	Sri Lanka	93.55	113.19	3.85	4.44	20.99
4	Vietnam	41.99	57.68	1.73	2.26	37.38
5	UK	55.69	57.02	2.29	2.24	2.38
6	China	176.68	56.78	7.27	2.23	-67.86
7	UAE	58.71	56.33	2.42	2.21	-4.06
8	Germany	55.41	55.07	2.28	2.16	-0.61
9	Egypt	61.33	49.74	2.52	1.95	-18.89
10	Portugal	45.46	49.12	1.87	1.93	8.04
Total of Top 10		1494.50	1667.04	61.53	65.40	11.54

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2024-25 /2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	873.86	909.71	100.00	100.00	4.10
1	Bangladesh	231.50	398.81	26.49	43.84	72.27
2	China	171.71	53.08	19.65	5.83	-69.09
3	Vietnam	33.65	47.10	3.85	5.18	39.96
4	Portugal	42.35	44.65	4.85	4.91	5.44
5	Egypt	57.59	44.14	6.59	4.85	-23.36
6	Peru	30.08	31.27	3.44	3.44	3.97
7	Sri Lanka	24.30	28.82	2.78	3.17	18.62
8	Colombia	13.15	25.88	1.50	2.85	96.90
9	Turkey	63.73	25.70	7.29	2.82	-59.68
10	S Korea	18.78	23.63	2.15	2.60	25.80
Total of Top 10		686.85	723.10	78.60	79.49	5.28

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	266.57	285.18	100.00	100.00	6.98
1	Bangladesh	67.62	126.67	25.36	44.42	87.34
2	China	60.11	20.28	22.55	7.11	-66.26
3	Vietnam	10.90	15.07	4.09	5.28	38.23
4	Egypt	18.34	14.36	6.88	5.04	-21.68
5	Portugal	12.63	13.44	4.74	4.71	6.41
6	Peru	9.83	10.18	3.69	3.57	3.57
7	Colombia	4.40	9.42	1.65	3.30	113.97
8	Sri Lanka	5.55	7.29	2.08	2.55	31.18
9	S Korea	5.61	7.16	2.10	2.51	27.67
10	Turkey	19.19	7.13	7.20	2.50	-62.85
Total of Top 10		214.16	230.99	80.34	81.00	7.86

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce





India Export Statistics of Cotton Madeups/ Cotton Fabrics						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	1,555.23	1,639.35	100.00	100.00	5.41
1	USA	580.28	655.32	37.31	39.97	12.93
2	Bangladesh	91.03	113.37	5.85	6.92	24.54
3	Sri Lanka	69.25	84.37	4.45	5.15	21.82
4	UK	55.31	56.38	3.56	3.44	1.93
5	UAE	57.10	52.07	3.67	3.18	-8.80
6	Germany	43.57	44.37	2.80	2.71	1.82
7	Australia	26.62	39.86	1.71	2.43	49.73
8	Canada	25.54	35.28	1.64	2.15	38.11
9	France	30.25	33.81	1.94	2.06	11.77
10	Netherland	23.74	25.51	1.53	1.56	7.43
Total of Top 10		1002.70	1140.32	64.47	69.56	13.73

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	230.31	275.45	100.00	100.00	19.60
1	Bangladesh	124.76	204.28	54.17	74.16	63.74
2	Vietnam	22.08	33.38	9.59	12.12	51.15
3	UAE	7.83	11.58	3.40	4.20	48.00
4	Indonesia	4.99	6.56	2.17	2.38	31.46
5	Taiwan	7.92	6.19	3.44	2.25	-21.81
6	China	44.01	5.43	19.11	1.97	-87.66
7	Germany	4.64	2.29	2.02	0.83	-50.58
8	Thailand	1.71	1.73	0.74	0.63	1.21
9	Nepal	1.12	0.77	0.49	0.28	-31.13
10	Belgium	7.02	0.72	3.05	0.26	-89.79
Total of Top 10		226.08	272.93	98.16	99.09	20.72

