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Dear Reader,

The USD 800 billion global textile industry is undergoing a structural transformation driven by shifting production bases, changing consumer preferences, and stronger sustainability mandates. Countries that integrate manufacturing, scale up value-added and technical textiles, and align with global ESG standards are emerging as the most competitive players.

Recent trade data indicates that India's textile exports are expanding at a moderate pace, led largely by apparel, while the textile segment remains under pressure. However, the sector continues to face headwinds from sluggish global demand, supply-chain disruptions, and rising input costs. Increasingly, compliance with ethical labour practices, transparency, and environmental standards is becoming a prerequisite for global market access—underscoring the need for Indian exporters to prioritise innovation, digitalisation, and sustainability as core pillars of long-term growth.

On the international front, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita, undertook an official three-day visit to Russia, reaffirming India's commitment to expanding cooperation with the Russian textile industry in trade, technology, and manpower development. The Minister also interacted with Indian textile workers in Russia and inaugurated the "Best of India – Indian Apparel and Textile Fair" in Moscow from October 1–3. A detailed account of the visit appears in the Trade Promotion section of this edition.

In its continuing efforts to strengthen member engagement, the Council facilitated participation in an E-Meet organised by Texzone Information Services, the organisers of HGH India—India's leading trade show for home products and sleep solutions. The initiative aimed to create greater

awareness about India's strength in the home furnishings sector and to connect exporters with new domestic and global opportunities.

The Trade Update section of this Newsletter provides the latest export statistics for cotton textiles covering the period April 2024 to July 2025, reflecting the sector's performance trajectory.

As the designated implementing agency for Kasturi Cotton Bharat, the Council continued its extensive promotional and capacity-building initiatives during the month.

A key highlight was the Council's participation in the High-level Workshop on "Enhancing Cotton Value Chain Development by Focusing on Quality, Productivity, Production, and Market Access", held at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Nagpur, on 11 October 2025, organised by SMART, MITRA, and VSTF. The workshop brought together over 150 stakeholders from across the cotton ecosystem, including policymakers, researchers, and industry representatives.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Maharashtra, Adv. Ashish Jaiswal, who graced the event as Chief Guest, was presented with TEXPROCIL's 70th Year Souvenir and Cotton T-shirts made with Kasturi Cotton, symbolising India's commitment to quality, sustainability, and traceability.

The Council also organised a Ginning Training Programme (GTP) at Hotel Grand Gayatri, Warangal (Telangana) in association with the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) on World Cotton Day, focusing on quality management, sustainable ginning practices, and capacity-building for ginners.

Further, the Council spearheaded promotions at a special event themed "Kasturi Cotton Bharat – India's Pride in the Global Cotton Economy", held at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management (SVPISTM), Coimbatore, to mark World Cotton Day. The event celebrated India's leadership in sustainable cotton cultivation, quality enhancement, and value addition, reaffirming Kasturi Cotton Bharat's status as a globally recognised symbol of purity, traceability, and premium quality.

Additionally, a three-day training programme for ginners on "Cotton - Quality Assessment & Marketing in the Present Scenario", organised by the Cotton Association of India (CAI) in Mumbai, focused on fibre quality improvement, grading techniques, and market competitiveness, contributing to the larger goal of enhancing India's cotton value chain efficiency and global standing.

These outreach programmes collectively aimed to strengthen India's premium cotton identity and promote sustainability across the value chain. A detailed summary of these initiatives

is featured in the special section on Kasturi Cotton in this edition.

On the policy front, the Ministry of Textiles introduced amendments to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, which became effective immediately upon notification. The Council appreciates the Ministry of Textiles, Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and DGFT for issuing revised guidelines for reconciliation of export and import entries, effective 1 October 2025, simplifying compliance for small and e-commerce exporters.

The 'Policy Talks' section of this edition summarises recent government notifications and clarifications under the Foreign Trade Policy, export incentive frameworks, and taxation-related measures impacting the textile sector.

We hope you find this edition of the TEXPROCIL E-Newsletter informative and insightful. We welcome your valuable feedback and invite contributions in the form of short analytical articles, industry perspectives, or trade insights relevant to the textile and apparel value chain.

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Chairman's Page



Vijay Agarwal
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Dear Members,

The global textile industry in 2025 continues to operate in a challenging environment marked by macroeconomic volatility, inflationary pressures, and evolving consumer behaviour. Weak demand in major markets, coupled with geopolitical tensions, has disrupted supply chains and dampened trade sentiment. Rising input costs — particularly in raw materials, energy, and logistics — have eroded margins, while sustainability compliance and traceability requirements have increased operational complexity.

The industry is undergoing a rapid technological transformation, with digitalisation, automation, and circular production becoming central to long-term competitiveness. Yet, adoption remains uneven, particularly among small and medium enterprises. In addition, labour shortages and skill gaps persist across key textile clusters globally. Amidst these headwinds, the sector must focus on innovation, efficiency, and sustainability to sustain growth and retain relevance in global value chains.

Addressing the Structural Gaps

At the Council, a concerted effort is being formalised to sensitise the Government to the structural gaps and inefficiencies observed across the textile value chain. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Structural Reforms, I am privileged to lead the preparation of a comprehensive report that will present actionable measures to foster global competitiveness and sustainable growth.

The Committee comprises the Council's Executive Director as Member Secretary, along with distinguished industry leaders and representatives from other Export Promotion Councils as honorary Members. The report aims to identify specific reform areas across fibre, fabric, processing, technology, finance, and logistics that can enhance integration, productivity, and scale.

I take this opportunity to invite the industry and trade fraternity to share their valuable insights and recommendations. These inputs will be instrumental in shaping a credible

reform roadmap that reflects on-ground realities and aligns with India's long-term vision to build a resilient, technology-driven, and globally competitive textile ecosystem.

Indo-US Trade Talks

On the trade front, India and the United States are working towards a comprehensive bilateral trade agreement aimed at enhancing commerce, diversifying exports, and strengthening supply chain resilience. While there is notable progress, both sides are carefully addressing structural sensitivities to ensure that the eventual framework is mutually beneficial and inclusive. A balanced approach will be critical to securing durable gains for the Indian textile and apparel industry.

Ministerial Visit to Russia

Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita, undertook a three-day visit to Russia in October 2025, underscoring India's commitment to expanding textile cooperation with strategic partners. During the visit, he expressed

India's intent to deepen engagement with the Russian textile and apparel industry, covering trade, technology collaboration, and skilled manpower exchange. The Minister also interacted with Indian textile workers in Russia and inaugurated the "Best of India – Indian Apparel and Textile Fair" in Moscow from October 1–3, which showcased India's diverse range of fabrics, home textiles, and apparel to Russian buyers and distributors.

