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Indian delegation from Ministry of Textiles visited Japan to attend meeting of the 3rd India-Japan Joint Working Group

A high-level Textile Delegation led by Ms Shubhra, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles met India's Ambassador to Japan Mr Sibi George on 9th June at Tokyo.

The delegation visited Japan for a meeting of the Joint Working Group on Textiles set up by the two countries for promoting bilateral trade.

The 3rd meeting of the India-Japan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Textiles was held successfully. The meeting was co-chaired by Smt. Shubhra, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and Mr. Shigetaka Takagi, Director, Lifestyle Industries Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry, Government of Japan. Fruitful discussions took place on further strengthening India-Japan partnership in textiles and apparel sector.



The delegation includes representatives from TEXPROCIL (Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director), MATEXIL (Shri Anil Rajvanshi, Vice Chairman), AEPC (Shri Animesh Saxena, EC Member) and Textiles Committee (Shri Kartikay Dhanda, Secretary)

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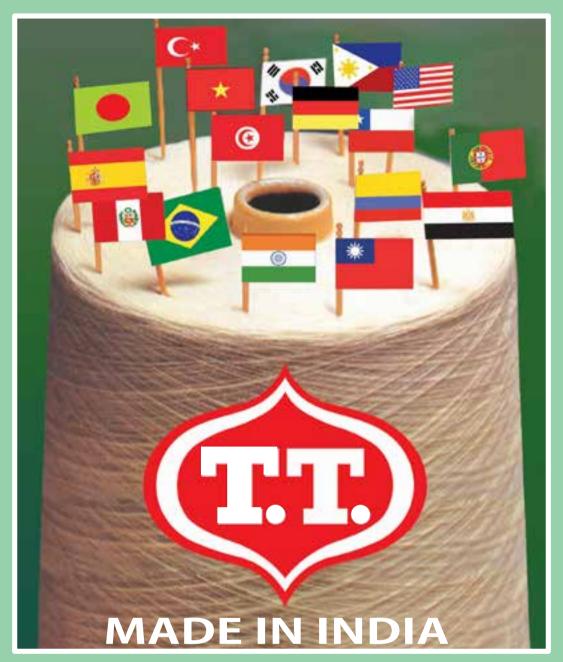
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Editorial



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director TEXPROCIL

Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.

Shri Ravi Sam, Vice Chairman, TEXPROCIL attended the meeting and apprised the Commerce Secretary about various issues concerning the cotton textile sector. The 'Trade Promotion' column in this issue provides a report on the 1st Meeting of Task Force on Textile Exports.

The 'Trade Promotion' column further presents a report on the Council organized group participation at 'The Hotel Show – INDEX Dubai 2025' at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 27–29 May 2025. The participation aimed at leveraging opportunities to grow trade presented by India–UAE CEPA which has significantly enhanced the competitiveness of Indian exporters.

Realizing the growing emphasis on expanding access to e-commerce as a vital strategy for textile exporters,

Dear Reader,

The Council is actively engaged in formulating a comprehensive strategy to boost textile exports to USD 100 billion by 2030–31. In this context, the Ministry of Commerce is setting up a Task Force to create a unified platform for addressing critical challenges facing the sector.

Key focus areas include enhancing global competitiveness through ESG compliance, adoption of renewable energy, and preparedness for emerging regulations such as the EU Deforestation Regulation (EDR).

Strengthening e-commerce channels and simplifying the regulatory framework will be vital for improving market access, particularly for MSMEs. Complementary reforms in labour flexibility, skilling, input cost reduction, and global branding will further support India's emergence as a leading exporter of sustainable and value-added textiles.

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The 'Trade Facilitation' column of this issue presents a report on this informative webinar offering a unique opportunity for Indian textile suppliers to scale up digital exports. The column also presents details on the Council's visit to World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan and FII-TMA Awards in Thane, Maharashtra.

The Newsletter features a 'Success Story' shared by Salona Group, one of the leading members of this Council. We request more members to come forward and share their inspirational experiences which can be a source of motivation to other colleagues in the industry.

A 'Country Report' on Egypt analyzing the opportunities for exports of Indian

Textiles and Apparel is also included in the present edition.

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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trade and industry to create a collaborative roadmap for enhancing export competitiveness.

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Meeting with Commerce Secretary

The Ministry of Commerce convened the first meeting of the Task Force on Textile Exports on 10th June 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal.

This initiative is a strategic move to boost textile exports by addressing sector-specific challenges, developing cohesive strategies, and fostering coordinated efforts among stakeholders. The meeting witnessed participation from senior officials, exporters, and representatives of various Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations.

Shri Ravi Sam, Vice Chairman, TEXPRO-CIL, represented the cotton textile sector and apprised the Hon'ble Commerce Secretary of key issues faced by the industry.

Dear Friends,

India is actively working to diversify its textile export markets and reduce over-dependence on traditional destinations such as the US and the European Union. With an ambitious vision to scale textile exports to USD 100 billion by 2030-31, the Government is intensifying its collaboration with industry stakeholders to align policy frameworks and unlock new global opportunities.

To expand India's share in international markets, it is essential to stay ahead of global trends and support innovation across the value chain. Proactive strategies and leveraging India's inherent strengths will be key to adapting to evolving consumer preferences. In this spirit, the Government is undertaking structured consultations with the

As a significant outcome, it was decided that issue-specific sub-task forces would be constituted under the leadership of concerned Ministries, with active involvement from Export Promotion Councils and industry representatives. These sub-groups will submit actionable recommendations to the Task Force.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to chart a clear and collaborative path toward achieving India's textile export targets and the broader Viksit Bharat Vision 2047.

3rd Meeting of India-Japan Joint Working Group

A high-level textile delegation led by Ms. Shubhra, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, visited Japan and met with India's Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Sibi George, to explore avenues for enhancing textile trade. The delegation included representatives from TEXPROCIL (Dr. Siddhartha

Rajagopal, Executive Director), MATEX-IL (Shri Anil Rajvanshi, Vice Chairman), AEPC (Shri Animesh Saxena, EC Member) and Textiles Committee (Shri Kartikay Dhanda, Secretary).

They participated in the 3rd meeting of the India–Japan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Textiles held on 9th June 2025 in Tokyo. The meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Shubhra and Mr. Shigetaka Takagi, Director, Lifestyle Industries Division, METI, Japan.

The JWG mechanism, instituted following the India–Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) (effective 1st August 2011), aims to bolster bilateral cooperation in textiles. This 3rd JWG meeting focused on strengthening collaboration in the textiles and apparel sector, building on the momentum of previous meetings held in October 2020 and July 2023.



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The Hotel Show - INDEX Dubai

Leveraging India's growing portfolio of FTAs is a key pillar of the export growth strategy. The India-UAE CEPA, operational since May 1, 2022, has significantly enhanced Indian exporters' competitiveness in the UAE market.

To capitalize on this, TEXPROCIL, in collaboration with EPCH, facilitated participation in the Hotel Show at INDEX Dubai 2025, held at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 27-29 May 2025. A total of 52 Indian companies participated—25 in the textile segment and the rest in non-textile home furnishings.

The exhibitors reported strong interest from regional buyers and were satisfied with the business leads generated. Many expressed interest in participating in the 2026 edition, underscoring the success of the Indian presence at the event.

TEXPROCIL & World Collective Webinar

In light of the rapid digital transformation of global trade, expanding access to e-commerce is emerging as a vital strategy for textile exporters.