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce



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India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2024-25 / 2023-24
Rank	Partner	April - June		% Share		
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
	World	109.00	138.75	100.00	100.00	27.29
1	Bangladesh	55.07	94.37	50.52	68.01	71.36
2	Vietnam	14.56	21.93	13.36	15.80	50.60
3	UAE	3.62	5.80	3.32	4.18	60.16
4	Taiwan	4.78	4.54	4.38	3.27	-5.04
5	Indonesia	2.32	3.98	2.12	2.87	71.79
6	China	18.16	3.10	16.66	2.23	-82.95
7	Germany	2.54	1.57	2.33	1.13	-38.31
8	Thailand	0.96	1.17	0.88	0.84	21.37
9	Nepal	0.99	0.69	0.91	0.50	-30.47
10	Belgium	3.91	0.37	3.59	0.27	-90.55
Total of Top 10		106.92	137.50	98.08	99.10	28.61

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXTILES & CLOTHING (APRIL – JULY) 2024						
Exports (Million USD)	JUL'23	JUL'24	% Change	APR'23-JUL'23	APR'24-JUL'24	% Change
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	1,010	968	-4.13%	3,768	3,885	3.09%
Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ made-ups etc.	390	406	3.91%	1,551	1,571	1.26%
RMG of all Textiles	1,142	1,277	11.84%	4,837	5,127	6.00%
Jute Mfg. Floor Covering	29	25	-14.31%	124	108	-12.50%
Carpet	111	123	10.53%	438	487	11.18%
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	122	138	13.23%	528	546	3.37%
Textiles	1,663	1,660	-0.16%	6,409	6,596	2.92%
Apparel	1,142	1,277	11.84%	4,837	5,127	6.00%
Textiles & Apparel	2,805	2,938	4.73%	11,246	11,723	4.24%
All Commodities	34,490	33,981	-1.47%	138,387	144,123	4.15%
% Share of T&C in Total Exports	8.13%	8.64%		8.13%	8.13%	
Imports (Million USD)	JUL'23	JUL'24	% Change	APR'23-JUL'23	APR'24-JUL'24	% Change
Cotton Raw & Waste	89	86	-2.74%	287	238	-17.04%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	201	201	-0.22%	720	758	5.30%

Source: DGCIS/MOC

- According to the quick estimates data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, exports of cotton yarn/ fabrics/made-ups, handloom products etc from India declined by (-) 4.13% in July 2024 over July 2023.
- During Apr-July'24, Indian cotton yarn/fabrics/made-ups, handloom products registered a growth of 3.09%.
- During July'24, Indian Textiles Exports slightly declined by (-) 0.16% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 11.84% during the same time period.
- Cumulative Exports of Textiles and Apparel during July'24 have registered a growth of 4.73% over July'23
- During Apr-July'24, Indian Textiles Exports registered a positive growth of 2.92% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 6% during the same time period. Overall T&A registered a growth of 4.24% during Apr-July'24.





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### Report on Awareness Program for Kasturi Cotton Bharat at Hotel Pride, New Delhi, in Collaboration with BCI (BCI Ginning Training Programme: 7th to 13th August 2024)

#### About BCI, India:

The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) was established in 2006 by six leading global brands: Adidas, H&M, Patagonia, Uniqlo, IKEA, and M&S.

Over the past eighteen years, BCI has made significant strides, enrolling 240 ginnerers across India, categorized as A, B, or C based on the risk levels associated with their processes. Currently, BCI certifies the production of 2 million bales of cotton in India, working closely with both ends of the textile supply chain - brands and producers (farmers).

#### BCI Ginning Training Programme (GTP):

The BCI Ginning Training Programme, held over five days, brought together a diverse group of participants, with approximately 50 representatives from various ginning units attending each day, totalling around 250 participants.

#### “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” Presentation:

The Council expressed its appreciation to the BCI India management for dedicating a 45-minute daily session to the “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” program throughout the five-day training. During these sessions, the Kasturi Cotton team delivered presentations aimed at raising awareness about Kasturi Cotton Bharat, highlighting its unique qualities and its significant impact on the textile industry. The presentations fostered productive discussions, with the following key points actively addressed during the awareness sessions:

#### Introduction to the “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” Program & TEXPROCIL Role as Implementing Agency:

- **Registration Process:** Overview of the registration process for various supply chain units, including Cotton Trading, Ginning, Spinning, Processing, and Garmenting/Finished Goods Units.
- **Program Structure:** Detailed explanation of the program’s structure, focusing on the implementation of Branding, Traceability, and Certification.
- **Inspection and Testing:** Procedures for packing, marking, inspection, sampling, and testing.
- **Quality Standards:** Criteria for fibre quality that must be met to qualify as Kasturi Cotton.
- **The Kasturi Promise:** Benefits of incorporating ‘Kasturi Cotton’ into the supply chain, emphasizing its advantages.
- **Supply Chain Traceability:** Utilization of Blockchain technology to ensure traceability within the Kasturi Cotton Supply Chain.