Trade Data

Trade data for April–September 2025 indicates a marginal decline of (-) 2.57% in cotton textile exports, while apparel exports grew by 3.42%, demonstrating resilience in the garmenting segment.

During September 2025, textile exports declined by (-) 10.45% and apparel exports by (-) 10.14% year-on-year, reflecting sluggish global demand and inventory corrections.

Cumulatively, during April–September 2025, textile exports fell by (-) 1.85%, while apparel exports recorded 3.42% growth, resulting in an overall T&A



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growth of 0.39% - signalling modest recovery despite headwinds.

Trade Promotion

The Council continued its efforts to strengthen market outreach and member engagement. It facilitated member participation in the E-Meet organised by Texzone Information Services, in collaboration with HGH India — India's leading trade show for home products — and World of Sleep, the country's first consumer-oriented exhibition on sleep solutions. These initiatives were aimed at highlighting India's growing strength in the home furnishings and lifestyle textile segments, and at promoting greater visibility for Indian brands in emerging global categories.

Policy Advocacy

The Ministry of Textiles has introduced amendments to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, effective immediately upon notification. The revised framework has added eight new HSN codes for MMF apparel and nine new HSN codes for MMF fabrics, expanding eligibility and encouraging diversification. Furthermore, the deadline for new PLI applications has been extended until 31 December 2025, allowing additional time for industry participation.

The Council appreciates the constructive approach of the Ministry of Textiles, RBI, Ministry of Commerce & Industry,

and DGFT for positively considering the Council's representations - particularly those related to easing compliance and providing procedural relaxations for MSMEs and e-commerce exporters.

Kasturi Cotton Bharat Promotions

Under the national branding initiative Kasturi Cotton Bharat, the Council actively promoted India's premium cotton identity through strategic outreach and awareness campaigns. I sincerely appeal to all our members to join us in promoting "Kasturi Cotton" brand among all users across the value chain.

The Council participated in the High-Level Workshop on "Enhancing Cotton Value Chain Development by Focusing on Quality, Productivity, Production, and Market Access" at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur on 11 October 2025, organised by SMART, MITRA, and VSTF. On this occasion, the Council presented Kasturi Cotton T-shirts and TEXPROCIL's 70th Year Souvenir to Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Maharashtra, Adv. Ashish Jaiswal, in the presence of over 150 stakeholders from the cotton value chain.

To mark World Cotton Day, the Council also participated in a special event organised by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management (SVPISTM) in Coimbatore, celebrating India's achievements in the

cotton sector and promoting awareness of sustainability, value addition, and traceability under the Kasturi Cotton Bharat programme.

Way Forward

The path ahead for India's cotton textile industry lies in fostering sustainable cultivation, cleaner production practices, and value-added innovation. Future competitiveness will depend on the widespread adoption of organic and improved cotton varieties, efficient water management, and reduced chemical dependency. Strengthening branding, promoting circular fashion, and expanding into niche and premium global markets will enhance India's market positioning.

With consumers and regulators worldwide prioritising sustainability, India must accelerate international collaboration, fair trade practices, and skill development to meet evolving standards. The Council remains committed to supporting these objectives - by intensifying market outreach, fostering global partnerships, and expanding the adoption of Kasturi Cotton Bharat across the textile value chain.

Together, let us reaffirm India's leadership in global textiles - anchored in quality, innovation, and trust.

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Farm to Fabric: Building Transparent Cotton Value Chains



Experts Speak



Mr. Kinner Lakhani
COO & CFO at Cotton Connect



CottonConnect is a pioneering social enterprise committed to creating transparent, traceable, and resilient supply chains for cotton and other textile crops. Since 2009, it has empowered global brands to source responsibly by transforming farming and production practices. Through innovative farmer training, best-practice standards, and digital tools like TraceBale, CottonConnect delivers sustainable, locally tailored solutions. Operating in key regions such as India, China, Bangladesh, Egypt, and Türkiye, it collaborates with diverse stakeholders to strengthen supply chains and promote human rights. The organization's regenerative approach safeguards nature and restores ecosystems. Ultimately, CottonConnect enables brands to meet their ESG goals while uplifting rural communities and improving livelihoods.

Farm to Fabric: Building Transparent Cotton Value Chains

The global landscape is undergoing a profound shift toward greater transparency, accountability, and sustainability, making supply chain traceability a strategic imperative for apparel brands. For major cotton-producing nations like India, which is a key market for stakeholder relationships and essential collaboration with farmers, ginners, and suppliers, robust traceability is critical for enhancing global confidence.

Traceability is not merely a regulatory checkbox; it is the bedrock of responsible business. Unethical practices thrive when they operate at a distance, unknown to the end-user, but traceability ensures every stage of the supply chain is understood. By investing in strong systems, companies can navigate regulatory changes, mitigate risks, and build long-term resilience and trust with consumers and suppliers. Traceability directly supports meeting increasingly stringent global regulations and ensures ethical sourcing.

Digital tools are transforming this complex task. CottonConnect, a company established in 2010 on a mission to re-imagine the supply chains to be more sustainable, inclusive, and transparent, utilizes its proprietary platform, TraceBale. TraceBale is a digital traceability platform that tracks cotton and raw materials at key stages, greatly enhancing supply chain transparency. These systems utilize digital tools like QR codes for farmers and unique batch IDs to maintain a secure chain of custody from farm groups to the ginner. Data integrity is paramount and is ensured through robust systems that combine standardized protocols, GIS mapping to geo-tag farm locations, and independent verification, including regular second-party and third-party checks.

Blending digital tools with physical traceability, such as applying DNA markers to lint cotton during ginning, introduces an additional layer of credibility that is nearly impossible to alter. Furthermore, advanced scientific methods, like analyzing cotton's unique geochemical composition—a natural "origin fingerprint"—provide reliable, court-admissible data to support origin claims.

These comprehensive traceability architectures deliver real-time, verifiable data that creates a foundation of trust between stakeholders. By providing full visibility, traceability empowers brands to proactively combat greenwashing and ensures that materials do not originate from regions linked to unethical practices. Genuine supply chain transparency is possible, and it is how the sector can be transformed to inspire more ethical and future-ready practices.



Trade Promotion



Indian Textile Industry in Russia

MoS Margherita lays foundation for textile exports, discusses jobs for Indians during Russia visit

India is actively exploring the possibility of increasing its textile exports to Russia, and possibly to other CIS countries, as it understandably intensifies its diversification efforts.

On an official three-day visit to Russia this week, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita, underlined India's intent to deepen engagement with the Russian textile industry across trade, technology, and manpower, among others.