Recognizing this, TEXPROCIL partnered with World Collective, New York, to organize a webinar on 29th May 2025 titled: "Supporting Indian Suppliers to Navigate Global Sourcing Shifts & Emerging Business Mandates."

The session emphasized the growing importance of marketplace platforms that offer direct access to global buyers-especially for small and mid-sized Indian exporters lacking independent digital infrastructure.

The World Collective platform was presented as a ready-to-use, inclusive solution for connecting with international buyers and ethically conscious consumers, offering a unique opportunity for Indian textile suppliers to scale up digital exports.

Kasturi Cotton Promotion

The Council had a productive and insightful interaction on Kasturi Cotton with the esteemed members of the Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) and the Indian Cotton Federation (ICF) on 6th June 2025 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Coimbatore.

At the meeting we shared updates on the availability of approximately one lakh certified bales of Kasturi Cotton, end-to-end traceability, sustainability and the encouraging progress in discussions with both international and domestic brands on adopting this premium fibre. Buyers the world over have begun to express confidence in Kasturi Cotton, which has earned recognition among the user industry as a pivot for quality cotton.

The strides made by Kasturi Cotton gives us the confidence that textile mills have come to recognise the quality, traceability, and value it brings to the industry and sector. I appeal to each one of my colleagues in the textiles trade to scale up their usage of this premium home grown cotton and wholeheartedly support the Council's mission in making Kasturi Cotton the face of Indian cotton globally.

Way forward

Friends, as we move ahead, the global textile landscape is evolving rapidly, and India is poised to not just adapt but lead. The Council remains committed to supporting our members at every step in this journey and urge all of you to actively participate in the Council's export promotion initiatives. Together, let us realise the goal of making India a trusted, competitive, and sustainable textile sourcing destination for the world.

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Task Force on Textile Exports to create unified platform for addressing critical textile issues



The first meeting of the Task Force on Textiles Exports was held under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary, Mr. Sunil Barthwal, at Vanijya Bhavan, Delhi on 10th June 2025 to discuss issues & strategies for enhancing textiles exports from India.

The primary objective of setting up the Textiles Task Force is to create a unified platform for addressing critical issues concerning the textile sector by involving all relevant stakeholders. It would lead to active collaboration amongst all stakeholders to help resolve issues and formulate strategies for enhancing India's share of Textile exports in Global markets.

The discussions during the meeting covered matters and issues pertaining to the entire textile value chain. This included issues related to the upgradation of ESG infrastructure in garment manufacturing units, use of renewable energy, European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), strengthening of ecommerce for export growth and simplifying regulatory framework, labour, cost competitiveness for productivity enhancement, skilling, Branding, suggestions regarding Interest Subvention Schemes, assistance for Certification & Testing, collateral Support for export Credit for MSME Exporters, RoDTEP / RoSCTL / Duty Drawback, PM MITRA Parks, Development of new Jute Diversified Products (JDPs), Separate HS codes for GI Products, productivity enhancement of natural fibres such as jute and matters pertaining to the Export Promotion Mission being set up by Department of Commerce apart from other textiles export related issues.

Representatives of the various Textiles Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations and their Exporter members provided their views and suggestions on the issues discussed.

As an outcome of the deliberation, it was decided by the Chair that relevant sub-task forces would be formed on the issues. The sub-task force shall be led by the concerned Ministry along with participants from Export Promotion councils and the Industry to work on and provide actionable recommendations to the Task Force.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to work collaboratively towards creating a road map for achieving the Textiles Export targets and the Viksit Bharat Vision for 2047.









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Trade Promotion



Report on the Council's participation at The Hotel Show – INDEX Dubai

The Council participated in the Hotel Show segment of the Index Dubai Show 2025 held at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 27-29 May 2025. A total of 52 Indian companies participated in the Show of which 25 companies participated in the textile segment through EPCH and TEXPROCIL and the balance were direct participants in the non-textile home segment. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which came into force from May 1, 2022 has helped Indian businesses to be competitive and gain better access to the UAE market.

About The Hotel Show:

The Hotel Show is part of the Index Dubai Show which has been connecting GCC buyers with global suppliers from countries like India, China, Turkiye etc. The event attracts serious buyers each year, providing an unrivalled opportunity for hospitality professionals to network, discover and do business in the HoReCa segment.

India pavilion:

The Indian exhibitors showcased bed linen, towels, bathrobes, rugs, carpets and kitchen linen beside handicrafts over a total booth area of 250 sq mts. A separate India pavilion was created in the Hall for the Indian exhibitors. The India pavilion was inaugurated by the Consul General, H.E. Shri Satish Kumar Sivan, Consulate General of India, Dubai on the first day of the exhibition. After inaugurating the India Pavilion, he interacted with all the participants.



The India Pavilion at the Index Dubai Show was inaugurated by H.E. Satish Kumar Sivan, Consul General of India in Dubai. Also seen (to his right), Mr. Vikram Krishna, Managing Director of Sharadha Terry

Visitors at the exhibition:

A large number of buyers from the UAE as well as from other countries like Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar etc. visited the exhibition. The buyers' profiles were mainly Procurement and Purchase Managers from hotels, small resort owners, traders / wholesalers / distributors among others.

Some of the key observations based on feedback received from the participating companies and also from the visitors was that there is good demand in the UAE market for Bed sheets, Towels, Pillows, Duvets and Curtains due to rising projects in Residential homes, Hotels and Hospitals. Most of the hotels do their sourcing through wholesalers and traders as MoQs are small. Some of the wholesalers were looking to source 'All in One' hotel goods from suppliers. There were also lead enquiries for agents / distributors in the exhibitor stalls.





Report on the Council's participation at The Hotel Show – INDEX Dubai



Trade

UAE imported approx. US\$ 10.9 billion worth of T&C equally distributed between textiles and clothing. India's share is about 20% with US\$ 2.1 billion. UAE mainly imports finished goods i.e. apparel and home textiles. Cotton textile imports were approx. 25% of the total textiles imported at US\$ 1.4 billion with India's share at 30% at US\$ 430 million, not far behind China with US\$ 435 million.

UAE imported cotton made-ups worth US\$ 865 million where India ranks number one with US\$ 281 million. Bed linen, kitchen linen, towels and bedspreads are among the top 5 items of import from India which constitute 85% of total home textile imports.

Feedback from the exhibitors:

All the companies expressed satisfaction with their participation in the exhibition and the leads that they got during the three days of the event. The Show generated interest for the exhibitors in terms of the varied cross section of regional buyers attending the exhibition and most of the exhibitors have expressed interest to participate in the 2026 edition of the Show.

Way Forward:

With its ongoing realty and hotel projects in full swing, the UAE along with other GCC countries will continue to be a good market for textiles as well as all types of bags. The exhibitors have also expressed their willingness to participate in the other INDEX franchise exhibition held in Riyadh in Sept 2025 called the Hotel Show Saudi. The UAE market holds good potential for small and medium companies who are ready to export in small lots.



H.E. Satish Kumar Sivan, Consul General of India in Dubai, scanned the QR code of a Kasturi Cotton T-shirt at the Index Dubai Show Krishna, Managing Director of Sharadha Terry





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TEXPROCIL at FII-TMA Awards

TEXPROCIL Congratulates Raymond Ltd. on receiving the FII Diamond Jubilee Excellence Award

At a prestigious function held in Thane on 27th May 2025, the Federation of Industries of India (FII) hosted its "Diamond Jubilee Excellence Awards" to honour companies that have significantly contributed to enhancing India's global stature through outstanding export performance.



