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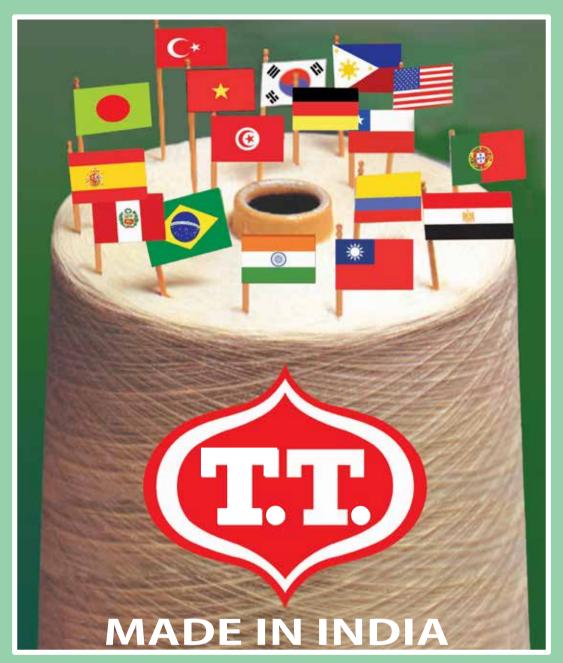
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Editorial



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director TEXPROCIL

It was in this context that TEXPROCIL and Apparel Export Promotion Council requested a meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry to discuss the implications of impending U.S. tariffs and explore proactive measures to safeguard and enhance India's export prospects.

The Chairmen of TEXPROCIL and AEPC met with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, on 27th June 2025 in New Delhi. The Hon'ble Minister assured that all necessary steps would be taken to protect vulnerable segments, such as textiles and apparel, while striving for a balanced and beneficial trade agreement with the United States. 'Trade Promotion' column of this issue present a report on the discussions at the meeting.

The 'Expert Speaks' column of this issue presents an article by Shri Suresh Kotak – the "Cotton Man of India". In this insightful article, Shri Kotak shares his

Dear Reader,

The United States' move to raise tariffs on imports from major supplier countries has sparked global concern. However, Indian textile businesses, hopeful for a favourable India-US trade agreement, see this as a strategic opportunity to strengthen their foothold in the U.S. market. To capitalize on this shift, there is an urgent need to streamline operations, enhance supply chain efficiency, and reduce production costs to boost competitiveness.

At the same time, aligning product offerings with U.S. consumer preferences, managing inventory efficiently, and refining pricing strategies are critical. As global supply chains undergo realignment, Indian exporters must focus on expanding production capacity, targeting niche market segments, and fostering stronger relationships with buyers-positioning themselves as dependable, long-term partners in a dynamic and shifting trade environment.

candid views on the pressing need to go beyond temporary fixes and address the core challenges weakening India's cotton economy. He outlines a structured, science-led, and farmer-centric roadmap to revamp the cotton supply chain, revive productivity, and reclaim India's global competitiveness in textiles.

The Embassy of India in Caracas held a business event on 18 June 2025 to promote the Indian textiles and garments sector and explore ways to boost bilateral trade with Venezuela. The 'Trade Facilitation' column of this issue informs about the commercial event held to promote Indian Textiles and Garments Sector in Caracas.

A 'Country Report' on Sri Lanka analyzing the opportunities for exports of Indian Textiles and Apparel is also included in the present edition.

The 'Special Feature' in this issues presents the Council's initiative to prominently feature 'Kasturi Cotton' at the Clothing Manufacturers' Association

of India (CMAI) office in Mumbai on 3rd July 2025. At the meeting, the team provided details on the brand's vision and ongoing collaboration with industry stakeholders to establish Kasturi Cotton as India's premium cotton.

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.

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Chairman's Page



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Brands, retailers, and manufacturers are already grappling with persistent market unpredictability, order front-loading and production re-routing to alternative destinations, increased inventories and warehousing costs, and margin compression and fiscal stress.

With the US accounting for almost 30 per cent share of India's T&C exports to the world, all eyes are now on the prospects of a bilateral India-US trade agreement. A favourable deal could serve as a strategic inflection point, unlocking new export opportunities for Indian textiles and enabling a stronger foothold in the US market amid shifting global sourcing patterns.

Meeting with HCIM

Given the current global trade developments, India-with the right policy support and a responsive trade framework-has a unique opportunity to capitalise on the shifting supply chains

Dear Friends,

As the 90-day trade truce extended by the US nears its conclusion, concerns are mounting across global trade corridors. Should reciprocal tariffs of up to 26 per cent be imposed post-deadline, the repercussions could be profound, particularly for India's textile and apparel exports to the USA.

The textile and clothing sector, one of India's most labour-intensive industries and a cornerstone of the country's export economy, faces a renewed wave of uncertainty. While the US-China trade conflict has witnessed pauses and recalibrations since its inception, the impact on the global textile supply chain-especially through tariff escalations-is now clearly visible.

and expand its textile and apparel exports significantly in the coming quarters.

In this context, a delegation comprising Shri Sudhir Sekhri, Chairman AEPC, Shri Naren Goenka, Chairman Bharat Tex, and myself met the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, in New Delhi on 27th June 2025.

During the meeting, we apprised the Hon'ble Minister of the key concerns surrounding the proposed India–US Bilateral Trade Agreement, particularly with regard to its potential implications for the labour-intensive textile and apparel sector.

The Hon'ble Minister gave the delegation a patient and encouraging hearing, and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to safeguarding the interests of employment-generating sectors during the ongoing trade negotiations. He assured that all necessary steps would be taken to

protect vulnerable segments, such as textiles and apparel, while striving for a balanced and beneficial trade agreement with the United States.

This interaction reflects the Government's proactive engagement with stakeholders and its steadfast commitment to promoting the sustained growth, global competitiveness, and strategic relevance of India's textile and apparel industry in a rapidly evolving global trade environment.

Mini Mission - II

To address the yield challenges in India's cotton industry, a series of measures are being set up in the second largest producer of fabric, to adopt advanced farming practices and technology. The Centre has begun the groundwork for launching a National Cotton Productivity Mission, for which discussions are underway to chart out a strategy focused on crop diversification, yield



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improvement, introduction of new seed varieties, and promoting mechanized farming.

The Council is partnering with CCI in the consultations for Mini Mission – II based on the "Cotton Quality Augmentation" being implemented by the Ministry of Textiles. Mini Mission – II comprises various components, of which one major component is Kasturi Cotton Bales Production – under the purview of the 'Kasturi Cotton Bharat' programme implemented by the Council.

India's cotton industry is currently facing key challenges impacting its competitiveness, including the need to remove import duties on cotton, improve productivity, and ensure timely liquidity for farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The Council has repeatedly raised these concerns, stressing the importance of coordinated action in technology adoption, policy reforms, sustainability, and farmer support to secure the long-term health of the sector.

Kasturi Promotion @ CMAI

The Kasturi Cotton India initiative was prominently featured at the Clothing Manufacturers' Association of India (CMAI) office on 3rd July 2025, where the team shared the brand's vision and recent achievements as India's premium cotton offering.

At the meeting, I was accompanied by Shri Sunil Patwari, Past Chairman and the Council's Executive Director; along with the Kasturi Cotton team. We highlighted ongoing collaboration with industry stakeholders to establish Kasturi Cotton as a trusted, ethical, and high-value brand in both domestic and international markets.