Each session concluded with an insightful Q&A segment, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to raise awareness and strengthen collaborations across the Cotton Textile value chain.

Around 50 ginnerers attended the Ginners Conference which was held from 7th to 13th August 2024.



Texprocil presented the “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” programme to BCI Certified Ginners in New Delhi today. Around 50 ginnerers attended the Ginners Conference which is being held from 7th to 13th August 2024.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual All India Cotton Conference held in Coimbatore on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024



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Coimbatore-based Indian Cotton Federation (ICF) and Punjab-based Indian Cotton Association Ltd (ICAL) jointly hosted the 6th Bi-Annual All India Cotton Conference in Coimbatore on 9th & 10th August 2024.

The event aimed to bring all stakeholders from the textile industry, particularly those dealing with cotton, including ginners, traders, brokers and mill owners from across India to address challenges, discuss trends and explore opportunities for growth and development opportunities in the sector and also, compile conclusions to solicit necessary government policy initiatives at both State and Central levels.

During the Conference, all issues related to cotton were discussed. Experts from various cotton-related sectors including reputed industry leaders, office bearers from various associations and research organizations spoke about the national and global scenario of cotton, the changing trends, expectations from the

markets, such as emphasis on cotton traceability, environmental aspects and sustainability.

Nearly 400 delegates across India and abroad participated in the event that was held at The Residency Towers.

#### Highlights of the topics discussed at the Conference were:

- High Cotton prices have significantly affected exports in recent times
- 30% of textile sector exports have been impacted due to various reasons, including low cotton yield and holding of cotton by few stakeholders in anticipation of higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) rates.
- Challenges faced by Indian exporters compared to competitors like Vietnam and Bangladesh



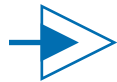
Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL made a presentation and moderated a session on Sustainable Kasturi Cotton held during the 6th Bi Annual All India Cotton Conference, at Coimbatore on 10th August.



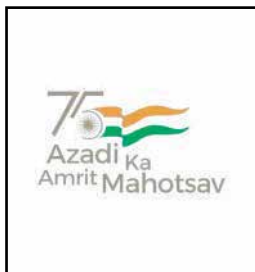
The panelists were (left to right) Mr. Nikhil Chaudhari, Amit Cotton Group; Mr. Amit Shah, CMD, Spectrum; Mr. Satyen Momaya, CEO, Celio Retail, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal (Moderator), ED, TEXPROCIL; Mr. S. Krishnakumar, MD, Sulochana Cotton, and Mr. Srihari Balakrishnan, MD, Sri Kannapiran Mills



## Policy Updates



## Important Notifications on Policies & Procedures



Kindly get in touch with TEXPROCIL Grievance Redressal Cell for any clarifications, if required, on the herein shared notifications issued recently by the Council. The Member companies are appealed by the Council to send their suggestions sought on the various issues.



### (A) Request for inputs / suggestions on the Pre-Budget Proposals 2025-26

The Trade Finance Section of the Dept. of Commerce seeks inputs / suggestions for the Union Budget 2025–26. Members are requested to send the same to the Council as per the Ministry's format at the earliest.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/68kjpdrm>)

### (B) CBIC extends RoDTEP support to exports by SEZ units

CBIC vide Notification No.50/2024-Customs (N.T.) on 19.7.2024 has amended the Principal Notification No. 24/2023-Customs (N.T.) dated 1.4.2023 to extend RoDTEP support to exports by units in Special Economic Zones (SEZ). This change is expected to enhance the export competitiveness of SEZ units.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/fcpu4sd>)

### (C) Verification of authenticity of Licences, Authorisations, Scrips, Certificates, Instruments etc. issued by DGFT using the UDIN

DGFT has introduced an online facility to verify the authenticity of electronically-issued documents such as Licences and Certificates using a Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN). The UDIN, located at the top-right of the document, can be checked on the DGFT website by navigating to the verification section. For detailed information, kindly refer to Trade Notice No.9/2024-25 dated 23.7.2024).