Shri Bhalchandrasinh Raorane, Chairman of FII-TMA, and CMD Urmila Chemo Pharma (UCP) India & Europe welcomed all to the event. The Award function was presided over by Padmashri Prof. G. D. Yadav, a distinguished Indian scientist and former Head of the University of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. Shri Ashok Shingare, IAS, Hon'ble Collector of Thane, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Among the Guests of Honour were Smt. Viju Sirshath, Joint Director of Industries (Konkan and Mumbai Division), Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL, Shri Satish Wagh, Chairman, Chemexcil and MD, Supriya Life Sciences, Shri Shrikant Shankar Bapat, Chancellor and CMD of Labindia Analytical Instruments and Shri Raghuveer Kini, Director General, Chemexcil. Senior officials from the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) also participated in the celebrations along with other industry leaders across sectors.

The FII Excellence Awards are renowned for recognising achievements in exports and industry innovation, honouring enterprises that drive India's trade and industrial development.

A key highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Excellence Award to Raymond Ltd., a prominent TEXPROCIL member company based in the Thane Metropolitan Area. Shri Vijay Sardesai, Head – International Sales (Fabrics), along with his team, proudly accepted the award on behalf of the company, which was recognised for its stellar export performance and contribution to India's textile leadership.



TEXPROCIL at FII-TMA Awards





(L) Shri Ashok Shingare, IAS, Hon'ble Collector of Thane felicitating Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL (R) Shri Bhalchandrasinh Raorane, Chairman of FII – TMA joins in welcoming Smt. Viju Sirshath, Joint Director of Industries, Govt. of Maharashtra

Established over six decades ago, the Federation of Industries of India (FII-TMA) continues to serve as a dynamic platform for industrial networking, policy engagement, and global outreach. Representing Small, Medium, and Large enterprises, FII remains committed to advancing industrial growth and excellence.



Shri Vijay Sardesai, Head – International Sales (Fabrics), Raymond Ltd., receiving the award along with his team.

TEXPROCIL congratulates Raymond Ltd. on this remarkable recognition and applauds its continued efforts in strengthening India's global textile footprint.

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TEXPROCIL & World Collective Webinar

The Council in coordination with World Collective, New York, USA organised a webinar on 29th May, 2025 titled "Supporting Indian Suppliers to navigate Global Sourcing Shift & Emerging Business Mandates". For many of Indian companies — from small manufacturers to established exporters — who lacked independent digital infrastructure, the marketplace platform offered by WORLD COLLECTIVE presents a valuable, ready-to-use solution for connecting with international buyers and socially conscious consumers.



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director Texprocil moderated the webinar that introduced the Indian participants to WORLD COLLECTIVE Marketplace — a digital platform that enables producers, retailers, and SMEs—to access global markets directly. Experts from WORLD COLLECTIVE, New York — Ms. Jeanine Ballone, Founder & CEO; Ms. Julie Tran, Chief Growth Officer — and team members led discussions on Sourcing Shifts. New Business Mandates and solutions made available for the Indian suppliers by their organisation. Mr. Ajay Srivastava, Consultant, USA and Mr. Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, Texprocil worked in coordination to facilitate the meeting between the USA and Indian participants.

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Meeting on development of Export Oriented Industrial Development Programme (EOIDP) under Maharashtra Export Promotion Policy-2023



Shri Deependra Singh Kushwa, IAS, Hon'ble Development Commissioner (Industries), Govt. of Maharashtra chaired a meeting of Export Promotion Councils and industry bodies on 5th June, 2025 at Mantralaya, Mumbai. Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL represented the Council at the meeting which deliberated on Export Oriented Industrial Development Programme (EOIDP) under Maharashtra Export Promotion Policy-2023-28. For more details, please email to rajesh@texprocil.org.

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India Pavilion among the top Pavilions at World Expo Osaka 2025



Trade Facilitation

At the ongoing World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, the India Pavilion—titled Bharat Mandap—has secured a place among the top five most admired pavilions, according to a review shared by Mr. Yamamoto-San, Deputy Pavilion Director and representative of the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB). Ranked alongside global heavyweights such as the United States, Italy, France, and Japan, the India Pavilion's popularity is based on feedback from Expo officials, Japanese citizens, and online engagement on social media platforms.



For the first time, the Ministry of Culture has been entrusted with the responsibility of curating the Pavilion—previously managed by the Ministry of Commerce. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) was appointed as the nodal agency to curate and execute this significant international showcase, which will remain open to the public until 13 October 2025.

Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary of IGNCA, stated that the Pavilion is a comprehensive reflection of India's ancient knowledge systems, modern technological aspirations, and growing global footprint. Strategically located in the 'Connecting Lives Zone', the Pavilion encapsulates India's civilisational values while projecting its contemporary ambitions in sustainable development, innovation, and digital growth. India at World Expo Osaka is a Confluence of Culture, Commerce, and Compassion.

Cultural Diplomacy at Its Finest-

The Bharat Mandap stands as more than an architectural marvel; it is a living, breathing embodiment of India's cultural diplomacy. It offers a uniquely immersive experience to international visitors through rich exhibits, interactive cultural sessions, and artistic installations.



Trade Facilitation



India Pavilion among the top Pavilions at World Expo Osaka 2025



The Bharat Mandap at World Expo Osaka 2025

Despite receiving space allocation at a later stage, the IGNCA executed the vision with exceptional speed and finesse. Working closely with Japanese authorities, they created a Pavilion that seamlessly integrates heritage and innovation. This effort has garnered praise from global dignitaries, visitors, and cultural connoisseurs alike.

The exhibition at the India Pavilion – Bharat Mandap during World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, showcased the spirit and artistry of India through the "ODOP Showcase," featuring products that embodied a blend of tradition, precision, and luxury, reflecting the nation's timeless heritage.

A Pavilion Like No Other-

Unlike other international pavilions characterized by long queues and restricted access, the India Pavilion offers a smooth, welcoming, and inclusive experience. Among its highlights:

- Sections on Innovation, Ayurveda, ISRO, and Sustainability
- Live cultural experiences including Garba dance, yoga sessions by Indian Acharyas, and traditional costume displays
- Authentic Indian cuisine that is delighting global taste buds
- Family-friendly activities and photo-op corners featuring Himachali caps and Indian handicrafts

These offerings have made the Pavilion a crowd favorite, drawing enthusiastic participation and extensive online appreciation.

Symbolism and Spirituality: The Design Philosophy-

At the spiritual heart of the Pavilion stands a magnificent image of Padmapani Bodhisattva, inspired by Ajanta cave murals—a symbol of India's timeless compassion. Artistic elements like the Blue Lotus Façade, Bodhi Tree Installation, and Flowing Waters express India's philosophical essence—interconnectedness, peace, and transformation.

The Pavilion's architecture features the Lotus Courtyard and Oneness Lounge, mirroring the ancient Indian ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — "The World is One Family."

IGNCA's Cultural Vision-

Dr. Joshi concluded, "To represent India on this global stage is not just about showcasing culture—it is about inviting the world into India's living heritage. The Bharat Mandap is a space where tradition meets transformation, where the eternal Indian spirit engages with the global future."