India currently exports textiles worth USD 37.4 billion, and the government is aiming for a threefold increase by 2030. "We are trying to diversify our markets and also exploring new markets," the minister told ANI over the phone after concluding his three-day visit.

Russia imports about USD 12 billion worth of textiles from global markets annually, and India's share is negligible.

During his visit, Margherita met Russian Deputy Ministers for Trade and Commerce and held high-level talks focused on future collaboration.

We discussed the way forward in deepening our cooperation in the textile industry by enhancing industrial, R&D, investment and academic cooperation. Invited Russian companies to our flagship PM MITRA parks to benefit from its world-class integrated infrastructure and leverage the manpower available in Bharat," he wrote on X.

A major highlight of the visit was his interaction with officials and industry stakeholders in the Ivanovo region, which has historically been the hub of Russia's vibrant textile industry.

"I had a discussion with a strong delegation, including officials of that province. We had discussed about our possible future collaboration, technology exchange, joint ventures, and investments. They also indicated that, along with the import of textiles from India, they also want more skilled Indian workers for their textiles industry," Margherita said.

He also took time to visit Indian workers employed at a textile factory in the region, acknowledging their vital role. "Had the opportunity to interact with Indian workers employed at a textile factory in the Ivanovo region of Russia. Appreciated their contributions, and reiterated our commitment to supporting safe, legal and orderly mobility of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled Indian workers abroad facilitated through the e-Migrate system," he said.

The Ivanovo textile industry is understandably prepared to absorb at least 2,500 Indian workers this year. "Russia has a good working condition with good remuneration, and skilled Indian workers have immense opportunities there," Margherita noted. Continuing the cultural and trade synergy, Russia is set to showcase Indian handlooms at one of its prestigious venues, more details about which would be available at a later stage. That particular museum has a 2 million annual footfall, which will enable rich Indian textiles to meet many eyeballs.

The Tsaritsyno Museum in Moscow will host 'Fabric of Time: India' in December 2025, an exhibition that will display a range of Indian textile products curated by the National Crafts Museum & Hastkala Academy. The initiative marks "a new chapter in mutual exploration of our rich textile traditions."

The Minister also inaugurated the Best of India - Indian Apparel and Textile Fair in Moscow, held from October 1-3.

"More than 100 exhibitors and producers took part in that three-day event. There must have been several B2B meetings during all three days, besides an estimated footfall of over 10000 visitors," he said. Organised by the Handloom Export Promotion Council



Indian Textile Industry in Russia



Trade Promotion



(HEPC), the event aimed to strengthen India's textile exports to Russia and unlock opportunities in the wider CIS region. The Best of India - Indian Apparels and Textile Fair in Moscow showcased the strength of India's handloom and textile sector. On the sidelines, Margherita also met with representatives of Russian textile companies.

"I apprised them about India's textiles value chain (from man-made fibre to exports), and related infrastructure, among other advantages. I also talked about the upcoming PM Mitra parks, wherein companies will get end-to-end facilities - right from yarn to apparel. Like many other sectors, India is also a preferred destination for textiles," he added.

These developments also come at a time when Indian textiles are facing Trump tariffs of 50%, making exports to the key destination, the US, difficult.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita interacting with Indian Textile Workers in Russia



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Trade Facilitation



E-Meet Highlights Strategic Opportunities in India's Home Furnishing Sector

The Council facilitated and encouraged its members to participate in an E-Meet organized by *Texzone Information Services*, the organizers of *HGH India*-India's leading trade show for home products - and *World of Sleep*-India's first consumer-focused exhibition on sleep solutions. The interactive session, conducted exclusively for *SIMA* members, aimed to provide greater exposure to the vast potential of the Indian consumer market, given that many of their members, though globally reputed suppliers to leading international brands, have limited engagement within India.

The E-Meet provided valuable insights into India's evolving consumer demand across home textiles, furnishings, sleep, and lifestyle segments. Participants gained a deeper understanding of the country's retail and distribution ecosystem, spanning modern trade, e-commerce, regional distributors, and multi-brand outlets. The session also highlighted changing consumer preferences toward branded, design-led, and wellness-oriented products. Opportunities through *HGH India* and *World of Sleep* were presented as effective platforms for exporters to directly engage with Indian retailers, distributors, and consumers. Several case studies were shared, illustrating how exporters have successfully leveraged domestic opportunities to build strong Indian brands.

Key strategic opportunities in the home furnishing sector were also discussed. The segment, which demands both functionality and aesthetic appeal, offers substantial potential for forward integration-particularly for yarn and greige fabric producers. With comparatively lower fashion risk than apparel and ample scope for creativity and India-specific innovation, the sector presents promising prospects to build scalable businesses exceeding ₹500 crore in value.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, and participants were encouraged to actively explore participation in India's leading trade shows for home textiles, home décor, and home furniture organized annually by *HGH India*.



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India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles (April – July) 2024 vs 2025



Trade Update

India's Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles							
Product	Unit	in Quantity (Million)		% Growth	in Value (Million USD)		% Growth
		April - July			April - July		
		2024	2025		2024	2025	
Fibre	Kgs	164.68	109.64	-33.42	320.58	184.50	-42.45
Yarn	Kgs.	379.78	361.69	-4.76	1205.29	1084.92	-9.99
Fabrics	Kgs.	22.64	20.41	-9.82	124.51	119.11	-4.34
	Sqm	691.42	755.19	9.22	602.25	645.11	7.12
Fabrics Total					726.76	764.22	5.15
Made-ups	Kgs.	120.94	142.45	17.78	717.22	806.11	12.39
	Nos.	370.24	311.62	-15.83	749.95	720.79	-3.89
Madeups Total					1,467.17	1,526.90	4.07
Total (Fibre, Yarn, Fabrics, Madeups)					3,719.79	3,560.54	-4.28

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- India's export statistics of cotton textiles for April-July 2025 show an overall decline compared to the same period in the previous year. The total export value across fibre, yarn, fabrics, and made-ups dropped by (-) 4.28%, falling from \$3,719.79 million in 2024 to \$3,560.54 million in 2025.
- Within this, raw cotton (fibre) suffered the largest setback, with export quantities declining by (-) 33.42% and values by (-) 42.45%
- Cotton yarn exports also weakened, with quantity down by (-) 4.76% and value falling more sharply by (-) 9.99%.
- Fabrics displayed contrasting trends: when measured in weight (kilograms), both exported quantity and value declined slightly, but when measured in area (square meters), both saw healthy growth, with quantity up 9.22% and value rising 7.12%.
- Made-ups offered mixed results; while export quantity measured in weight rose by 17.78%—and value by a strong 12.39%—the number of pieces exported dropped significantly by (-) 15.83%, yet the value fell by only (-) 3.89%. This discrepancy suggests growth in heavier or higher-value products within the made-ups category.