We emphasised that our apparel brands can benefit from reliable quality, enhanced fabric strength and vibrancy, and compliance with global supply chain regulations-helping them build consumer trust and premium positioning in both domestic and export markets.

The presentation on Kasturi Cotton

sparked significant interest among CMAI members and led to engaging discussions on partnerships, sourcing, and brand integration.

Way forward

Friends, political stability and a conducive business environment have been pivotal in strengthening India's position in the global textile value chain. These foundational factors have enabled sustained growth, attracted investment, and enhanced international confidence in India as a reliable sourcing destination.

While challenges persist, India has an opportunity to move forward strategically – balancing export momentum with secure access to raw material imports, while remaining agile to evolving patterns of global demand.

With coordinated policy support, industry resilience, and a focus on innovation and sustainability, India can continue to consolidate its leadership in the textile and apparel sector globally.

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Trade Promotion

The Chairman of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), Shri Vijay Agarwal, Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Shri Sudhir Sekhri and Chairman of Bharat Tex, Shri Naren Goenka met the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, in New Delhi on 27th June'25 to apprise him of key concerns related to the proposed India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement.

The meeting comes in the wake of recent reports suggesting that reciprocal tariffs of up to 26% may be imposed post the July 9 deadline, which could have a significant impact on India's textile and apparel exports to the United States. The Chairmen expressed deep concern over the potential ramifications for the labour-intensive textile and clothing sector, which is a major contributor to India's export economy and employment.

During the discussions, the Chairmen emphasized that home textiles and apparel are among the top export categories to the United States and would be disproportionately impacted by the proposed tariff hike. They highlighted the potential consequences, including a significant decline in exports and widespread job losses across the textile and clothing sectors, especially MSMEs and rural employment clusters. In the event that a favourable agreement is not reached and a 26% tariff is imposed, the sector fears the loss of nearly 15 lakh jobs.

The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient and encouraging hearing to the concerns raised and assured the delegation that the Government is committed to protecting labour-intensive sectors during the ongoing negotiations under the India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement. He reiterated that all necessary steps would be taken to ensure that India's interests, especially those of vulnerable sectors like textiles and apparel, are safeguarded.

The interaction reflects the Government's proactive approach in engaging with stakeholders and underscores its commitment to ensuring the sustained growth and global competitiveness of India's textile and apparel sector.













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Micronaire Value	3.7 to 4.7	3.7 to 4.5	3.7 to 4.5	3.7 to 4.5	3.0 to 4.2	3.0 to 4.2	3.2 to 4.2	3.0 to 4.0
RD Value	76+	76+	76+	76+	73+	73+	74+	74+
Fibre Strength	29.0 (=1.5) g/tex	29.5 (=1.5) g/tex	30.5 (=1.5) g/tex	32.5 (=1.5) g/tex	35.0 (=1.5) g/tex	36.0 (=1.5) g/tex	36.5 (=1.5) g/tex	37.5 (-1.5) g/tex
Uniformity Index	83% or more	83% or more	84% or more	84% or more	83% or more	83% or more	85% or more	85% or more
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Country Report - Sri Lanka



Trade Update

Sri Lanka, a prominent producer of textiles and apparel in South Asia, is currently in a fragile economic position. The country has defaulted on debt servicing and is in discussions with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for debt restructuring. Despite these challenges, Sri Lanka's exports are showing decent growth as the manufacturing sector recovers from the economic downturn.

Since 2022, Sri Lanka has been grappling with a severe debt crisis, accompanied by a rising cost of living. The apparel and textile industry experienced a decline in earnings compared to other sectors, such as tea and rubber, which saw significant growth.

Trade data shows that Sri Lanka's total exports increased by 14 per cent in October. Factors such as the recovering US economy, Sri Lanka's gradual economic recovery, and the strengthening Sri Lankan Rupee have helped ease debt repayment challenges. Although the Sri Lankan Rupee has been one of the worst-performing currencies since 2022, when the country declared bankruptcy, current government efforts are gradually aiding recovery from the economic crisis.

The country has seen increased earnings from exports of tea, rubber, and coconut-based products, followed by textiles and apparel. Total exports have grown at a CAGR of 2 per cent during January-October 2024, with apparel and petroleum exports driving October's growth. Notably, textile and garment exports account for over 40 per cent of industrial exports, highlighting their importance to the manufacturing sector. In October, the textile and garment sector contributed 48 per cent of industrial exports, underlining its critical role.

The share of textiles in Sri Lanka's total exports fell to around 48 per cent in October from 54 per cent a month earlier. As of 2024, the textile (including garments) sector's share typically ranges between 47 and 50 per cent. However, this decline is not a major concern, as textile exports still contribute significantly to the country's overall export earnings.

In many Asian countries, including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and China, the textile industry is one of the largest employers. Consequently, textile exports play a crucial role in these nations' economic ecosystems, underscoring their significance to economic growth and stability.

Sri Lanka's textile exports are regaining momentum, indicating a recovery in an industry that previously faced restrictions on sourcing inputs for apparel production. The country primarily exports to the US, followed by the UK and EU nations. As a member of the EU's GSP+ consortium, Sri Lanka benefits from preferential tariff rates, with a utilisation rate of 66 per cent for this agreement. The EU imports most of Sri Lanka's textile goods at concessional rates. However, Sri Lanka needs to explore additional avenues to increase exports to the EU, as over 85 per cent of its goods are eligible for GSP+ benefits. It has utilised only 51 per cent of its GSP+ benefits for apparel exports.

A comparison of Sri Lanka's monthly textile exports for 2023 and 2024 shows impressive growth, with exports increasing by 16 per cent and 22 per cent year-on-year in September and October 2024 respectively. This recovery is attributed to a reversal of lower growth trends and higher demand from major markets such as the US and the EU. Additionally, the country is aligning with global trends, including green garment manufacturing.

Through the adoption of lean manufacturing techniques, Sri Lanka is reducing water consumption while ratifying all 27 ILO conventions, enhancing its chances of securing more orders from markets like the EU and the US. With the EU's CBAM policy emphasising sustainability and environmentally friendly apparel production, Sri Lankan garments may have an advantage in entering these markets compared to other Asian producers.

Sri Lanka's garment exports rise 9.9% in Jan-May 2025.

Garment exports from Sri Lanka reached \$1,974.6 million during January—May 2025, reflecting a 9.9 per cent increase compared to \$1,797.2 million recorded in the same period in 2024, according to statistics released by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

During the first five months of 2025, textile exports gained by 0.4 per cent to \$118.1 million. Over the same period, exports of other manufactured textile articles increased by 6.3 per cent, totalling \$49.1 million, as reported in the Central Bank's publication External Sector Performance – May 2025.

Combined exports of textiles, garments, and other manufactured textile articles accounted for 51.46 per cent of all industrial exports from Sri Lanka during the five-month period. Total textile product exports amounted to \$2,141.7 million between January and May 2025, while the country's overall industrial exports were valued at \$4,160.7 million for the same period.

In May 2025, textile and garment exports eased by 0.3 per cent year-on-year, reaching \$389.9 million. By category, garment exports decreased by 1.3 per cent to \$355.0 million, while textile exports increased by 4.9 per cent to \$24.3 million. During the same month, exports of other manufactured textile articles rose by 28.2 per cent to \$10.6 million, as reported by the Central Bank.

On the import side, textiles and textile articles rose by 1.7 per cent to \$1,112.8 million, while imports of clothing and accessories increased by 31.2 per cent, amounting to \$110.6 million between January and May 2025.