About World Expo 2025 Osaka-

Officially titled Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, the global exposition runs until 13 October 2025. With the central theme 'Designing Future Society for Our Lives', the Expo has drawn participation from over 160 countries and 9 international organizations, with an estimated 28 million visitors expected. India's participation has become a flagship of cultural excellence and international engagement.

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Country Report - Egypt



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Market Overview

Egypt textile market was valued at USD 3.87 Billion in 2024 and is expected to reach USD 4.98 Billion by 2030 with a CAGR of 4.25% during the forecast period. Egypt's textile industry is a cornerstone of the country's economy, boasting a rich history that dates back to ancient times. The sector contributes significantly to employment, foreign exchange earnings, and industrial output. With abundant cotton production, particularly the globally renowned Egyptian long-staple cotton, the country has positioned itself as a key player in the global textile and apparel market. Chairman of the Textile Export Council (TEC), announced that the sector's exports for 2024 amounted to \$1.132 billion, reflecting a 2% increase from the \$1.112 billion recorded in 2023.

The Egyptian government has launched several initiatives to revitalize the textile sector. The Ministry of Public Business Sector has embarked on a modernization plan, investing over \$1 billion in upgrading spinning, weaving, dyeing, and garment factories. The government has also introduced incentives for foreign investors, such as tax exemptions and reduced tariffs on imported machinery. Industrial zones dedicated to textiles, such as those in Sadat City and Robbiki Leather City, aim to enhance productivity and attract international partnerships. Egypt's textiles market looks promising, with numerous opportunities for expansion. The growing demand for sustainable and organic textiles presents a potential avenue for Egyptian cotton producers to differentiate themselves. Investments in digital transformation, automation, and supply chain efficiency are expected to enhance competitiveness. Additionally, the government's push for increased local production and reduced reliance on imports aligns with Egypt's long-term industrial strategy.

Key Market Drivers

Abundant Supply of Premium Cotton

Egypt has long been renowned for its high-quality cotton, often referred to as "white gold." The country's extensive production of premium extra-long staple (ELS) and long staple (LS) cotton varieties serves as a key driver of the Egyptian textile market. The superior fiber length, softness, and durability of Egyptian cotton make it a preferred choice for high-end textile products, attracting both domestic manufacturers and international buyers.

Egyptian cotton is highly sought after in global markets due to its exceptional quality. It possesses superior tensile strength, moisture absorption properties, and a silky texture, making it ideal for luxury textiles such as high-thread-count bed linens, premium clothing, and upscale home furnishings. Many international textile brands prefer Egyptian cotton for their premium product lines, thereby fueling export revenues and boosting Egypt's position in the global textile supply chain. The amount of land dedicated to cotton cultivation in Egypt has increased by nearly 23% in response to growing global demand for the crop. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the total cotton-growing area has expanded from 255,000 acres to 311,700 acres. Of this, 70,584 acres (22%) have been designated for seed production to secure a sufficient supply for future

seasons. The Ministry anticipates that this year's cotton harvest will yield between 1 million and 1.2 million quintals, with one quintal equivalent to 100 kilograms, or 10 quintals per tonne.

The Egyptian government actively supports the cotton industry through policies aimed at maintaining quality and increasing production efficiency. Several initiatives have been implemented to regulate cotton cultivation, prevent contamination, and improve the ginning process. The Cotton Research Institute in Egypt plays a crucial role in developing better seed varieties, ensuring that Egyptian cotton retains its reputation as one of the best in the world. Additionally, government-led reforms in cotton pricing and supply chain transparency have helped restore confidence in Egyptian cotton among global buyers.

The availability of premium cotton enhances Egypt's competitiveness in the global textile market. Countries like the United States, European nations, and China are major importers of Egyptian cotton and its textile derivatives. Egypt's textile exports, particularly those featuring high-end cotton-based fabrics, continue to rise due to sustained demand from international fashion and home textile brands. The integration of Egyptian cotton into global supply chains further strengthens the country's textile market.

A steady supply of premium cotton also benefits Egypt's domestic textile manufacturers. Many Egyptian companies produce high-value cotton fabrics, garments, and home textiles, catering to both local and export markets. The government's focus on vertical integration—spinning, weaving, dyeing, and garment production within Egypt—reduces dependency on imported fabrics and strengthens the overall textile value chain. Additionally, textile industrial zones across the country provide a supportive ecosystem for local manufacturers to leverage high-quality raw materials and expand production capacity.

Rising Demand for Technical Textiles

The Egyptian textiles market is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the increasing demand for technical textiles across various industries, including healthcare, automotive, construction, agriculture, and defense. Technical textiles, known for their enhanced functional properties such as durability, strength, flexibility, and resistance to extreme conditions, are gaining traction in Egypt as the country seeks to modernize its textile industry and diversify its product offerings. One of the primary drivers of technical textile demand in Egypt is the rapid expansion of industries that rely on high-performance fabrics. The healthcare sector is witnessing a surge in demand for medical textiles such as surgical gowns, face masks, wound care products, and disposable hospital linens. This growth has been further accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the necessity of high-quality, sterile textiles. Similarly, the automotive industry in Egypt is contributing to the rise in technical textile consumption. With increasing local vehicle production and assembly, manufacturers are incorporating high-performance textiles for airbags, seat belts, upholstery, insulation, and soundproofing materials. These textiles enhance vehicle safety, comfort, and energy efficiency, aligning with the





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global trend of sustainable and lightweight vehicle components.

The construction and infrastructure sector is also playing a crucial role in driving the demand for technical textiles. The Egyptian government's extensive infrastructure development projects, such as the New Administrative Capital and large-scale road networks, are increasing the need for geotextiles, insulation materials, and protective coatings. These technical textiles improve soil stability, water resistance, and structural durability, making them indispensable in modern construction practices.

Egyptian textile manufacturers are increasingly investing in research and development (R&D) to produce innovative and high-performance textiles. The introduction of smart textiles, antibacterial fabrics, and flame-resistant materials is gaining momentum as industries seek more specialized solutions. For example, nanotechnology is being integrated into textile production to create fabrics with self-cleaning, water-repellent, and UV-resistant properties, catering to both domestic and export markets. Additionally, the rise of eco-friendly and sustainable technical textiles is shaping the industry. Egyptian firms are focusing on producing biodegradable nonwoven fabrics and using recycled materials to align with global sustainability trends. This shift is driven by increasing environmental concerns and stricter regulations in international markets, where Egypt aims to strengthen its position as a competitive textile exporter. According to the Federation of Egyptian Industries, Egypt's textile exports were valued at \$836 million in 2020, while textile imports amounted to \$1.8 billion.

Key Market Challenges

High Dependency on Imported Raw Materials

One of the major challenges facing Egypt's textile sector is its reliance on imported raw materials, especially synthetic fibers and certain cotton varieties. Although Egypt is famous for its long-staple and extra-long-staple cotton, the local industry requires significant quantities of shorter-staple cotton and synthetic fibers, which are not produced in sufficient quantities domestically. The dependence on imports exposes the industry to fluctuating global prices, supply chain disruptions, and currency exchange rate volatility, making production costs unpredictable and less competitive in the global market.

Country Report - Egypt

Competition from Low-Cost Producers

Egypt's textile sector faces stiff competition from Asian textile-producing countries such as China, India, Bangladesh, and Vietnam. These countries benefit from economies of scale, lower labor costs, and government incentives, allowing them to produce textiles at significantly lower prices. Egypt's relatively higher production costs make it difficult for local manufacturers to compete in mass-market textile segments, limiting their market share in key export destinations.