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Market wise: Cotton Textiles
(Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)

India Export Statistics of Cotton Textiles						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	3,399.22	3,376.04	100.00	100.00	-0.68
1	U S A	875.98	874.46	25.77	25.90	-0.17
2	Bangladesh	690.31	695.24	20.31	20.59	0.71
3	Sri Lanka	150.63	138.28	4.43	4.10	-8.19
4	Egypt	63.11	93.11	1.86	2.76	47.54
5	U K	77.03	76.62	2.27	2.27	-0.52
6	Germany	72.46	73.07	2.13	2.16	0.84
7	UAE	69.72	69.07	2.05	2.05	-0.94
8	China	74.56	62.15	2.19	1.84	-16.65
9	Australia	53.56	56.60	1.58	1.68	5.67
10	Peru	47.66	56.43	1.40	1.67	18.41
Total of Top 10		2,175.02	2,195.02	63.99	65.02	0.92

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- The total export value of cotton textiles has declined slightly by (-) 0.68% in April-July 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.
- The USA remains the top export destination but shows a decline of (-) 0.17%.
- Significant growth is seen in exports to Egypt (47.54%) and Peru (18.41%).
- Bangladesh continues to be a strong market with a 0.71% growth, increasing its share.
- Overall, top 10 partners maintained their combined export value, indicating a shift among destinations rather than overall market expansion.

India Export Statistics of Cotton Madeups						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	1,467.17	1,526.90	100.00	100.00	4.07
1	USA	822.08	825.12	56.03	54.04	0.37
2	UK	69.28	69.06	4.72	4.52	-0.32
3	Germany	54.78	58.24	3.73	3.81	6.32
4	Australia	51.16	54.05	3.49	3.54	5.65
5	France	41.51	49.97	2.83	3.27	20.38
6	Canada	47.71	36.80	3.25	2.41	-22.87
7	Spain	23.37	33.32	1.59	2.18	42.58
8	Netherland	33.17	28.86	2.26	1.89	-12.99
9	UAE	22.69	27.23	1.55	1.78	20.01
10	Italy	22.79	23.40	1.55	1.53	2.68
Total of Top 10		1,188.54	1,206.05	81.01	78.99	1.47

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Cotton madeups exports increased by 4.07% in value, reaching 1,526.90 million USD.
- USA reported a growth of 0.37%.
- Other markets like Germany (+6.32%), Australia (+5.65%), France (+20.38%), Spain (+42.58%), and Italy (+2.68%) showed healthy growth.
- The total export share of the top 10 slightly declined, reflecting a minor diversification in partner countries.
- Positive growth in Europe, UAE and Australia suggests strengthening demand in these regions.



Market wise: Cotton Textiles (Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)



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India Export Statistics of Cotton Fabrics						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	726.76	764.22	100.00	100.00	5.15
1	Bangladesh	146.59	158.02	20.17	20.68	7.80
2	Sri Lanka	109.46	103.46	15.06	13.54	-5.48
3	Senegal	37.95	47.48	5.22	6.21	25.11
4	USA	47.71	45.46	6.56	5.95	-4.72
5	Nigeria	31.53	43.92	4.34	5.75	39.30
6	UAE	42.52	40.65	5.85	5.32	-4.40
7	Colombia	14.65	24.06	2.02	3.15	64.23
8	Nepal	18.01	19.14	2.48	2.50	6.27
9	S Korea	20.17	17.17	2.78	2.25	-14.87
10	Vietnam	12.26	13.00	1.69	1.70	6.04
Total of Top 10		480.85	512.36	66.16	67.04	6.55

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Cotton fabrics exports showed a strong value growth of +5.15%, with total exports by 764.22 million USD.
- Bangladesh leads with robust growth (+7.80%) and increased market share.
- African markets such as Senegal (+25.11%), Nigeria (+39.30%) showed significant increases, indicating expanding demand.
- Exports to Colombia and Vietnam grew by 64.23% and 6.04% respectively.
- Some traditional markets like Sri Lanka declined by (-)5.48% and South Korea by (-) 14.87%.
- Overall, positive performance driven by new or growing markets in Africa and South Asia.

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	1,205.29	1,084.92	100.00	100.00	-9.99
1	Bangladesh	543.60	535.45	45.10	49.35	-1.50
2	Egypt	55.52	85.60	4.61	7.89	54.18
3	China	69.85	54.66	5.80	5.04	-21.75
4	Peru	43.86	52.04	3.64	4.80	18.65
5	Vietnam	63.23	39.69	5.25	3.66	-37.22
6	Portugal	54.79	34.61	4.55	3.19	-36.84
7	Sri Lanka	37.91	30.89	3.15	2.85	-18.51
8	Colombia	33.02	26.96	2.74	2.48	-18.36
9	South Korea	31.42	24.70	2.61	2.28	-21.40
10	Italy	26.91	13.86	2.23	1.28	-48.49
Total of Top 10		960.12	898.46	79.66	82.81	-6.42

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Exports of cotton yarn have decreased by (-) 9.99%, down to 1,084.92 million USD.
- Bangladesh remains the top importer, but have declined by (-) 1.50%.
- Egypt shows a remarkable increase (+54.18%), becoming a notable growth market.
- Exports of cotton yarn to Peru have increased by 18.65%.
- China, Vietnam, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Colombia, South Korea and Italy have declined during this period.



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Market wise: Cotton Textiles
(Madeups / Fabrics / Yarns)

India Export Statistics of Cotton Yarn						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	379.78	361.69	100.00	100.00	-4.76
1	Bangladesh	173.60	179.26	45.71	49.56	3.26
2	Egypt	18.26	29.84	4.81	8.25	63.36
3	China	26.75	21.57	7.04	5.96	-19.38
4	Peru	14.51	18.39	3.82	5.08	26.71
5	Vietnam	20.32	13.84	5.35	3.83	-31.89
6	Portugal	16.61	11.22	4.37	3.10	-32.48
7	Colombia	12.12	10.32	3.19	2.85	-14.84
8	Sri Lanka	9.60	8.39	2.53	2.32	-12.63
9	South Korea	9.59	7.77	2.53	2.15	-18.97
10	Morocco	3.66	3.99	0.96	1.10	8.90
Total of Top 10		305.03	304.58	80.32	84.21	-0.15

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Export quantity have declined by (-) 4.76% to 361.69 million kg.
- Bangladesh and Egypt show strong increases in quantities exported (+3.26% and +63.36%, respectively).
- Several countries experienced large declines in quantity, including Vietnam (-31.89%) and Portugal (-32.48%).
- Egypt's significant growth is a key highlight in both value and quantity.
- Exports to Peru increased by 26.71%.