In May 2025, imports of textiles and textile articles decreased by 4.3 per cent to \$217.6 million, while imports of clothing and accessories surged by 60.8 per cent year-on-year, reaching \$22.4 million.

In 2024, the island nation's garment exports totalled \$4,660.1 million, marking a 4.9 per cent increase. Sri Lanka also exported textiles worth \$294.5 million and other manufactured textile articles worth \$106.4 million during the year. The country imported textiles and textile articles valued at \$2,847.1 million and clothing and accessories worth \$225.8 million in 2024.

In 2023, Sri Lanka's garment exports were valued at \$4,440.6 million, a 19 per cent decrease from the \$5,483.1 million exported in 2022. Meanwhile, imports of textiles and textile articles fell by 22.6 per cent to \$2,371.2 million, and imports of clothing and accessories declined by 21.1 per cent to \$170 million.





Trade Update



Rethinking Textile's Future: Innovations in sustainable fibers and circularity

The textile industry is increasingly focusing on natural fibers and circularity, with new research and initiatives pointing towards a more sustainable future for fashion. Efforts are underway to redefine existing perceptions of fiber production and implement groundbreaking technologies for environmental responsibility.

Recalibrating cotton's water footprint

New global research from the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) challenges long-standing assumptions about cotton's water usage. The study, analysing cotton production data from 271 locations in 38 countries, reveals that cotton's irrigation water use is significantly lower than commonly believed. While cotton occupies approximately 2.92 per cent of the world's arable land, it accounts for only 2.76 per cent of total global agricultural irrigation water. The average irrigation water used globally for cotton production was found to be 2,346 liters per kg of lint. Importantly, the majority of the water used in cotton cultivation, around 74 per cent, originates from rainfall, not irrigation.

This revised understanding is attributed to methodological improvements and the widespread adoption of water-efficient irrigation systems like furrow, sprinkler/pivot, and drip irrigation, which have largely replaced traditional flood irrigation methods.

Advancing organic cotton and traceability

The Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA) has reached a milestone, with over 100,000 farmers enrolled in its Farm Programme for the 2024-25 cotton season. During the 2023-24 season, 82,264 farmers in India and Pakistan, including 35,070 in-conversion farmers, participated across 106,010 hectares, earning an average premium of 8 per cent above market price.

The program has grown its network to include 18 brands, 14 implementing partners, and 11 seed partners. By the end of the season, 92 per cent of available organic cotton produced under the program was procured at higher prices by participating brands.

A detailed life cycle assessment (LCA) of Indian cotton production, commissioned by the OCA and conducted by South Pole, provides new insights into the environmental performance of organic versus conventional cotton systems across India's major growing regions.

Organic systems performed better in almost every category, with the greatest relative improvements seen in hybrid and irrigated contexts. For instance, organic cotton under rainfed conditions showed a 35 per cent lower climate impact compared to conventional rainfed systems, while in irrigated contexts, the gap widened to 36 per cent, and in hybrid systems, it reached 62 per cent. These differences are primarily attributed to reduced fertilizer inputs and lower on-field emissions of nitrous oxide.

Source: fashionatingworld.com

International News

Recent Price Movement of Cotton - June 2025

- Cotton benchmarks were range-bound over the past month.
- With the nearby July NY/ICE futures contract heading into expiration, open interest has been shifting into the December contract. Prices for the December contract traded within a relatively tight range between 67 and 70 cents/lb over the past month.
- The A Index was steady between 77 and 79 cents/lb.
- The Chinese Cotton Index (CC Index 3128B) increased slightly in international terms, rising from 88 to 92 cents/ lb. In domestic terms, prices rose from 14,100 to 14,600 RMB/ton. The RMB strengthened from 7.25 to 7.18 RMB/ USD.
- Indian spot prices (Shankar-6 quality) drifted marginally lower, from 82 to 80 cents/lb from 14,100 to 14,600 RMB/ ton. In domestic terms, prices eased from 54,500 to 54,000 INR/candy. The INR was stable near 85 INR/USD.
- Pakistani spot prices stayed close to 72 cents/lb over the past month. In domestic terms, values held at 16,700 PKR/ maund. The PKR consistently traded around 282 PKR/USD.

Supply, Demand & Trade

Relative to last month, the latest USDA forecasts for 2025/26 suggest slightly lower global production (-800,000 bales, from 117.8 to 117 million) and slightly lower global consumption (-300,000 bales, from 118.1 to 117.8 million). The figure for world beginning stocks was reduced -1.2 million bales (to 77.3 million), and the net result for global ending stocks was a -1.6 million bale reduction (to 76.8 million bales).

The largest country-level changes for 2025/26 production projections were for India (-1 million bales to 23.5 million), the U.S. (-500,000 bales to 14 million), Pakistan (-300,000 bales to 5.2 million), and China (+1.0 million to 30 million). There was also a sizable reduction to the Indian production figure for 2024/25 (-1 million bales to 24 million).

For mill use, the largest changes were for India (-500,000 bales to 25.5 million), Turkey (-200,000 bales to 7.3 million), Bangladesh (-100,000 bales to 8.4 million), and Egypt (+400,000 to 1.2 million).

The global trade estimate for 2025/26 was unchanged monthover-month at 44.8 million bales. For imports, the largest changes were for China (-500,000 million bales to 6.5 million), Turkey (-200,000 bales to 4.8 million), Bangladesh (-100,000 bales to 8.4 million), Pakistan (+300,000 bales to 5.3 million), and Egypt (+400,000 1.1 million). For exports, the largest changes were for Australia (+100,000 bales to 5 million) and Brazil (+300,000 to 14.3 million). There was a sizable change to the 2024/25 export figure for the U.S. (+400,000 bales to 11.5 million).

Price Outlook

Among the developments in U.S. trade policy over the past month were two court rulings that questioned the legal authority for many of the tariff announcements made this year.





International News



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Both rulings were immediately appealed by the administration. While the appeal process has been underway, tariff rates were left unchanged at the levels in place when these rulings were made in late May. These rates are scheduled to remain in effect at least until July 31, when another set of court arguments will begin.

In the meantime, bilateral negotiations continue. The deadline for agreements for most countries is approaching (July 9), but the only deal that has been announced so far is with the UK. It is possible that other deals could include provisions involving purchases of U.S. exports (similar to the Phase One deal), potentially including cotton, but since no other agreements have been announced, no details are available. If deals are not reached by the deadline, the "reciprocal" tariffs that were announced on April 2 are threatened to go into effect.

While any eventual enduring set of U.S. trade policies remains unknown, they can be expected to have implications for global macroeconomic conditions as well as demand throughout supply chains. In updated figures released this week, the World Bank suggested global economic growth would be half a point lower than they were projecting at the start of the year (currently 2.3 percent for 2025) and forecast sluggish conditions could continue for at least the next couple years. Within supply chains, decision makers are having to gauge the evolving outlook for consumer spending while attempting to position orders against the volatile situation around tariff costs.

The latest available U.S. import data is for April, which was the first month that widespread tariff increases went into effect. Despite higher tariffs, there was not a significant pullback in the volume of apparel imports. In April, the weight volume of U.S. apparel imports, reflective of the amount of fiber being imported, was actually higher month-over-month in seasonally-adjusted terms (+5.6 percent for all fibers, +8.1 percent for estimated cotton content). This suggests retailers may have been pulling some orders forward. In future releases, data will reveal if there could be a corresponding pullback, but it will take several months for policy volatility to settle and then another couple months for data availability to catch up with policy developments.