Key Market Trends

Emergence of Local Fashion Brands

A new generation of Egyptian fashion entrepreneurs is leveraging the country's rich cotton heritage to establish local brands. These brands focus on sustainable, high-quality cotton-based products, catering to both domestic and international markets. The rise of these local fashion brands not only adds value to the textile industry but also promotes Egypt's cultural identity on the global stage. The Egyptian textile market is being driven by strategic government initiatives, an ample supply of premium cotton, advantageous geographic positioning, technological innovation, increasing demand for technical textiles, and the emergence of local fashion brands. These factors collectively contribute to the robust growth and global competitiveness of Egypt's textile industry. In December 2021, the Egyptian Chamber of Apparel and Home Textile Industries (ECAHT) launched a project focused on upgrading the supply chains of the technical textiles industry, with the goal of attracting approximately \$800 million in investments.

In a recent development, in February 2025, the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE) entered into agreements for two new textile manufacturing projects within the Ready-Made Garment area of the Sokhna Industrial Zone in Egypt, developed by the Main Development Company (MDC). The total investment exceeds \$3 million, and the projects will generate 80 new jobs across 3,450 square meters. Additionally, the Legend project agreement was finalized, involving an investment of \$1 million for a 1,150-square-meter facility. This facility will be equipped with 20 circular knitting machines, a printing machine, and a packaging unit, aimed at boosting textile production. The project aims for an export volume of \$4 million by 2025 and will create 30 job opportunities.

Source: https://www.techsciresearch.com/



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India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles										
		in Quantity (Million)			in Value (Million USD)					
Product	Unit	April -	March	% Growth	th April - March		% Growth			
		2023-24	2024-25		2023-24	2024-25				
Fibre	Kgs	573.10	458.16	-20.05	1,116.52	809.72	-27.48			
Yarn	Kgs.	1,214.71	1,150.02	-5.33	3,780.23	3,553.19	-6.01			
Fabrics	Kgs.	66.11	74.21	12.25	366.77	407.92	11.22			
	Sqm	2,188.59	2,305.45	5.34	1,888.28	1,978.64	4.79			
					2,255.05	2,386.56	5.83			
Made-ups	Kgs.	371.93	409.36	10.06	2,162.60	2,395.22	10.76			
	Nos.	1,081.10	1,008.36	-6.73	2,212.53	2,226.78	0.64			
					4,375.13	4,622.00	5.64			
	,									
Total (Fibre, Yarn,	Fabrics, Madeups)				11,526.93	11,371.47	-1.35			

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Export of cotton fibre from India declined by -20.05% (from 573.10 million kg to 458.16 million kg). However, export value fell more significantly by -27.48% (from USD 1116.52 million to USD 809.72 million)
- Export of cotton yarn in quantity exports declined by -5.33% (from 1,214.71 million kg to 1,150.02 million kg). Export value also dropped by -6.01% (from USD 3,780.23 million to USD 3,553.19 million).
- Export of cotton fabrics grew by 5.83% and cotton madeups grew by 5.64% during the fiscal year April March 2024-25 in dollar terms. In quantity terms, export of fabrics in million kilograms increased by 12.25% and those measured in million square metres grew by 5.34%. Cotton madeups products grew by 10.06% in million kilograms and those measured in million numbers declined by (-) 6.73%.
- Quantity Cotton Madeups: HS lines covered in "KG" are 6302, 6303, 6305, 6306, 6307, 6308, 6309 and 6310. HS lines covered in "NOS" are 4202, 6301 and 6304.
- 52% of Madeups export is in Kilograms and 48% is in NOS
- Quantity Cotton Fabrics: HS Codes covered in "SQM" are 5208, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5801, 5802, 5803, 5901, 5907. HS Codes covered in "KG" are 5601, 5602, 5606, 5607, 5608, 5609, 5804, 5805, 5806, 5807, 5808, 5810, 5906, 5908, 5909, 5910, 5911, 6001, 6005, and 6006
- 83% of Fabrics export is in SQM and 17% is in Kilograms

Overall Performance (Fibre, Yarn, Fabrics, Made-ups) showed a slight decline of (-) 1.35% during the period April – March 2024-25.





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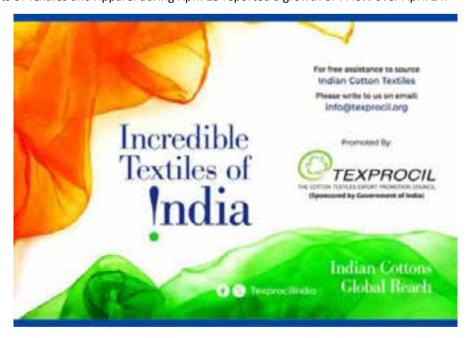
India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles (April 2024 - March 2025)

QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXILES & CLOTHING FOR APRIL, 2025

Exports (Million USD)	APR'24	APR'25	% Change
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	947	963	1.71%
Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ made-ups etc.	368	384	4.18%
RMG of all Textiles	1,198	1,371	14.43%
Jute Mfg. Floor Covering	27	28	4.57%
Carpet	111	115	3.32%
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	125	123	-1.99%
Textiles	1,579	1,613	2.16%
Apparel	1,198	1,371	14.43%
Textiles Et Apparel	2,777	2,984	7.45%
All Commodities	35,304	38,488	9.02%
% Share of TEtC in Total Exports	7.87%	7.75%	
Imports (Million USD)	APR'24	APR'25	% Change
Cotton Raw Et Waste	38	87	129.17%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	162	193	19.20%

Source: DGCIS/MOC

- According to the quick estimates data released by the Ministry of Commerce Et Industry, exports of cotton yarn/fabrics/madeups, handloom products etc from India grew by 1.71% in April 2025 over April 2024.
- During April'25, Indian Textiles Exports grew by 2.16% over the previous year and Apparel Exports registered a growth of 14.43% during the same time period.
- Cumulative Exports of Textiles and Apparel during April'25 reported a growth of 7.45% over April'24.







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Marketwise: Cotton Textiles(Madeups/Fabrics/Yarns)

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	India Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles											
	% Growth											
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% SI	nare	2024-25/						
Kank	Partner	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24						
	World	10,410.41	10,561.75	100.00	100.00	1.45						
1	USA	2,630.10	2,749.16	25.26	26.03	4.53						
2	Bangladesh	1,784.36	2,274.72	17.14	21.54	27.48						
3	SriLanka	415.46	470.65	3.99	4.46	13.28						
4	и к	219.86	236.00	2.11	2.23	7.34						
5	China	714.22	235.42	6.86	2.23	-67.04						
6	UAE	221.00	221.40	2.12	2.10	0.18						
7	Germany	224.99	215.57	2.16	2.04	-4.19						
8	Vietnam	195.93	206.50	1.88	1.96	5.39						
9	Egypt	218.87	196.04	2.10	1.86	-10.43						
10	Peru	142.00	173.68	1.36	1.64	22.31						
Total of	Top 10	6,766.79	6,979.15	65.00	66.08	3.14						

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Total exports recorded a slight growth of 1.45% from \$10,410.41 million in 2023-24 to \$10,561.75 million in 2024-25.
- The top 10 markets accounted for 66.08% of total exports, showing increased market consolidation.
- USA: Largest importer with a 26.03% share, showing robust growth of 4.53%.
- Bangladesh and Peru: Achieved the highest growth (27.48% and 22.31%) among top markets.
- Sri Lanka, UK, UAE and Vietnam showing positive growth during this
 period.
- Declines: China dropped sharply (-67.04%), with its share plummeting to 2.23%.