India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Value: Million US \$						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	320.58	184.50	100.00	100.00	-42.45
1	Bangladesh	234.56	136.37	73.17	73.91	-41.86
2	Vietnam	43.88	24.10	13.69	13.06	-45.09
3	China	6.05	4.82	1.89	2.61	-20.39
4	Indonesia	7.11	4.65	2.22	2.52	-34.58
5	Taiwan	7.86	4.24	2.45	2.30	-45.99
6	Belgium	0.72	3.76	0.22	2.04	425.16
7	Thailand	2.33	1.46	0.73	0.79	-37.26
8	U S A	0.32	1.07	0.10	0.58	237.59
9	Germany	2.29	0.65	0.72	0.35	-71.74
10	Nepal	0.93	0.59	0.29	0.32	-36.35
Total of Top 10		306.04	181.71	95.47	98.49	-40.63

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Raw cotton exports have halved, with a drastic (-) 42.45% decline to 184.50 million USD.
- Bangladesh, the largest importer, also reduced imports sharply (-) 41.86%.
- Exports of raw cotton to Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, Germany and Nepal have declined during this period.
- Belgium is a notable exception, increasing its import value by 425% with a low base



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India Export Statistics of Raw Cotton (Incl waste..)						
Quantity: Million Kilograms						% Growth 2025 / 2024
Rank	Partner	April - July		% Share		
		2024	2025	2024	2025	
	World	164.68	109.64	100.00	100.00	-33.42
1	Bangladesh	109.00	72.64	66.19	66.25	-33.36
2	Vietnam	30.00	19.73	18.22	17.99	-34.24
3	Taiwan	5.94	3.45	3.60	3.15	-41.90
4	China	3.43	3.33	2.08	3.04	-2.92
5	Indonesia	4.38	3.29	2.66	3.00	-24.74
6	Belgium	0.37	2.41	0.22	2.20	551.89
7	Thailand	1.66	1.19	1.01	1.09	-27.90
8	Nepal	0.90	0.74	0.55	0.67	-18.27
9	U S A	0.18	0.55	0.11	0.51	212.99
10	Germany	1.57	0.50	0.95	0.46	-67.84
Total of Top 10		157.42	107.85	95.59	98.36	-31.49

Source of Data: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce

- Quantity of raw cotton exports fell by (-) 33.42% to 109.64 million kg.
- Bangladesh reported a decline of (-) 33.36%.
- Vietnam and Taiwan saw sharp quantity declines as well.
- Belgium reflects strong growth (+551%), paralleling its value increase.
- This closer alignment of quantity and value trends confirms the large-scale reduction in raw cotton export volumes overall.

QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXTILES & CLOTHING (APRIL – SEPTEMBER' 25)						
Exports (Million USD)	SEP'24	SEP'25	% Change	APR'24-SEP'24	APR'25-SEP'25	% Change
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	1,053	931	-11.66%	5,950	5,796	-2.57%
Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ made-ups etc.	415	406	-2.34%	2,406	2,401	-0.20%
RMG of all Textiles	1,110	998	-10.14%	7,506	7,763	3.42%
Jute Mfg. Floor Covering	34	29	-12.40%	180	190	5.56%
Carpet	131	111	-15.28%	746	734	-1.60%
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	180	148	-18.20%	880	851	-3.20%
Textiles	1,814	1,624	-10.45%	10,160	9,972	-1.85%
Apparel	1,110	998	-10.14%	7,506	7,763	3.42%
Textiles & Apparel	2,924	2,622	-10.34%	17,667	17,736	0.39%
All Commodities	34,079	36,384	6.76%	213,678	220,124	3.02%
% Share of T&C in Total Exports	8.58%	7.21%		8.27%	8.06%	

Imports (Million USD)	SEP'24	SEP'25	% Change	APR'24-SEP'24	APR'25-SEP'25	% Change
Cotton Raw & Waste	134	166	23.87%	477	677	41.75%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	203	237	16.62%	1197	1317	10.02%

Source: DGCIS/MOC

- According to the quick estimates data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, exports of cotton yarn/ fabrics/made-ups, handloom products etc from India declined by (-) 11.66% in September 2025 over September 2024.
- During Apr - Sep'25, Indian cotton yarn/fabrics/made-ups, handloom products have declined by (-) 2.57%.
- During Sep'25, Indian Textiles Exports declined by (-) 10.45% over the previous year while Apparel Exports have also declined by (-) 10.14% during the same time period.
- Cumulative Exports of Textiles and Apparel during September'25 have declined by (-) 10.34% over September'24
- During April- September'25, Indian Textiles Exports have declined by (-) 1.85% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 3.42% during the same time period. Overall T&A registered a growth of 0.39% during Apr-Sept'25.



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Cotton Textiles - Trends in Global Trade

Global cotton production is slightly down (~2–3%) in 2025/26 due to reductions in planting area and lower yields in big producers (China, India, U.S., Australia). Meanwhile, mill consumption (i.e. usage by textile manufacturers) is increasing (projected up ~1%) to ~117.8 million bales. Because production is falling and consumption rising, global stocks (inventories) are being drawn down.

Global cotton trade is projected to rebound by ~5% to about 44.8 million bales in 2025/26. Over a longer horizon, trade of raw cotton is expected to grow at ~1.6% annually through 2034.

Brazil has taken over or is challenging the U.S. as a top cotton exporter. Brazil's exports are rising.

Import demand is growing in Asian textile-manufacturing countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Türkiye. China remains a major importer, but its import growth is flatter given domestic shifts.

There's increasing demand for higher quality, long-staple cotton fibre and finer yarns for premium fabrics, especially where fast fashion competition is less relevant or where end consumers are more demanding. Also, "extralong staple" cotton varieties are commanding premiums and seeing higher trade flows.

Cotton continues to face stiff competition from manmade fibres (MMFs / synthetics), which tend to be cheaper and increasingly used in various segments.

International cotton prices have been under downward pressure (especially in real terms) due to strong production prospects, high stock levels, and moderation in demand.

Environmental concerns—water use, pesticide use, carbon emissions—are becoming more central. Consumers, brands, and regulations are pushing for sustainable / organic cotton, better farming practices.

Circular economy models (recycling, reuse, durability, fibre-to-fibre recycling) are getting more investment.

Tariffs and trade policy shifts (e.g. U.S. tariff changes, changes in import duty regimes) are affecting competitiveness of exporters.

Also, regulatory requirements and environmental / social compliance (labour laws, sustainability standards) are increasingly important in trade partnerships.