While the demand outlook will remain clouded as long as trade policy is unsettled, the situation on the production side of the balance sheet is evolving. The largest year-over-year decrease in production had been forecast for China, where a retreat from last year's record yields was expected to result in a 3 million bale decline.

Early on, weather conditions have proven favorable again this year (for the 2025/26 crop) and the size of the decrease was already reduced by a million bales (2024/25 production was 32.0 million, current forecast for 2025/26 is 30.0 million). Along with ample domestic stocks, a larger Chinese harvest in 2025/26 could dampen Chinese import demand.

For global exportable supply, a key variable is the U.S. weather. West Texas has been getting moisture, but excessively wet conditions in states east of Texas have delayed and prevented some planting. A smaller U.S. crop implies lower global

exportable production, but the build in U.S. stocks in 2024/25 and the series of record Brazilian harvests could limit any concerns of scarcity.

Source: sourcingjournal.com

H&M, Nordic businesses seek suppliers in Vietnam

Swedish multinational fast fashion retailer H&M and other Nordic businesses will send a delegation to the Vietnam International Sourcing 2025, slated for early September in Ho Chi Minh City, to seek business partnerships.

H&M's first presence at the event and the participation of other Nordic companies affirm their growing interest and strong shift in finding supplies in Vietnam. This also opens up opportunities to enhance the position of Vietnam's export sector in the international market.

According to the Vietnam Trade Office in Sweden, this year, the office will accompany the Nordic business delegation to the event. The delegation will feature big names in the fields of retail, consumption, logistics and sustainable production.

Notably, the participation of H&M - one of the world's largest fashion corporations - is considered a special highlight, opening up many cooperation opportunities for Vietnamese businesses in the fashion, textiles and sustainable supply chains.

In 2023 and 2024, the Vietnam Trade Office in Sweden also organised Nordic business delegations to Vietnam with the participation of brands such as IKEA, Gothenburg Port, F&H, and Scanesia. They sought supply sources, surveyed Vietnamese businesses' situation and reached cooperation agreements with Vietnamese partners.

The 2025 Vietnam International Sourcing is expected to attract more than 500 exhibitors and over 300 international buyer delegations. Key industry groups to be displayed include food and beverages, consumer goods, furniture, fashion, raw materials and supporting industries. Beyond exhibition, there will be many sideline activities such as seminars, business-to business (B2B) trade connections, survey programmes, and factory and industrial park tours. They will focus on standards for exports to the European market, green transition, logistics and international branding.

Source: vietnamplus.vn

NEXT shuts down its only unionised factory in Sri Lanka after posting £1.08 bn. profit forecast

Joint statement from Free Trade Zones & General Service Employees Union, Clean Clothes Campaign, War on Want, and Labour Behind the Label in response to NEXT's closure of the Katunayake factory in Sri Lanka: While NEXT PLC celebrates another boost to its annual profit forecast - now expected to hit £1.08 billion this year - over 1,400 of its employees in Sri Lanka are facing a brutal reality: they've been sacked via WhatsApp.

On the 19th of May, just four days after NEXT's AGM approved shareholder dividends, the company abruptly shut down its only directly owned factory with a recognised trade union at NEXT Manufacturing Ltd (NML) Katunayake, without proper





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notice, without consultation, and in blatant violation of Sri Lankan labour law (Section 2 of the Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) Act) and the OECD tripartite declaration on Multinational Enterprises. The impacted employees, some of whom had worked at the factory for over 30 years, were informed of the decision via WhatsApp, and we have received reports that some were pressured to sign letters of resignation after the closure was announced as they were falsely informed that doing so would ensure their compensation package.

This facility in Katunayake is where workers, through union representation with the Free Trade Zones & General Services Employees Union (FTZ & GSEU), have secured safer and better working conditions, including better pay and a significant decline in instances of sexual harassment. It is also the only factory NEXT has chosen to close, despite operating two other non-unionised factories nearby. The implications are clear: this is union-busting dressed up as business strategy.

Since the announcement of the decision, NEXT has offered contradictory justifications for the closure - from "high production costs" to "declining orders" to "higher wages". As NML is a fully owned subsidiary of NEXT PLC, NEXT owns this Katunayake facility and therefore has significantly more control over production than is typical in the usual brand-supplier model, further calling these opaque excuses into question. The truth is simple: this is the only unionised factory with better wages for workers, and it's the only one being shut down.

The ramifications of this decision for the rights of workers in Sri Lanka's garment sector are huge. A UK company that feels able to disregard national laws and collective bargaining agreements is setting a dangerous precedent that organising for better conditions risks job losses — a message already being actively promoted by other employers — and that no matter how high

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the profits, fashion brands will never share that wealth with workers across its global supply chain, despite the motion at NEXT's recent AGM which saw a rebellion of shareholders vote for pay transparency.

The Free Trade Zones & General Service Employees Union, Clean Clothes Campaign, War on Want, and Labour Behind the Label are calling on journalists and ethical investors to ask:

- * Why is a billion-pound UK retailer, in its most profitable period ever, shutting down a factory where workers had successfully achieved better working conditions and pay through unionisation?
- * Why was the closure decision communicated by text message, without due process, legal notice, or dialogue?
- * What is the basis for NEXT's claim that this factory has been loss-making for four years, considering unionisation began four years ago? Why does a company still branding itself as "ethical" act in ways that violate both Sri Lankan law and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises?

We demand that NEXT immediately reverse the factory closure decision, consider any resignation letters null and void, and reinstate all employees with the same conditions and union recognition. NEXT is not just closing a building. They are closing off the possibility for fair, negotiated working conditions in its own supply chain and sending a clear message that despite reporting their highest

profits to date, they still refuse to pay their workers fairly. For a company that claims to value ethics, transparency, and responsibility - this is a moment of truth.

Source: Tecoya Trend





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Commercial Event to promote Indian Textiles and Garments Sector in Caracas



The Embassy of India in Caracas held a business event on 18 June 2025 to promote the Indian textiles and garments sector and explore ways to boost bilateral trade with Venezuela.

Key Participants

- Mr. Hendrick Perdomo, Vice Minister, Ministry of National Commerce
- Mr. Inder Romero, MP and Director of International Affairs, Portuguesa State
- Members of Chambers of Commerce and Venezuelan textile industry executives

Highlights

The event showcased India's strengths in textiles, including product range, pricing, and export



presence. Vice Minister Perdomo praised the Mission's efforts and stressed deeper commercial ties.

A recorded message from Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director of Texprocil, highlighted India's growth in Latin America and invited Venezuelan businesses to collaborate. Presentations from TEXPROCIL and the Apparel Export Promotion Council outlined market trends.

Mr. Manuel Marin, Director General of Algodones del Orinoco, shared his positive experience at Bharat Tex 2025 and encouraged participation in Bharat Tex 2026.

Interactive Session

Local businessmen raised questions on contacts with Indian firms, supply chains, tariffs, payments, and trade facilitation. All queries were addressed, and relevant contacts shared.

Outcomes

The event was well received by officials and industry leaders, facilitating engagement with Venezuelan companies importing Indian textiles and related products. The Mission strengthened local networks and received media coverage.

Conclusion

This event marked a renewed effort to enhance India-Venezuela textile trade, fostering dialogue and future partnerships. For inquiries, participants were encouraged to contact the Mission or Export Promotion Councils.







Special Feature



Kasturi Cotton Shines at CMAI Presentation

The Kasturi Cotton India initiative was prominently featured at the CMAI office on 3rd July 2025, where the team shared the brand's vision and recent achievements as India's premium cotton offering.