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/bddh2tzm>)

### (D) DGFT enhances Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme to improve Ease of Doing Business for exporters

DGFT's EPCG Scheme reforms aim to boost the ease of doing business for exporters: extended deadlines for installation certificates, simplified fee structures, and uniform composition fees are the key highlights. These changes streamline compliance, reduce costs, and promote automation. In this connection, refer to DGFT Public Notice No.15 dated 25.7.2024 and Press Release dated 26.7.2024.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/mrxus3fn>)

### (E) JNCH constitutes a Consultative Group on Faceless Assessment (CGFA)

Several grievances have been received by JNCH from Members of Trade regarding unnecessary delays caused by repeated queries and examination orders during the assessment process. Such delays not only hinder the clearance of cargo but also contribute to increased Average Release Time (ART).

In order to mitigate this challenge, JNCH, has constituted a Consultative Group on Faceless Assessment (CGFA) (Kindly refer to JNCH Public Notice No.64/2024 dated 23.7.2024).

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/2cknykkm>)

### (F) JNCH issues a list of EGM Errors for the Month of June – 2024

JNCH has issued lists of S/Bill having EGM errors (Annexure – A) & also, S/Bills in which EGM filing is pending, both for June, 2024 (Annexure – B). Kindly refer to Annexures A & B of JNCH's Public Notice No.66/2024. All concerned may kindly get the EGM errors rectified as per JNCH's Standing Order No. 23/2021 dated 17.08.2021 or EGM filed for availing their post Export benefits/incentives.

In case of any difficulty, kindly contact the EGM Co-ordination Unit, NS-General, JNCH on e-mail Id [jnch.egmcoordcell@gov.in](mailto:jnch.egmcoordcell@gov.in).

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/263xyhtb>)

### (G) O/o TxC reopens the window on i-TUFS portal by Banks/Lending Agencies for uploading six mandatory documents for cases under previous version of TUFS (MTUFS, RTUFS & RRTUFS)

O/o Textile Commissioner has reopened the window on i-TUFS portal for uploading 6 mandatory documents by banks/lending agencies from **16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024** for cases falling under the previous versions of TUFS (i.e. MTUFS, RTUFS and RRTUFS) (Refer to Public Notice No. 5(2)/Physical Inspection/2024/RTUFS/10 dtd. 16th August, 2024).



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This Public Notice is a reminder to Banks/ Lending Agencies to upload the six mandatory documents (given below) for pending cases for a specified period:

- 1) Term Loan Sanction Letter.
- 2) Actual amount disbursed against the sanctioned term loan amount and date-wise disbursement of amount.
- 3) Reporting Formats (N1, N2 for MTUFS, R1, R2 for RTUFS and RR1, RR2 for RRTUFS).
- 4) Eligibility Certificate Number (ECN) Certificate/ Eligible assessment under TUFs by the Nodal Agency in case of accounts pertaining to co-opted PLIs and TUFs Cell of the concerned bank in case of Nodal Bank.
- 5) Calculation Sheet based on actual disbursement.
- 6) Undertaking that Lending agency will participate as a member of JIT.

Therefore, all concerned members are requested to kindly inform your Banks/Lending Agencies to upload the required documents within the given timeframe to avoid any disruptions or delays in the processing of their cases, since no further extension would be considered.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/24r84yy7>)

### (H) Textiles Ministry extends the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order 2023 upto 27th August, 2025

The Ministry of Textiles vide S.O. 3469(E) dated 13th August, 2024 has further extended the implementation date for the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2023 from 27th August 2024 to 27th August, 2025.

Based on the request of the Council and after reviewing the current industry needs & progress made under the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2023, the Ministry decided to extend the validity of this order.

The Council expresses its gratitude to the Government of India for its decision to extend the date of implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO). This extension will provide the industry with additional

time to fully comply with the requirements, thereby supporting the continued improvement in the quality of cotton bales across the country.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/mw6vs9hf>)

### (I) DGFT introduces API Integration and Bulk Upload Facility for Self-Certification of eBRC

O/o DGFT has issued Trade Notice No.12/2024-25 dated 14th August, 2024 announcing the introduction of two new functionalities i.e. API Integration and Bulk Upload for the self-certification of Electronic Bank Realization Certificates (eBRCs). These functionalities will streamline the eBRC certification process for exporters.

#### (a) Bulk Upload Facility

- Exporters can now generate multiple eBRCs simultaneously by uploading a spreadsheet containing the necessary IRM mapping, along with S/Bill and Invoice details.
- This functionality will minimize manual entry errors and enhance the efficiency of managing eBRC documentation.