Challenges

- **Climate & Yield Risks:** Droughts, water stress, pests, and variability of weather affect key producers. These disrupt output and introduce uncertainty.
- **Cost Pressures:** Inputs like fertilisers, energy, labour, transportation are rising, squeezing margins. This makes low-cost producers more competitive unless others achieve efficiency/technology leaps.
- **Competition from MMFs / Synthetics:** Lower cost, versatile, quick to produce, often backed by strong manufacturing capacity in Asia. Cotton needs to differentiate (quality, sustainability) to maintain/expand share.
- **Regulatory & Market Access Barriers:** Tariffs, trade policy uncertainty, compliance requirements (sustainability, labour, environmental) can hinder especially smaller growers/manufacturers.

Future Outlook (to ~2030-2034)

- Cotton production and trade are expected to grow, but moderately. The OECDFAO outlook estimates annual growth in production ~1.3%, trade about 1.6%.
- Asia (Bangladesh, Vietnam, India) will drive much of the import growth, given their textile/manufacturing capacity and limited domestic production.
- Export supply likely to remain concentrated among major producers - the U.S., Brazil, India - but cost, infrastructure, environmental factors will influence who gains or loses share.
- Sustainability, traceability, premium cotton (including organic, fair trade) will likely get more market pull, especially from developed country buyers.



Cotton Textiles - Trends in Global Trade



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Breakdown of India's position vs. global cotton/textile trends, with recent data, strengths, challenges, and forecasts are:

Cotton Production Share

India is among the top two cotton producers globally. In 2024 India produced **~5.9 million tonnes**, about **25%** of world cotton production.

Other leading producers include China (slightly behind India in quantity) and the U.S., Brazil etc.

India's Global Share of Textile & Apparel Trade is about 3.9% of global trade in textiles & apparel (including handicrafts). India is ranked 6th among exporters in this sector. Global T&A trade is much larger; India's share has room to grow.

Export Values (Textile & Apparel)

In FY 2024/25 (April/October), exports of textiles & apparel including handicrafts were **US\$ 21.36 billion**, up ~7% over same period previous year. In that period, **ReadyMade Garments (RMG)** accounted for ~41%. By comparison, global textile exports run into hundreds of billions USD; some competitors like Bangladesh, Vietnam, China export larger volumes in garments.

Exports of Cotton (Raw / Fibre / Cotton Textiles)

Cotton textiles (i.e. fabrics, yarn etc) contribute significantly (~33% of textile exports in that period). Also, raw cotton exports are non-trivial; cotton export value in FY25 was about **US\$ 8.48 billion** according to one source. But domestic demand is increasing; India even needs to import cotton in certain seasons when output falls short of demand.

Supply & Import/Export Gaps / Demand

For 2024/25, India's production estimated ~302.25 lakh bales (170 kg bale). India is expecting cotton imports to **double** in the 2024/25 marketing year because domestic production won't meet consumption. This is similar to many textile manufacturing countries: they produce cotton, but often import specific grades (e.g. long staple) or because of quality/price issues.

Future Projections & Targets (India)

India aims for textile exports to reach **US\$ 65 billion** by FY 2025/26. Production of cotton is expected to reach about **7.2 million tonnes** by 2030. Government initiatives: PM MITRA Parks; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for MMF fabrics, apparel, technical textiles; focus on infrastructure, skill, scale. These are ambitious but reflect policy direction to increase value addition, reduce imports, capture more global market share.

Strengths of India (in Cotton & Textile Trade)

1. Large Production Base

India has a huge scale of cotton cultivation and is one of the largest producers globally. This gives potential for backward integration (raw cotton → yarn → fabric → apparel) and reduces dependence on external suppliers for certain segments.

2. Diverse Textile Ecosystem

From raw cotton to handlooms to modern mills. Strong clusters (e.g. cotton textile clusters, garment clusters) with decent infrastructure in many states. Also a large labour force skilled in textile work.

3. Government Support / Policy Push

Incentives, trade diplomacy, promotion of integrated textile parks. The "fibre to fashion" vision, PLI schemes, technical textile missions etc.

4. Growing Exports and Increasing Share in Key Markets

Demand in US, EU, UK for apparel/textiles from India remains strong. India has diversified markets.

5. Potential in Quality / Niche Segments

Growing demand for finer, premium cotton, speciality textiles, technical textiles etc. India has some comparative advantage here if it invests in quality, sustainability, traceability.



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Cotton Textiles - Trends in Global Trade

Challenges / Weaknesses

1. Gap Between Production & Demand (Quality / Volume)

Domestic production sometimes fails to meet quality or volume required for export, especially longstaple cotton. dependency on imports for certain grades.

2. Cost Structure & Input Costs

Rising input costs (energy, labour, logistics), sometimes infrastructure bottlenecks, small scale of many units, fragmented supply chain. These reduce competitiveness especially against lowcost competitors.

3. Tariff & Trade Barriers

Tariffs (both incoming on cotton and outgoing on textiles/apparel in some markets) and regulatory requirements (compliance, sustainability, labour standards) can increase costs. For example, removal or adjustment of import duties in some periods to alleviate pressure.

4. Competition from Other Countries

Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, Cambodia etc. are aggressive exporters of garments/apparel, often with lower costs or better positioned for certain niches. India has to compete not just on price, but also lead time, innovation, design etc.

5. Quality, Technology & Speed

Some units lag in adopting modern technology, automation, speed to market. Also, sustainability / traceability is increasingly demanded by global buyers—this requires investment.

Outlook / Where India Can Improve to Capture More

- **Increase Value Addition:** Instead of exporting raw or semiprocessed cotton/cotton yarn, increase exports of high value fabrics, finished apparel, technical cotton goods.
- **Improve Quality / Speciality Cotton:** Focus on longstaple cotton, organic, sustainable cotton; higher finish fabrics.
- **Align with Sustainability / ESG:** Traceability, reducing environmental impact, water/chemical use; certifications (organic, fair trade etc.)—these are increasingly nonnegotiable in many export markets.
- **Enhance Infrastructure & Integrated Value Chains:** The textile parks scheme, fibre to fashion zones, reducing time & cost in logistics, customs, power, etc.
- **Policy & Trade Diplomacy:** Negotiating favourable trade agreements, reducing trade barriers, handling tariff issues (incoming and outgoing), ensuring import of inputs isn't hampered unnecessarily.



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Maharashtra Drives Cotton Quality with IIM Nagpur State

Maharashtra's cotton sector took a decisive step toward strengthening its global competitiveness with a high-level workshop on "Enhancing Cotton Value Chain Development by Focusing on Quality, Productivity, Production, and Market Access" convened at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur on 11th October 2025.

Shri Udaysinh Kharat, Project Director, Kasturi Cotton Bharat and Shri Akshay Bhuchade, Assistant Director, Kasturi Cotton Bharat from TEXPROCIL actively participated in the event.