The event was attended by Shri Vijay Agarwal, Chairman – Kasturi Cotton India; Shri Sunil Patwari, Past Chairman; Shri Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL; and the Kasturi Cotton team.

Leaders underscored Kasturi Cotton's commitment to quality assurance, sustainability, and elevating the global profile of Indian cotton. They highlighted ongoing collaboration with industry stakeholders to establish Kasturi Cotton as a trusted, ethical, and high-value brand in both domestic and international markets.

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director of TEXPROCIL, delivered the main presentation, which sparked significant interest among CMAI members and led to engaging discussions on partnerships, sourcing, and brand integration. A productive Q&A session followed, with Shri Vijay Agarwal and Shri Sunil Patwari addressing queries from CMAI members.

For Indian apparel brands, Kasturi Cotton offers a compelling value promise: it ensures every bale is verifiable and traceable through blockchain technology, guaranteeing purity, Indian origin, and sustainable practices. Apparel brands benefit from reliable quality, enhanced fabric strength and vibrancy, and compliance with global supply chain regulations-helping them build consumer trust and premium positioning in both domestic and export markets.

Kasturi Cotton stands as a symbol of the future of Indian cottonpure, traceable, and distinctly Indian.





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Maharashtra govt launches hedging desk for cotton

In a bid to ensure fair market prices and increased income for farmers, the Maharashtra government has launched a hedging desk in Pune under the first phase of the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project.

This desk will initially focus on cotton among other crops. Over time, the initiative will be expanded to include more crops, a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said. With the support of the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) and its research wing NCDEX Institute Of Commodity Markets and Research (NICR), this initiative aims to help farmers avoid losses due to market price fluctuations, it said.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis described it as a major step forward for the development of the agriculture sector. Hedging, like a fence protecting a farm, safeguards farmers from the risks caused by price fluctuations in the market. Its main purpose is to reduce the risks arising from potential price drops in the future. Farmers can also benefit from options trading, which allows them to lock in favourable prices, the statement said.

Based on the recommendations by the World Bank and the project implementation framework, the hedging desk has been established to provide training and guidance to farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) on participating in the commodity futures market. Agriculture contributes 12 per cent to Maharashtra's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), yet crop production is still heavily dependent on nature.

Farmers often lack price control over their produce, despite successful harvests. To tackle this uncertainty, the government has supported them through policies, modern agricultural practices and crop insurance schemes.

Recognising the limited resources and market knowledge of individual farmers, the government has now set up a dedicated, centralized Agricultural Hedging Desk in Pune, it said.

The hedging desk will work with FPOs and Cluster-Based Business Organisations (CBBOs) to provide technical insights on commodity contracts and risk management strategies. Over 3,000 farmers will be trained in hedging tools and strategies.

The desk will provide real-time market intelligence on trends, supply-demand changes and global prices. It will also promote setting up storage centres near farms through FPOs. A risk management cell will analyse different risk types and formulate mitigation strategies. It will publish annual commodity price risk assessment reports for cotton, maize and turmeric, offering current insights, forecasts and policy recommendations. Awareness and training programmes on commodity derivatives will also be conducted.

Additionally, at least 50 FPOs involved in the production and marketing of cotton, maize and turmeric will be registered and facilitated to trade in the futures market. A formal agreement was signed on April 8, 2025, between NCDEX and the SMART Project for establishing this hedging desk. Special focus will be given to FPOs and farmers in regions cultivating cotton, turmeric and maize, particularly in Hingoli, Washim, Sangli,

Yavatmal, Akola, Nanded, Amravati, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Beed.

The project is headquartered in Pune, and operations have commenced across the state.

Hedging and options trading in selected agricultural commodities are expected to deliver significant benefits for Maharashtra's farmers. For instance, a farmer uncertain about future market prices at the time of sowing can lock in a price using options trading. This guarantees a minimum selling price, insulating them from market volatility, the statement said.

Ultimately, this helps farmers secure stable income, plan better financially, and feel more confident about investing in agriculture.

Source: Tecoya Trend

ICE cotton gains further on short covering amid trade deal prospects

ICE cotton futures continued to rise on Friday as easing trade tensions lifted market sentiment. Former President Trump's announcement of prospective trade deals with multiple countries encouraged speculators to cover their short positions. ICE cotton posted gains throughout the week, with only a few contracts dipping slightly on Monday.

The most active December 2025 contract on ICE settled at 69.32 cents per pound (0.453 kg), up 0.52 cent. The contract reached an intraday high of 69.52 cents, the highest level since April 25, marking a two-month high. It gained a total of 262 points, or 3.9 per cent, over the six sessions during the week. Other contracts gained between 18 and 66 points on Friday. On a weekly basis, cotton contracts posted gains ranging from 167 to 348 points.

Except for a slight dip on Monday in the expiring July and nearby October contracts, all cotton contracts ended higher each day this week.

Trading volume stood at 35,926 contracts, while the cleared volume for June 26 was 39,350 contracts. The average daily trading volume for the week was calculated at 40,958 contracts, indicating robust activity and interest in cotton futures.

According to ICE data, deliverable stock under the No. 2 cotton futures contract was 51,495 bales as of June 26, significantly down from 61,136 bales on the previous trading day, suggesting a tightening supply situation.

Market analysts said the US' announcement of its intent to reach trade agreements with multiple countries prompted speculators to cover short positions, contributing to the price rally.

A weakening US dollar during the session also supported cotton prices, as commodities priced in dollars become more affordable to international buyers when the greenback declines.

A spokesperson from China's Ministry of Commerce confirmed that China and the United States had finalised details under the China–US London Framework. As part of the agreement,





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China will review and approve export applications for controlled items according to its laws, and the US will cancel several restrictive measures against China-potentially boosting trade sentiment and cotton demand.

The easing of trade tensions between the US and China, one of the world's largest cotton consumers, is viewed as a positive fundamental factor for the global cotton market, further supporting this week's rally.

ICE cotton for December 2025 settled at 69.32 cents per pound (up 0.52 cent). Cash cotton was settled at 67.55 cents (up 0.66 cent), the July 2025 contract at 67.52 cents (up 0.45 cent), the October 2025 contract at 68.80 cents (up 0.66 cent), the March 2026 contract at 70.60 cents per pound (up 0.48 cent), and the May 2026 contract at 71.59 cents (up 0.43 cent).

Source: Fibre2Fashion

Rethinking Textile's Future: Innovations in sustainable fibers and circularity

The textile industry is increasingly focusing on natural fibers and circularity, with new research and initiatives pointing towards a more sustainable future for fashion. Efforts are underway to redefine existing perceptions of fiber production and implement groundbreaking technologies for environmental responsibility.

Recalibrating cotton's water footprint

New global research from the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) challenges long-standing assumptions about cotton's water usage. The study, analysing cotton production data from 271 locations in 38 countries, reveals that cotton's irrigation water use is significantly lower than commonly believed. While cotton occupies approximately 2.92 per cent of the world's arable land, it accounts for only 2.76 per cent of total global agricultural irrigation water. The average irrigation water used globally for cotton production was found to be 2,346 liters per kg of lint. Importantly, the majority of the water used in cotton cultivation, around 74 per cent, originates from rainfall, not irrigation.

This revised understanding is attributed to methodological improvements and the widespread adoption of waterefficient irrigation systems like furrow, sprinkler/pivot, and drip irrigation, which have largely replaced traditional flood irrigation methods.