#### (b) API Integration

- This functionality will provide exporters to integrate their Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Accounting or other software systems directly with the DGFT eBRC system.
- This integration allows for the secure and near real-time retrieval and verification of eBRCs, making the certification process faster and more controlled.

These above functionalities will be effective from **20<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

Please note that in order to utilize the new functionalities, exporters must complete an online registration process. User manuals in this regard may be accessed on the DGFT website under the 'Learn' section (Application Help and FAQs >>> eBRC). The DGFT also plans to conduct outreach programs to promote awareness of these new capabilities.

**Link of the Circular:** (<https://tinyurl.com/t9z4rd7n>)



## Trade Notification



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### Advertisement Package for promoting products and solutions in the Publications of TEXPROCIL

Dear Madam/Sir,

As a part of TEXPROCIL's knowledge sharing initiatives, the Council is coming up regularly with various E-publications. The circulation of these publications, averaging to over 3000 avid readers, includes the Council's strong database of 2,000 nos. membership comprising manufacturers, exporters, traders of Indian cotton fibre, yarn, fabrics and madeups range of products.

The readership database also includes the contacts of textiles trade associations, government representatives, foreign missions, etc. which are being updated from time to time.

The Council has planned to offer an 'Advertisement Package' for the various Publications with a view to enhance the exposure of products and solutions being offered by various entities. We request you to kindly consider the advertisement opportunity as per details attached.

Publication details are as follows:

1. **Newsletter** - Published every fortnight2. **IBTEX** - Published daily - Includes news clippings on articles of interest in T&C appearing in various publications.

Advertisement Package details are given below this column.

For further clarifications you may like to advise your office to kindly write to Mr. Rakesh Chintal, IT Officer/ Mr. Rajesh Satam, Joint Director on email: [rakesh@texprocil.org](mailto:rakesh@texprocil.org) / [rajesh@texprocil.org](mailto:rajesh@texprocil.org).

For queries related to advertisement booking kindly write to Mrs. Mrunal Sawant on email: [mrunal@texprocil.org](mailto:mrunal@texprocil.org).

We look forward to receiving your enquiries / confirmation for availing the advertisement opportunity in publications of TEXPROCIL.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal  
Executive Director

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Click-on-Logo	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 25,000	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 90,000

For more information please contact:

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## Membership Renewal Subscription Fee for FY 2024-2025



Dear Member,

As you are aware, it is mandatory for all exporters to apply for registration/renewal/amendment of their RCMC through the e-RCMC module on the DGFT's portal [www.dgft.gov.in](http://www.dgft.gov.in)

Accordingly, the 'Renewal of RCMC' process for 2024-2025 along with the payment of renewal subscription has to be made compulsorily at the DGFT portal only.

In this regard, please note that your Annual Renewal Subscription for the financial year 2024-2025 has become due for payment from 1st April 2024.

The Annual Renewal Subscription charges are as follows:

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
Registered Textile Exporter	Rs. 8,000/-	Rs.1440/-	Rs.9440/-
Member Exporter (with voting rights)	Rs. 14,000/-	Rs.2520/-	Rs.16520/-

You are requested to please renew your membership latest by 31.05.2024.

Please ignore this email, if you have already renewed your membership for the year 2024-2025.

### Steps for Renewal of Membership (Renewal of e-RCMC):

- Go to DGFT Website - <https://www.dgft.gov.in>
- Click on the Login button and log in by using your username and password
- Go to - Services >> e-RCMC >> Renewal of RCMC and click on 'Start Fresh Application'
- Choose the RCMC allotted to you by TEXPROCIL and click on 'Renew'
- Complete the details in each tab and go ahead by pressing "Save and Next"
- After filling up all the details in all the tabs, the payment of the renewal subscription option 'Payment of RCMC' will appear where you need to do the online payment and click on 'Submit' to submit the application.

Please feel free to contact us for any clarification or any guidance required from us by calling on 91-[22-49444000](tel:22-49444000) or sending emails to [info@texprocil.org](mailto:info@texprocil.org), [rukshana@texprocil.org](mailto:rukshana@texprocil.org) or [smita@texprocil.org](mailto:smita@texprocil.org)

Kindly renew your membership and allow us to serve you at our best.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
Executive Director  
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