The one-day state-level workshop, jointly organised by Hon. Balasaheb Thackrey Agribusiness & Rural Transformation (SMART) Project, MITRA – Maharashtra Institution for Transformation, Maharashtra Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF), Indo Cotton Development Association, Grant Thornton and Palladium Consulting India Pvt. Ltd, brought together government leaders, industry pioneers, farmer producer companies (FPCs), and textile stakeholders to shape a unified roadmap for sustainable cotton value chain advancement in Maharashtra.

Inaugurating the session Dr. Rajaram Dighe CEO, VSTF, emphasized the need for India to align with global cotton textile standards, focusing not just on quality but on achieving full traceability across the cotton value chain. Dr. Hemat Vasekar, Project Director, SMART, emphasized the strategic need to move from volume-based cotton production to a quality and value-driven approach. Shri. Vikas Chandra Rastogi, Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture), highlighted the Government of Maharashtra's commitment to modernizing the sector through technology adoption, farmer training, and FPO linkages with premium buyers.

Praveen Pardeshi, Chief Economic Advisor to CMO and CEO, MITRA, in his keynote address on "The Cotton Landscape in Maharashtra," underscored the importance of aligning agronomic practices, contamination control, and market reforms to global benchmarks such as the Kasturi Cotton Bharat. The technical sessions featured diverse perspectives from prominent organizations, including Welspun Group, Beetle Regen Solutions, RPG Foundation, ICAR-CICR, and TEXPROCIL, among others. Discussions centered on enhancing seed homogeneity, promoting clean cotton harvesting, and upgrading ginning infrastructure to meet global quality norms. Notably, FPO representatives such as Kanchani FPCL and Green Agritech FPCL shared field-level success stories demonstrating how contamination-free cotton and uniform seed selection can command premium prices and unlock access to new markets. The workshop's breakout sessions delved deep into two key themes:



- Regenerative Practices and Clean Cotton Harvesting, facilitated by Palladium, emphasizing sustainable agronomy, field-level contamination control, and traceable farm practices.
- Aligning Production and Ginning with Buyer Standards, led by CITI CDRA, MCX, and industry experts, focusing on investment opportunities, technology adoption, and policy incentives for modernization.



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As international brands increasingly prioritize sustainable and traceable cotton, Maharashtra's coordinated value-chain approach—linking FPOs, modern ginning units, and premium buyers—positions the state to capture new export opportunities. The synergy between Better Cotton, Kasturi Bharat, and BIS certification frameworks is expected to unlock market premiums while reinforcing farmer incomes. Concluding the event, dignitaries including Hon. Ashish Jaiswal, State Minister for Agriculture; Hon. Sumit Wankhede, MLA—Arvi; and Vikas Chandra Rastogi, ACS Agriculture, reaffirmed the government's commitment to institutionalizing cotton stewardship, ensuring quality compliance, and promoting a resilient cotton ecosystem across Maharashtra.

The workshop culminated in a consensus to implement a three-year action plan focusing on seed homogeneity clusters, modern ginning investments, farmer training, and market alignment—anchoring Maharashtra's vision to become the hub of quality-driven cotton in India.



Shri Udaysinh Kharat, Project Director, Kasturi Cotton Bharat and Shri Akshay Bhuchade, Assistant Director, Kasturi Cotton Bharat, TEXPROCIL attended the Cotton Quality and Value Chain Workshop at IIM Nagpur, organized by SMART, MITRA and VSTF and presented Kasturi Cotton T-shirt and TEXPROCIL's 70th Year souvenir to Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Maharashtra, Adv. Ashish Jaiswal in presence of 150 stake holders of cotton value chain

KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Ginning Training Programme in Warangal, Telangana

On the occasion of “World Cotton Day” (7th October), the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) in association with TEXPROCIL, organised a Ginning Training Programme (GTP) at Hotel Grand Gayatri, Warangal (Telangana). The event saw active participation from around 35 ginners from the region.

Mr. Udaysinh Kharat, Joint Director from the TEXPROCIL delivered a presentation on the “Kasturi Cotton Bharat” programme. The Council expressed its appreciation to BCI India for dedicating a 45 minute session to the initiative, which aimed to create awareness about Kasturi Cotton Bharat, its unique features, and its growing significance in the textile value chain.

The session generated meaningful discussions around key aspects of the programme, including:

- Introduction to Kasturi Cotton Bharat and TEXPROCIL’s Role as the implementing agency.
- Registration Process: Overview of registration for various supply chain entities - Cotton Traders, Ginners, Spinners, Processors, and Garment manufacturers.
- Programme Structure: Explanation of the framework focusing on Branding, Traceability, and Certification component’s.
- Discussion on quality standards required for fibre to qualify as Kasturi Cotton.
- The Kasturi Promise: Emphasis on the benefits of integrating Kasturi Cotton within the supply chain.
- Supply Chain Traceability: Use of Blockchain technology to ensure transparency and authenticity across the entire Kasturi Cotton value chain.

Overall, the session served as a valuable platform for interaction between BCI, TEXPROCIL, and the ginning community, further strengthening the vision of promoting Kasturi Cotton Bharat as a symbol of quality and trust in Indian cotton.



KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

World Cotton Day 2025 Celebration at SVPISTM, Coimbatore

Organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India

Event Details

- **Event** : World Cotton Day 2025 Celebration
- **Date** : 7th October 2025
- **Venue** : SVPISTM, Coimbatore
- Organized by: SVPISTM under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India Presentation Topic: "Kasturi Cotton Bharat - India's Pride in the Global Cotton Economy"



The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management (SVPISTM), Coimbatore, functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, organized a special event on 7th October 2025 to celebrate 6th World Cotton Day 2025. The program aimed to recognize India's achievements in the cotton and textile sector and to promote awareness about sustainability and value addition in the cotton value chain.



Shri. Akshay Buchade, Assistant Director, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) giving Presentation on "Kasturi Cotton Bharat – India's Pride in the Global Cotton Economy"

The event featured a presentation by Shri. Akshay Buchade, Assistant Director, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), on "Kasturi Cotton Bharat – India's Pride in the Global Cotton Economy". The session provided valuable insights into the vision, structure, and progress of the Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative, launched by the Ministry of Textiles to promote quality, traceability, and global recognition for Indian cotton.

The first panel, "**Enhancing Productivity & Quality in Indian Cotton: From Farm to Fabric,**" chaired by Dr. Pradeep Mandhyan, Former Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIRCOT, featured experts discussing technology-driven, farmer-centric strategies to improve yield and fibre quality.

The concluding session, "**Branding Indian Cotton: Positioning Kasturi Cotton Globally,**" chaired by Dr. Chandrasekhar Menon, emphasized Kasturi Cotton's potential to stand alongside global brands like Supima and Giza, highlighting quality assurance, stakeholder collaboration, and the fibre's symbolic significance.