Advancing organic cotton and traceability

The Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA) has reached a milestone, with over 100,000 farmers enrolled in its Farm Programme for the 2024-25 cotton season. During the 2023-24 season, 82,264 farmers in India and Pakistan, including 35,070 in-conversion farmers, participated across 106,010 hectares, earning an average premium of 8 per cent above market price.

The program has grown its network to include 18 brands, 14 implementing partners, and 11 seed partners. By the end of the season, 92 per cent of available organic cotton produced under

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the program was procured at higher prices by participating brands.

A detailed life cycle assessment (LCA) of Indian cotton production, commissioned by the OCA and conducted by South Pole, provides new insights into the environmental performance of organic versus conventional cotton systems across India's major growing regions.

Organic systems performed better in almost every category, with the greatest relative improvements seen in hybrid and irrigated contexts. For instance, organic cotton under rainfed conditions showed a 35 per cent lower climate impact compared to conventional rainfed systems, while in irrigated contexts, the gap widened to 36 per cent, and in hybrid systems, it reached 62 per cent. These differences are primarily attributed to reduced fertilizer inputs and lower on-field emissions of nitrous oxide.

Source: fashionatingworld.com

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal Showcases India's Strategic Economic Vision at India Global Forum 2025 in London

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal showcased India's strategic global outlook and economic leadership at the India Global Forum (IGF) 2025 in London today. His visit marks a significant moment following the historic signing of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in May 2025.

Delivering the keynote address at the IGF Mainstage Plenary Session titled "From Agreement to Action: The UK-India FTA," the Union Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to transitioning the FTA from a negotiated text into a transformative economic partnership. He was joined in conversation by the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Mr. Jonathan Reynolds, with moderation by international journalist Mr. Mark Barton.

Union Minister Shri Goyal described the FTA as a reflection of shared ambition between two vibrant democracies. He stated that the agreement not only enhances bilateral trade, but also demonstrates India's ability to negotiate balanced and futureoriented trade frameworks aligned with its national interests.

Outlining the next phase of implementation, Shri Goyal highlighted key priorities such as strengthening institutional mechanisms for joint governance, unlocking early benefits for SMEs and startups, and facilitating smooth mobility of skilled professionals across sectors.

On June 19th, the Union Minister participated in a special session on "UK-India Science, Technology and Innovation Collaboration" at the Science Museum in London. The session explored opportunities for UK stakeholders to contribute to India's expanding investments in digital public infrastructure, sustainable manufacturing, and green technologies. Discussions also covered efforts to make India a global manufacturing hub through Make in India, PLI schemes, and enhancing collaboration in sectors such as fintech, artificial intelligence,





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and creative industries.

The Free Trade Agreement's role in deepening cooperation in critical technologies, defence production, and advanced manufacturing was also highlighted. The session further examined how innovations like UPI and CoWIN can be scaled globally through bilateral collaboration.

The Minister's participation underscores India's continued commitment to strengthening its comprehensive strategic partnership with the United Kingdom. By leveraging the India–UK FTA, both nations aim to unlock new avenues in goods, services, technology, and innovation for shared prosperity.

Source: pib.gov.in

India's trade with GCC in focus amid Iran-Israel ongoing conflict

Amid the ongoing Iran-Israel conflict, traders are worried that conflict will result in disruption and escalate freight costs. Trade with West Asian nations is crucial for India, considering that nearly two-thirds of its import of crude oil and half its inbound shipment of liquefied natural gas pass through the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran has now threatened to close. India's trade with West Asia is crucial, considering that apart from Russia, it imports crude oil from Iraq, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia. Among the West Asian nations, the majority of India's trade is with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. However, among the others, the value of trade is limited.

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India's trade with some West Asian nations in FY25 (\$ bn)

Countries	Exports	Change %	Imports	Change %,	Trade balance
Iran	1.24	1.5	0.44	-293	0.8
Iraq	3.27	-2.4	28.89	-3.6	-25.62
Israel	2.14	-52.6	1.61	-19.6	0.53
Yemen	0.85	-23	0.15	-18.8	0.7
GCC*	56.87	0.9	121.69	153	-64.82

*Gulf Cooperation Council countries LAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar, Source: Department of Commerce

Source: business-standard.com

India becomes go-to apparel hub as buyers ditch China, Bangladesh

Pune: India's apparel exports continued to grow in double digits, clocking a 11.3% on-year rise in May, showed data compiled by industry body Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI). Exports are getting a boost with buyers in the West increasingly sharpening their focus on India as a reliable apparel sourcing alternative to Bangladesh and China.

Apparel exports accelerated to grow in double digits due to political uncertainties caused by the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh last August. Exports surged

by 17.3% in September, and further by 24.35% in October.

Many buyers from developed nations are pushing Indian suppliers to expand capacities and get requisite certifications, as the country will get a duty differential advantage over China due to the reciprocal tariffs imposed by the Donald Trump administration.

The export surge is a welcome relief for India's apparel industry which faced two straight years of weakness after the pandemic.

"There was a fall in India's apparel exports after Covid, as consumers bought fewer newer clothes due to excess purchases made during the Covid period. There was a period of stagnation or degrowth for about two years post Covid," said Sanjay K Jain, chairman, National Textile Committee, Indian Chamber of Commerce. The industry started seeing green shoots of recovery following the regime change in Bangladesh and political turbulence.

Industry leaders said as apparel supplies are a continuous process, buyers do not prefer uncertainties in the supply chain.

Unlike their Indian counterparts, apparel manufacturers in Bangladesh have huge capacities which can cater to bulk orders within a short period.

The Indian industry expects the export momentum to sustain due to the duty differential advantage over China. "There is a big window of opportunity for Indian apparel exporters. The \$120 billion US market is the biggest opportunity. All we need is to get the raw material at competitive rates," said Jain.

India has a \$10 billion share of the US market, compared to China's \$30 billion.

Even as apparel exports continue to gather pace, imports of raw cotton are also increasing as domestic cotton prices are trending higher than international prices. India's cotton imports in 2024-25 are estimated to be more than double that of the previous year.

According to the Cotton Association of India, the country is expected to have imported 3.3 million bales of 170 kilograms of cotton each in 2024-25, up from 1.52 million bales in the previous year.

Source: economictimes.com

CCI buys 100 lakh bales cotton at minimum support price

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has purchased close to 100 lakh bales at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) from farmers in the current cotton season and has sold 35 lakh bales in the market.

Lalit Kumar Gupta, the CCI chairman and Managing Director, told The Hindu on Tuesday (June 17, 2025) that the CCI opened more than 500 centres in the cotton-growing areas since the beginning of the season in October 2024.

"The demand for cotton is not much from the textile mills, and if the current market situation persists, the CCI may purchase more cotton at MSP next season," he said.





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Official sources said the outgo for CCI this year for the MSP operations was `37,500 crores. With 8 % increase in the MSP for the next cotton season (October 2025-September 2026), the outgo will be higher if the CCI buys more cotton from the farmers at MSP.

Meanwhile, cotton imports saw a 133 % jump last month compared with last May and a 131 % increase in value in April-May 2025 compared with the same period last year.

Nishant Asher, secretary of the Indian Cotton Federation, said International cotton is almost 8 % cheaper than Indian cotton. With the 11% import duty, Indian spinners are getting cotton from other countries at 1%-2% lower prices. However, they are unable to compete in the international market. The import duty is a major deterrent for the competitiveness of the Indian textile industry, he said.