	India Export Statistics of Cotton Fabrics										
	% Growth										
		April-	March	% S	hare	2024-25/					
Rank	Partner	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24					
	World	2,255.05	2,386.56	100.00	100.00	5.83					
1	Bangladesh	422.93	523.75	18.75	21.95	23.84					
2	SriLanka	307.97	357.74	13.66	14.99	16.16					
3	USA	151.98	160.61	6.74	6.73	5.68					
4	Nigeria	122.03	144.57	5.41	6.06	18.47					
5	UAE	113.66	135.01	5.04	5.66	18.78					
6	Senegal	142.07	103.70	6.30	4.35	-27.01					
7	S Korea	69.01	56.93	3.06	2.39	-17.50					
8	Nepal	54.17	51.73	2.40	2.17	-4.50					
9	Thailand	52.77	45.58	2.34	1.91	-13.63					
10	Colombia	30.57	45.42	1.36	1.90	48.58					
Total of	Top 10	1,467.16	1,625.04	65.06	68.09	10.76					

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Exports of cotton fabrics grew by 5.83%, totaling \$2,386.56 million.
- Top 10 markets accounted for 68.09% of total exports, up from 65.06%.
- Bangladesh and Sri Lanka: Leading growth markets with increases of 23.84% and 16.16%.
- Declines: Senegal (-27.01%) and South Korea (-17.50%).

	India Export Statistics of Cotton Madeups										
	Value: MillionUS \$										
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% SI	hare	2024-25/					
		2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24					
	World	4,375.13	4,622.00	100.00	100.00	5.64					
1	USA	2,461.81	2,572.18	56.27	55.65	4.48					
2	UK	199.89	212.31	4.57	4.59	6.21					
3	Germany	156.42	164.39	3.58	3.56	5.10					
4	Australia	132.18	156.77	3.02	3.39	18.60					
5	France	117.78	142.52	2.69	3.08	21.01					
6	Canada	116.33	136.34	2.66	2.95	17.20					
7	Netherlands	67.32	78.13	1.54	1.69	16.06					
8	UAE	96.45	78.08	2.20	1.69	-19.05					
9	Spain	68.80	68.49	1.57	1.48	-0.45					
10	Italy	43.88	51.95	1.00	1.12	18.39					
Total o	of Top 10	3,460.86	3,661.16	79.10	79.21	5.79					

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Cotton Madeups exports grew by 5.64%, reaching \$4,622.00 million in 2024-25.
- The top 10 markets represented 79.21% of total exports, up from 79.10%.
- USA: Dominated the sector with 55.65% share and 4.48% growth.
- Australia and France: Showed impressive growth at 18.60% and 21.02%, respectively.
- Germany, Canada, Spain and Mexico showed positive growth during this
 period
- Declines: UAE declined significantly (-) 19.05%, with its share falling to 1.

	India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn										
	Value: MillionUS \$										
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% SI	nare	2024-25/					
Nalik	Partilei	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24					
	World	3,780.23	3,553.19	100.00	100.00	-6.01					
1	Bangladesh	1,356.11	1,749.04	35.87	49.22	28.97					
2	China	696.62	217.37	18.43	6.12	-68.80					
3	Vietnam	203.52	172.20	5.38	4.85	-15.39					
4	Egypt	166.20	167.31	4.40	4.71	0.67					
5	Peru	133.59	160.20	3.53	4.51	19.92					
6	Portugal	137.07	125.64	3.63	3.54	-8.33					
7	SriLanka	96.89	99.59	2.56	2.80	2.79					
8	SouthKorea	84.12	80.87	2.23	2.28	-3.86					
9	Colombia	69.04	78.75	1.83	2.22	14.07					
10	Italy	61.88	64.63	1.64	1.82	4.45					
Total c	of Top 10	3,005.04	2,915.61	79.49	82.06	-2.98					

Source of Data: DGCIS

- Total exports dropped by (-) 6.01%, from \$3,780.23 million to \$3,553.19 million.
- The top 10 markets now contribute 82.06% of total exports, up slightly from 79.49%.
- Bangladesh: Significant growth of 28.97%, now comprising 49.22% of exports.
- China: Drastic decline (-68.80%), reducing its share from 18.43% to 6.12%.
- Growth Areas: Vietnam (0.67%), Peru (19.92%) and Colombia (14.07%)





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	India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn										
	Quantity: Million Kilograms										
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% SI	nare	2024-25/					
Nalik	Partilei	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24					
	World	1,214.71	1,150.02	100.00	100.00	-5.33					
1	Bangladesh	428.05	570.17	35.24	49.58	33.20					
2	China	256.34	86.37	21.10	7.51	-66.31					
3	Egypt	67.34	57.71	5.54	5.02	-14.30					
4	Peru	45.41	55.15	3.74	4.80	21.44					
5	Vietnam	54.85	55.01	4.52	4.78	0.28					
6	Portugal	42.53	38.76	3.50	3.37	-8.87					
7	Colombia	25.73	29.52	2.12	2.57	14.72					
8	Srl Lanka	24.56	26.37	2.02	2.29	7.35					
9	South Korea	26.16	25.25	2.15	2.20	-3.46					
10	Turkey	37.16	13.95	3.06	1.21	-62.45					
Total o	f Top 10	1,008.13	958.25	82.99	83.32	-4.95					

Source of Data: DGCIS.	Ministry of Commerce

- Export quantities declined by (-)5.33%, from 1214.71 million kg to 1150.02 million kg.
- Top 10 markets accounted for 83.32% of total exports.
- **Bangladesh:** Grew by 33.20%, solidifying its position with a 49.58% share.
- China and Egypt: Sharp declines of -66.31% and -14.30%, respectively.
- Emerging Players: Colombia (14.72%) and Peru (21.44%) show increasing demand.

India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Inclwaste)										
Value: MillionUS \$										
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% SI	nare	2024-25/				
Name	raitiei	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24				
	World	1,116.52	809.72	100.00	100.00	-27.48				
1	Bangladesh	633.53	590.81	56.74	72.96	-6.74				
2	Vietnam	137.21	128.49	12.29	15.87	-6.36				
3	Taiwan	30.08	21.71	2.69	2.68	-27.84				
4	Indonesia	21.76	18.53	1.95	2.29	-14.86				
5	China	222.68	13.20	19.94	1.63	-94.07				
6	UAE	21.29	11.66	1.91	1.44	-45.22				
7	Thailand	7.53	8.09	0.67	1.00	7.54				
8	Germany	13.46	5.01	1.21	0.62	-62.82				
9	Japan	2.83	3.42	0.25	0.42	21.04				
10	Nepal	2.60	1.85	0.23	0.23	-28.55				
Total o	of Top 10	1092.97	802.77	97.89	99.14	-26.55				

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Exports declined by (-) 27.48%, from \$1,116.52 million to \$809.72 million.
- Top 10 markets now contribute 99.14% of total exports, a slight increase from 97.89%.
- Bangladesh and Vietnam: Decline by (-) 6.74% and (-) 6.36%.
- China: Sharp declined by (-) 94.07%, reflecting demand issues.
- Thailand: Growth increased by 7.54%, respectively.