Source: thehindu.com

Centre approves Rs 1,900 crore plan for PM MITRA park in Virudhunagar

In a significant boost to the state government's ambition to cement its position as India's textile powerhouse, Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh on Tuesday announced the approval of a Rs 1,894-crore development plan for the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park coming up in Virudhunagar district.

The 1,052-acre site will host a next-generation textile manufacturing ecosystem focused on technical textiles and integrated processing units. It is one of seven PM MITRA parks

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being developed nationwide under the centre's flagships scheme aimed at catalysing India's textiles sector with world-class infrastructure, policy support and investment incentives.

The project, which was formalised in 2023, is the outcome of prolonged negotiations between Chief Minister M K Stalin's administration and Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh. State Industries Minister T R B Rajaa termed the approval as a big boost for TN's textile sector and called it "a result of relentless follow-up and collaboration".

Works are targeted for completion by September 2026, with the state government projecting Rs 10,000 crore in investments and creation of one lakh jobs. "TN is already India's top textile exporter, and now we're scaling up with ambition," said Rajaa.

Planned features include a 15-MLD common effluent treatment plant with zero liquid discharge, a 5-MLD sewage treatment plant, 10,000-bed worker accommodation and 1.3 million sq ft of plug-and-play and built-to-suit factory space.

Tamil Nadu joins six other states - Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh - chosen to host PM MITRA parks.

Source:newindiaexpress



Quick Estimates for Textiles & Clothing (April-May 2025)



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QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXILES & CLOTHING (APRIL - MAY 25)								
Exports (Million USD)	MAY'24	MAY'25	% Change	APR'24- MAY'24	APR'25- MAY'25	% Change		
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	1,010	967	-4.29%	1,957	1,930	-1.39%		
Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ made-ups etc.	414	409	-1.05%	782	793	1.41%		
RMG of all Textiles	1,357	1,512	11.35%	2,556	2,883	12.80%		
Jute Mfg. Floor Covering	29	32	9.51%	56	60	7.12%		
Carpet	131	132	1.01%	242	247	2.07%		
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	149	145	-2.21%	274	268	-2.12%		
Textiles	1,732	1,685	-2.71%	3,311	3,298	-0.39%		
Apparel	1,357	1,512	11.35%	2,556	2,883	12.80%		
Textiles & Apparel	3,089	3,197	3.47%	5,866	6,181	5.36%		
All Commodities	39,591	38,730	-2.17%	74,895	77,192	3.07%		
% Share of T&C in Total Exports	7.80%	8.25%		7.83%	8.01%			

Imports (Million USD)	MAY'24	MAY'25	% Change	APR'24- MAY'24	APR'25- MAY'25	% Change
Cotton Raw & Waste	44	102	133.14%	82	189	131.30%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	186	221	18.68%	348	414	18.92%

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 have declined by (-) 4.29% in May 2025 over May 2024.
- During Apr May'25, Indian cotton yarn/fabrics/made-ups, handloom products have declined by (-) 1.39%.
- During May'25, Indian Textiles Exports declined by (-) 2.71% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 11.35% during the same time period.
- Cumulative Exports of Textiles and Apparel during May'25 have registered a growth of 3.47% over May'24
- During Apr-May'25, Indian Textiles Exports have declined by (-) 0.39% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 12.80% during the same time period. Overall T&A registered a growth of 5.36% during Apr-May'25.







Expert Speaks



Relook - Review - Revamp our Cotton and Textile Supply Chain



Mr. Suresh Kotak has been a guiding force in India's cotton and textile sector for over six and a half decades. He has contributed significantly to the fields of agriculture research, commerce, economics, and education. His deep-rooted involvement with commodity associations, national and international chambers of commerce, NGOs, and academic institutions has positioned him as a thought leader in the industry. Mr. Kotak has frequently represented the Government of India at the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC-a premier inter-governmental body for cottonand continues to serve as an institutional representative to the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF), the apex global organization for textiles. His enduring mission is to elevate India to global leadership in cotton and textiles, driven by scientific innovation, sustainable practices, and farmer empowerment.

In this insightful article, Mr. Suresh Kotak shares his candid views on the pressing need to go beyond temporary fixes and address the core challenges weakening India's cotton economy. He outlines a structured, science-led, and farmer-centric roadmap to revamp the cotton supply chain, revive productivity, and reclaim India's global competitiveness in textiles.

There is a glaring fact dangling before us that we have been losing competitive position in our coveted textile industry.

We need to relook from Roots to Shoots, Why and how we are losing the competitive position in textiles?

RELOOK

The root of our enfeeblement starts from Cotton. It has been the most declared point all around that our productivity has remained stagnant since decades. From the cost benefit ratio this becomes detrimental to the farmers, who have to grapple with the increasing cost of all the inputs plus the high-cost escalation in picking up Kapas from the field.

The cost spiral is being compensated to major extend by rise in Minimum Support Price (MSP) which levels up Cotton to higher and higher level. Thus, we have entered into a vicious circle of cascading Cost Escalations and resultant non-competitiveness.

Against our stagnant productivity the cotton in other countries get high volume output to farmers in other countries, who are deploying modern methods, technologies including bio technologies and crop preservation methods.

We have now become aware of all these and hence we are have also just started with High Density Planting (HDP). However, there are many inputs cost and methodologies which needs improvement.

Further, our Ginning practices needs to be improved totally, so that we do not suffer from adulteration and contamination.

Today the cotton stock is available with only Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), who has to bear the carrying cost and take a very heavy load of marketing. The free availability of competitive cotton is not there.

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Today, Indian cotton is about 7-10% higher than other cotton's, this renders our industry uncompetitive. Added to that phenomenon we have put cotton import restrictions. All these gives a wrong kind of encirclement of problems. So, the basic solution is to relook cotton with cost benefit angle. The remedial measures could be in various directions, so that our productivity improves, which can benefit the farmers and the Government may not have stringently raise the MSP.

REVAMP

I am glad that process of revamp has started with Three Technology Mission in offing and also creation of Kasturi Brand.

If we are able to develop the brand culture which gets ingested at level of Ginning and even at Farmers, then lots of good developments could take place.

Culturally, we have to realize that cotton is very beneficial to our nation's total prosperity as it has played pivotal role in exports, job creation and clothing our people.



Over and above, cotton is a bi component product and a matter of fact, we have not taken the full advantage of backward economics of cotton growing through better productivity. The exploration of cotton extensive potential creates a composite economic impact as it can also serve Feed-Fodder and Energy material.





Relook - Review - Revamp our Cotton and Textile Supply Chain



Expert Speaks

Indian scientists have worked out some innovations out of cottons residue which can create industry and employment but we are all overlooking our own scientific researches. CIRCOT has 45-50 cotton products patented lying uncommercialized.

There are so many points on which we have to work and explore as listed below.

 Comprehensive Utilization of Cotton: Every part of the cotton plant is valuable. Linters, husks, oil cakes, and stems are all repurposed for different uses. For instance, oil cakes from cotton mills are emerging as alternatives to soybean extraction.

- Environmental Benefits of Cotton: Cotton exhibits unique environmental characteristics, containing approximately 42% carbon, which enables it to store 1540 kg CO2 equivalent per 1000 kg of fiber.
- Exceptional Cellulosic Properties: Cotton ranks among the highest alpha cellulosic fibers due to its rich cellulose content. This characteristic opens avenues for numerous applications currently under intense research, with India leading in this domain.

Conclusion

I have touched only the fringes of our grim cotton situation but what we have to do is realize that we have to rapidly adopt various modern technologies to improve our yields and take advantage of this most sustainable natural fiber and strengthen our supply chain.