	India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Inclwaste)								
	Quantity: Million Kilograms								
Rank	Partner	April-	March	% Sh	nare	2024-25/			
Nalik	Partifer	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24			
	World	573.10	458.16	100.00	100.00	-20.05			
1	Bangladesh	298.94	300.27	52.16	65.54	0.44			
2	Vietnam	88.45	98.50	15.43	21.50	11.36			
3	Taiwan	19.86	17.03	3.46	3.72	-14.23			
4	Indonesia	11.90	11.29	2.08	2.46	-5.12			
5	China	113.94	7.64	19.88	1.67	-93.29			
6	Thailand	4.31	6.62	0.75	1.44	53.55			
7	UAE	10.30	5.82	1.80	1.27	-43.53			
8	Germany	8.16	3.63	1.42	0.79	-55.48			
9	Nepal	2.47	2.20	0.43	0.48	-11.16			
10	Japan	1.14	1.39	0.20	0.30	22.20			
Total o	f Top 10	559.46	454.38	97.62	99.17	-18.78			

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Export quantities of raw cotton declined by (-) 20.05%
- Top 10 markets accounted for 99.17%, up from 97.62%.
- Bangladesh and Vietnam: Grew by 0.44% and 11.36%, respectively.
- China: Decline of -93.29% highlights significant challenges.
- Thailand: Strong recovery with growth of 53.55%.





Role of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and its Impact on the Cotton Industry in India



Special Feature

The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) recommends Minimum Support Prices (MSP) every year to ensure that farmers receive fair compensation for their produce. The primary aim of MSP is to safeguard farmers from the fluctuations of market prices and to protect their livelihoods. This mechanism plays a vital role in maintaining food security and promoting self-reliance (Atma nirbharta) in agricultural production.

When the government guarantees a Minimum Support Price, it instills confidence among farmers. It encourages them to continue cultivating their land rather than abandoning agriculture for other uncertain livelihoods. In a country like India, where a significant portion of the population depends on farming, this assurance is crucial for rural stability and national food security. Despite various agricultural reforms, Indian farmers are still not economically strong and continue to require government support. Therefore, initiatives like MSP are widely appreciated by the public and contribute significantly to uplifting the farming

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community.

Consequences of High MSP in Cotton When Global Prices Are Low:

1. Substitution with Synthetic Fibres:

If domestic cotton becomes too expensive due to high MSP, the textile and apparel industry may shift towards cheaper alternatives, such as synthetic or chemical fibres. o This could lead to a decline in cotton consumption, affecting not just farmers but the entire cotton-based value chain, including spinners, weavers, and garment manufacturers.

2. Losses and Operational Shutdowns in the Industry:

When spinning mills and ginning factories are forced to buy expensive domestic cotton while competing against international players with access to cheaper fibre, profitability takes a hit. o This could lead to temporary shutdowns, reduced employment, and in severe cases, non-performing assets (NPAs) in the banking sector due to unpaid industrial loans.

3. Shift in Cropping Patterns:

High MSP incentivizes farmers to grow more cotton, expecting better returns. o However, this could lead to a decline in the cultivation of other essential crops such as pulses, oilseeds, or cereals, potentially causing supply shortages and price hikes in those commodities.

4. Government Burden of Buffer Stocks:

If domestic demand does not match the high production (encouraged by MSP), the government may be forced to procure and store large quantities of cotton international players with access to cheaper fibre, profitability takes a hit. This could lead to temporary shutdowns, reduced employment, and in severe cases, non-performing assets (NPAs) in the banking sector due to unpaid industrial loans.

This leads to higher storage costs, increased fiscal burden, and potential wastage if stocks remain unsold or degrade over time.

Conclusion

While MSP is an essential tool for ensuring farmers' welfare, especially in a country like India where agriculture forms the backbone of rural life, its implementation in industrial crops like cotton requires careful calibration. A balance must be struck between farmer welfare and industrial competitiveness to ensure that both agriculture and industry can thrive together.

A flexible, market-linked MSP system, along with export incentives, crop diversification support, and better infrastructure, can help India maintain its leadership in cotton while also protecting the interests of all stakeholders in the value chain.

Source: S. Ajaykumar & Co.







Special Feature



Promotion of Kasturi Cotton

TEXPROCIL had a productive and insightful interaction on Kasturi Cotton with the esteemed members of the Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) and the Indian Cotton Federation (ICF) at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Coimbatore on 6th June 2025.

Shri Vijay Agarwal, Chairman, TEXPROCIL, welcomed the members and shared updates on the availability of approximately one lakh certified bales of Kasturi Cotton, end-to-end traceability, sustainability and the encouraging progress in discussions with both international and domestic brands on adopting this premium fibre. Shri Ravi Sam, Vice Chairman, TEXPROCIL, said that buyers the world over have begun to express confidence in Kasturi Cotton. Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL, stated that manufacturers using Kasturi Cotton have recognised it as a pivot for quality cotton.



Shri S.K. Sundararaman, Chairman, SIMA, and Shri Nishant Asher, Secretary, ICF, expressed strong support for the strides made by Kasturi Cotton and conveyed optimism that textile mills will scale up their usage—recognising the quality, traceability, and value it brings to the industry.

The momentum is strong, and the vision is clear—Kasturi Cotton is poised to become the face of Indian cotton globally.



Important Notifications on Policies & Procedures



Policy Updates



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) Invitation to share GST Issues for Upcoming Webinar

The Council is organizing a Webinar on GST (date will be informed soon), marking eight years of GST implementation in India.

Members are invited to submit specific GST-related issues, queries or suggestions to Council. These issues will help shape the webinar agenda.

We look forward to your participation!

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1748853122-Eserve-102_of_2025.pdf

B) Mandatory use of Trade Connect Portal for issuance of Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin via TEXPROCIL

With effect from 1st January 2025, the Government has mandated that all applications for Electronic Certificates of Origin (eCoO) be submitted exclusively through the Trade Connect Portal (www.trade.gov.in).

As part of this digital shift, we remind members that Non-Preferential eCoO continues to be a service offered by the Council. While applying, please select The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (CTEPC) from the drop-down menu to avail this service.

For any clarification or assistance, please feel free to contact the Council's office at the following email id: rukshana@texprocil.org.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1749453473-Eserve-105_of_2025.pdf

C) Request for Feedback on Credit Access from Banks and Financial Institutions

As per the directions of Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, we are compiling feedback from industry stakeholders on issues related to accessing credit from banks and financial institutions. If you are experiencing any challenges in securing credit, we request you to kindly share a brief note outlining the specific issues you are facing. You may send your response to sybil@texprocil.org with a copy to rakesh@texprocil.org.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1750059385-Eserve-107_of_2025.pdf

D) List issued by Tuticorin Customs reg. IGST pending errors upto 31.05.2025

Tuticorin Customs (INTUT1) has issued a list of Shipping Bills pending for IGST refunds due to various IGST errors.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1750332657-Eserve-110_of_2025.pdf

E) DGFT Launches 'Source from India' Feature for All Status Holders

DGFT, through Trade Notice No. 5/2025 dated 13th June 2025, has extended the 'Source from India' feature on the Trade Connect Portal (www. trade.gov.in) to all Status Holder exporters with valid IECs (not in DEL).

Exporters can create micropages showcasing their products, which will be visible to global buyers on approval.

Indian Missions Abroad have been advised to refer to this platform for sourcing queries.

Members are encouraged to register and boost their international presence.

Step-by-step guide available in the Trade Notice.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1750332958-Eserve-115 of 2025.pdf

Avail of more detailed information on EXIM POLICIES & PROCEDURE @ TEXPROCIL Please Contact: GREIVANCE REDRESSAL CELL

on email: sybil@texprocil.org and annie@texprocil.org





Trade Notification



Promote Your Merchandise / Services Advertise with Us!



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 fortnight

2. 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 Chinthal, IT Officer/ Mr. Rajesh Satam, Joint Director on email: rakesh@texprocil.org / rajesh@texprocil.org.

For queries related to advertisement booking kindly write to Mrs. Mrunal Sawant on email: 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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ADVERTISEMENT PACKAGE (For Advertisement in TEXPROCIL E-PUBLICATIONS)

TEXPROCIL E-NEWSLETTER (FORTNIGHTLY)

Ad. Option	One Issue	Six issues	Twelve Issues	Twenty Four Issues (BEST OFFER)
Double Spread	Rs. 12,000	Rs. 61,200	Rs . 1,15,200	Rs. 2,16,000
Quarter Page	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 10,200	Rs. 19,200	Rs. 36,000
Half Page	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 28,500	Rs. 54,000
Full Page	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 25,500	Rs. 48,000	Rs. 90,000

IBTEX E-NEWS CLIPPINGS (DAILY)

Ad. Option	Three Months	Six Months	Twelve Months	Twenty Four Months (BEST OFFER)
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 2025-2026



Dear Member,

The Annual Renewal Subscription for the financial year 2025-2026 shall become due for payment on 1st April 2025.

The Annual Renewal membership fees is as follows:

1) Associate Members: Rs. 8000/-+18% GST = Rs. 9440/-

2) Ordinary Member: Rs. 14000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 16520/-

Exporters who wish to renew their membership for 3 years and 5 years are eligible for Special Discount of 10% and 15% respectively. This will be applicable w.e.f. 01.04.2025 only.

	Membership Fees		Discount	Discounted Fees		Benefit to Exporters	
	Associate	Ordinary	Slab	Associate	Ordinary	Associate	Ordinary
For 3 years	24,000	42,000	10%	21,600	37,800	2,400	4,200
For 5 years	40,000	70,000	15%	34,000	59,500	6,000	10,500

(Please note that 18% GST will be applicable on membership fees.)

Membership Renewal for 3 years including GST will be as follows:

Associate Member - Rs. 21600/- + 18% GST = Rs. 25488/-

Ordinary Member - Rs. 37800/- + 18% GST = Rs. 44604/-

Membership Renewal for 5 years including GST will be as follows:

Associate Member - Rs. 34000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 40120/-

Ordinary Member - Rs. 59500/- + 18% GST = Rs. 70210/-

Introducing a new category for small exporters:

Besides, in order to encourage small exporters and enable them to avail of the Council's services, the Committee of Administration of TEXPROCIL has decided to introduce a new category for Associate Members who are MSMEs with exports of less than Rs. 15 lakhs (or Nil Exports) in the previous financial year i.e. 2024-2025. Below is the Membership Renewal fee for such category:

Renewal - Associate Member - Rs. 2000/- + 18% GST = Rs. 2360/-

Note:

- 1. A Self-attested UDYAM REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE for F.Y. 2024-2025 is required
- 2. Self-Declaration for the export figures of the previous financial year i.e. 2024-2025 on the company letterhead duly stamped and signed by the partner or directors of the firm/company would also be required. (Format is enclosed and no other format will be accepted).
- 3. The new entrants who are falling under the above category will be charged Rs. 2950/- (Entrance Fee as Rs. 500/- + Annual Membership Fee as Rs. 2000/- + 18% GST).

Kindly ignore this email, if you have already renewed your membership for the year 2025-2026.

AMENDMENT OF e-RCMC

A nominal charge of Rs. 1000/- per amendment, excluding GST will be levied w.e.f. 01.04.2025.

SELF-DECLARATION

(To be submitted on the Firm/Company Letterhead)

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that M/s.	(Name and full address of the Firm/Company) having IE code No.
, GST No	have exported Cotton / Cotton Yarn / Cotton Fabrics / Cotton Madeups (Excluding
Handloom Items / Readymade Garments and Silks	etc.) during the financial year 2024-2025 as under:

Sr. No.	Description	2024-2025 [Rs. FOB value]
1	Cotton	
2	Cotton Yarn	
3	Cotton Fabrics	
4	Cotton Madeups	
	TOTAL	

I hereby declare that the information related to this disclosure is complete and best to my knowledge and none of the above information is false or misrepresented and it is supported by financial statements & documents.

(Firm / Company Stamp)
(Signature of Proprietor / Partner / Director)

Date: Place:





Success Story



SPINNING YARN TO PERFECTION

Salona Group

Salona Group and Raghav Agarwal: Powering a Sustainable Shift in Global Textiles

At a time when the textile industry is at the crossroads of climate challenges and conscious consumerism, Salona Group stands as a beacon of responsible manufacturing, innovation, and integrity. Under the dynamic leadership of Raghav Agarwal, Salona has grown from being a trusted spinning mill to becoming a sustainability-first supply chain partner to some of the world's leading fashion retailers.

Founded on values of quality, consistency, and care for the environment, Salona Group today is a hub of organic, recycled, and traceable yarns, with infrastructure built to align with global sustainability standards. The company actively collaborates with global initiatives like the Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA), Textile Genesis, and leading certifying bodies, ensuring that each bale of cotton spun carries a story of impact.

Raghav's approach to leadership is rooted in collaboration and evolution. "We listen, we adapt, and we grow—not just for ourselves, but alongside our partners," he says. With continuous investments in advanced spinning machinery, data-integrated quality systems, and renewable energy, Salona is driving a circular economy in textiles that is as efficient as it is ethical.

Participating in global exhibitions—from Bharat Tex to Intertextile Shanghai—Salona doesn't just showcase yarns. It showcases vision. These platforms help the company engage directly with buyers, step into their comfort zones, and understand their future needs. "Exhibitions are not events for us—they're learning missions. That's where trends emerge, relationships form, and transformation begins," Raghav shares.

What makes Salona Group truly stand apart is its culture of knowledge-sharing, proactive responsiveness, and a keen awareness of where the global market is headed. "Understanding the vision of global retailers, and building that vision into your infrastructure—that's how we create value," Raghav emphasizes.

As the fashion world leans into transparency, traceability, and regeneration, Salona Group is not just keeping pace—it's leading the way. Through visionary leadership, deep-rooted sustainability, and agile infrastructure, it is turning yarn into impact—one fiber at a time.

TEXPROCIL proudly celebrates Salona Group and Raghav Agarwal—collaborators, innovators, and champions of responsible fashion.











CHOOSE THE FINEST INDIAN COTTON.

For the best-in-class Indian cotton, look no further than Kasturi Cotton. With the assurance of consistent, standardised quality you can trust. Kasturi Cotton is backed by KC TRACK, our blockchain-based traceability platform, ensuring complete authenticity from farm to final product. Kasturi Cotton is dedicated to uplifting the lives and livelihoods of farmers while fostering sustainable growth throughout the global value chain.

For assistance in purchasing certified Kasturi Cotton, visit **www.kasturicotton.com** or email us at **kasturi@texprocil.org**



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