I have also admired that our No.3 of Technology Mission considers alternate natural fibers is a leap frog and can give us wonderful results to achieve and win our position as an innovative excellent textile nation.

Recently there has been revolutionary benefit in rice productivity and production can be improved very well, through technology called Genediting.

My recent interaction with Cotton scientist is suggestive that they also stated thinking in terms of this bio technological solution of Genediting.

My urge is to realize that natural fibers with prominence of cotton could be one of most potent and dynamic proponents for our textile excellence. Let us create "self-help" culture emulating Japan's progress through Regional Join Productivity Council of Farmers.

Our Government is proactive and will always extend their hand but we have to unifiedly present our cases, concerns and pain points, which are obstructive to our supply chain in totality advocacy papers as an act of unison.

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RBI's notification on Pre-payment Charges on Loans (2025)

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued Notification No. RBI/2025-26/64 dated 02/07/2025, introducing the Reserve Bank of India (Pre-payment Charges on Loans) Directions, 2025.

These new guidelines aim to promote transparency and borrower flexibility. Under the directives, Banks and other lenders are no longer allowed to charge pre-payment penalties on floating rate loans taken by individuals for non-business purposes, including loans taken by MSEs for business purposes.

This rule applies to new or renewed loans from January 1, 2026, and covers all commercial banks (except payment banks), co-operative banks, NBFCs and financial institutions.

The RBI issued these directions to ensure fair practices, allow borrowers to switch lenders easily, and stop lenders from including restrictive clauses in loan agreements.

It creates a clear and unified policy, replacing older circulars on the same topic.





Policy Updates



Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Highlights Key Policy Measures to Promote Export-led Growth at Exim Bank's Trade Conclave

Export Import Bank of India (EXIM) hosted the Trade Conclave 2025 on 24th June 2025, in a significant move to build exportled growth for Viksit Bharat.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs highlighted that Exim Bank's Trade Assistance Programme (TAP) is a first-of-its kind trade facilitation initiative in India, which is enabling Indian exporters to access high-risk markets by bridging the financing gaps. The Minister highlighted that since TAP's introduction in 2022, Exim Bank has established partnerships with over 100 overseas banks, facilitating over 1,100 export transactions across 51 countries.

The Finance Minister outlined major steps taken by the Government to empower Indian exporters and foster exportled growth. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said that there has been significant investments in transport and logistics, which is improving supply chain efficiency and global competitiveness.

The Union Minister also mentioned that MSMEs are being supported through key initiatives such as revision in definition of MSMEs, Udyam registration, revamp of Credit Guarantee Schemes, TReDS, and Exim Bank's Ubharte Sitaare Programme.

There is a focus on enhancing access to trade finance through platforms like ITFS and Exim Bank's subsidiary in GIFT City, Exim Finserve, which is offering export factoring, the Minister added.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman also said that cluster development for trade is being pursued under the Districts as Export Hubs initiative, enabling exporters to operate beyond SEZs and directly from their local districts.

India is actively negotiating FTAs with several geographies, with the agreement with the European Union and USA also close to finalisation, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said. The Finance Minister also highlighted the role of Production-linked incentive scheme, with exports catalysed through the scheme exceeding `5.3 lakh crore.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State for Finance, highlighted the growing competitiveness of Indian exporters and measures undertaken by the Government of India for enhancing credit flow for Indian enterprises, particularly for MSMEs.

In his address, Shri. M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, highlighted that the financial system is firmly positioned to drive sustained economic growth and trade in Viksit Bharat.

The key milestones achieved under Exim Bank's Trade Assistance Programme (TAP) were highlighted during the Conclave.

During the event, the Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated Exim Bank's new offices in Lucknow, Indore and São Paulo, Brazil, in the presence of Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State for Finance and Shri M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. These offices will play a key role in supporting existing and aspiring exporters, and facilitating access to new markets.

During the Conclave, Ms. Harsha Bangari, Managing Director, Exim Bank noted that support provided by the Bank has been a key enabler for Indian companies to scale up export capacities, move up the value chain and undertake complex project exports across various geographies.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented sanction letters to select SMEs being supported under the Ubharte Sitaare Programme. Exim Bank also exchanged a technical assistance agreement with IIT Kanpur for supporting high-potential startups.

Minister of State for Finance, Shri Pankaj Chaudhary also released Exim Bank's research publications titled 'India's Need to Secure Critical Minerals for Energy Transition', 'India's Defence Equipment Industry: Exploring New Frontiers' and 'Textile & Allied Products Trade under ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement: Value Chain Analysis'. These studies offer insights on the recent dynamics in these sectors and outline strategies to enhance their export competitiveness.

This event was attended physically and virtually by over 200 participants from the Indian industry, heads of banking/financial institutions, exporters, export promotion councils, and academia.

Source: https://www.pib.gov.in/





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) DGFT Relaxes QCO Norms for Textile Imports under Advance Authorisation

DGFT has issued **Notification No. 20/2025-26 dated 23.06.2025**, providing **relief to textile exporters** under Advance Authorisation, EOU, and SEZ schemes.

Key Update:

The earlier requirement to complete **export obligation (EO) within 180 days** for exemption from QCOs has been **removed for textile products**. This 180-day condition will now **only apply to chemical products** notified by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC).

Impact:

- Textile exporters now have more time to fulfil EO.
- Chemical importers must still meet the 180-day deadline.

This is a welcome step to ease exports. Members may kindly take note.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1751092984-Eserve-117 of 2025.pdf

B) Cabinet Approves ELI Scheme to Boost Jobs & Social Security

- Goal: Create 3.5 crore jobs over 2 years with a total outlay of `99,446 crore.
- Focus: All sectors, especially manufacturing, and first-time employees.

Key Features:

- For First-Time Employees (Part A):
 - One month's wage (up to ₹15,000) in 2 installments via DBT.
 - Applicable to employees earning up to ₹1 lakh/month.
 - Second installment linked to 12 months' service + financial literacy program.
 - Covers 1.92 crore youth entering workforce for the first time.
- For Employers (Part B):
 - Incentive for each additional employee (salary up to `1 lakh) hired and retained for 6+ months.
 - Support of ₹1,000 ₹3,000/month per additional job, based on wage slab.

- Extended support for 4 years for manufacturing sector.
- Eligibility: Must add 2 employees (if <50 staff) or 5 employees (if ≥50 staff).

Impact:

- Covers jobs created between 1st Aug 2025 31st July 2027.
- Encourages formal employment, social security, and youth participation in the workforce.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/ibtexnewsclipping/1751436582-IBTEX02072025.pdf

C) Import from Bangladesh shall not be allowed from any land port on India-Bangladesh Border; Allowed only through Nhava Sheva Seaport

The Government of India has imposed port-specific restrictions on the import of certain goods from Bangladesh vide Notification No. 21/2025-26 date 27th June 2025

inpacted Goods:

- 1. Flax Tow & Waste
- 2. Jute & Bast Fibers
- 3. Single Flax Yarn
- Jute Yarn & Fabrics
- 5. Woven Flax Fabrics
- 6. Unbleached Jute Fabrics New Import Rules:

Not Allowed: Through any Land Ports on the India-Bangladesh Border.

Allowed Only: Via Nhava Sheva Seaport.

- Transit Exception:
- ✓ Shipments transiting to Nepal / Bhutan are permitted.
- Re-export to India from these countries is strictly prohibited.

Effective: Immediately!

Link of the Circular: https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/





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 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
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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	Discoun	ted 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



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.













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