Chief Guest **Smt. Y. Divya Darshini**, Deputy Commissioner (ST), GST–Appeal, Coimbatore, praised cotton's role in India's self-reliance journey and encouraged students to strengthen their expertise in textiles.

The event concluded with a **fashion showcase, "Kasturi Cotton – Sustainability in Style,"** demonstrating innovation and sustainability in cotton-based fashion. The conclave reinforced India's commitment to promoting Kasturi Cotton Bharat as a symbol of purity, quality, and global pride.



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CAI Ginners Training Programme, Mumbai

Overview

The **Cotton Association of India (CAI)** organized a three-day training programme on “Cotton – Quality Assessment & Marketing in the Present Scenario” under the aegis of its Farmers Training Centre on 18th September 2025 at Cotton Green in Mumbai. The topic was “Methodology of Kasturi Cotton Branding”. The initiative aimed to enhance the understanding of cotton quality assessment and market dynamics among key stakeholders of the cotton and textile value chain.



During the session, **Mr. Udaysinh Kharat, Project Director - Kasturi Cotton Bharat (KCB)** introduced the **Kasturi Cotton Bharat (KCB)** initiative to around **50 participating ginners**. The presentation focused on the economic and branding advantages of adopting the **KCB Certification** and **Digital Traceability Systems**.

The discussion highlighted the benefits of aligning ginning operations with the Kasturi Cotton framework and emphasized the initiative's role in improving cotton quality, transparency, and market competitiveness.

Key Highlights of the Session

- **End-to-End Traceability & Certification:** Explained how the KCB system ensures verification of Indian origin across every stage of the value chain.
- **Economic Benefits:** Demonstrated how the program supports better returns, long-term sustainability, and competitiveness for Indian cotton growers and ginners.
- **Enhanced Export Opportunities:** Emphasized that KCB strengthens India's image as a reliable source of sustainable and high-quality cotton in international markets.
- **Operational Guidance:** Provided detailed insights on the **KCB registration process**, bale purity requirements, and best ginning practices for maintaining fibre integrity and traceability.

Participation and Impact

More than **50 ginners** actively participated in the session and interacted on various aspects of KCB onboarding and quality management. The discussion fostered a better understanding of the certification process and its potential to add value across the supply chain.

The session successfully created awareness about the **Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative**, encouraging participants to adopt traceable and sustainable ginning practices that align with the vision of enhancing India's cotton quality and reputation globally.



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India's Cotton-Textile Sector at a Crossroads

The Indian cotton and textile sector - representing over 6 million farmers and 45 million workers - is at a critical juncture. With the U.S. imposing steep tariffs (up to 50%) on Indian textile and apparel exports, and the Government of India suspending the 11% import duty on raw cotton, the entire cotton value chain is recalibrating.

The intent behind the duty exemption is to reduce raw material costs for mills, stabilize production, and help exporters maintain competitiveness. However, the measure has also triggered concerns among growers and ginnerers about suppressed domestic prices, excess stocks, and possible import dependence.

Trade Disruptions: The US Tariff Effect

The U.S. tariffs, effective from mid-2025, have disrupted export flows and dampened order pipelines. Key developments include:

- A 12% decline in textile and apparel exports to the U.S. during September 2025.
- Medium-sized exporters reporting 40-50% drops in turnover within a quarter.
- A 50% reduction in yarn purchases in clusters like Tiruppur and Ichalkaranji.
- Exporters diverting focus toward Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, offering discounted shipments to retain buyers.

India's textile export base is now forced to rebalance - emphasizing cost competitiveness, quality assurance, and diversification beyond the U.S. market.

Duty-Free Cotton Imports: Policy Relief with Side Effects

To support the textile industry amid escalating U.S. tariffs, the Government of India extended the **11% import duty exemption on cotton** until **December 31, 2025**. This strategic move aims to stabilize raw material costs, enhance export competitiveness, and safeguard employment in the textile-apparel value chain.

Impact on Cotton Growers, Ginnerers, and Spinners

- **Cotton Growers:** The influx of cheaper imported cotton has led to a **decline in domestic cotton prices**, adversely affecting farmers' incomes. For instance, over 3.25 lakh cotton farmers in Maharashtra have registered to sell their produce at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), following a drop in open market prices.
- **Ginnerers and Spinners:** While the exemption reduces input costs for mills, it also **increases competition** for domestic cotton, potentially leading to **lower procurement prices** and impacting profitability.
- **Manufacturers:** The policy provides short-term relief by lowering raw material costs, but the **volatile pricing environment** may affect long-term planning and investment decisions.

Cotton Stock Situation: Surplus Building Up

With subdued domestic demand and a surge in **duty-free cotton imports**, India is entering the 2025–26 season with **high inventory levels**:

- **Unsold domestic stock:** ~45–50 lakh bales, slightly above last season's average.
- **Mill consumption:** Currently at **60–65% capacity utilization**, constrained by reduced export orders and preference for cheaper imported cotton.
- **Expected carryover:** Could reach **60 lakh bales** by the end of the season if current demand patterns persist.
- **Spot prices:** Domestic cotton is trading around **₹54,000–₹56,000 per candy**, below previous projections but still above the landed cost of some imported cotton (~₹52,000–₹53,000 per candy).
- **CCI procurement:** Likely required to absorb **30-35 lakh bales**, particularly for farmers seeking to sell at Minimum Support Price (MSP).

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Spotlight: Kasturi Cotton Bharat – India’s Premium Identity

The Kasturi Cotton Bharat programme, spearheaded by the Ministry of Textiles and TEXPROCIL, is pivotal in maintaining India’s premium image amid this volatility.

Opportunities:

- Growing global demand for traceable and sustainable cotton aligns with Kasturi’s certification framework.
- Mills blending imported cotton can retain premium positioning through Kasturi’s traceability and quality assurance.
- Exporters marketing “Kasturi Cotton” yarn and fabric can access value-conscious EU and UK buyers seeking verified sustainability.

Challenges:

- Price suppression of domestic cotton may reduce farmer interest in registering for Kasturi certification.
- Lower offtake of Kasturi bales as mills prioritize cheaper imported cotton.
- Premium differential narrowing to under ₹ 1,500 per candy, making certified fiber less lucrative in the short term.

Strategic Path:

- Introduce price or quality-linked incentives for Kasturi-registered farmers.
- Enhance buyer awareness of traceability value through trade fairs and digital branding.
- Integrate Kasturi Cotton with regenerative and low-carbon supply chains to meet evolving global compliance norms



The banner features the Kasturi Cotton Bharat logo on the left, a central circular seal reading 'TRACEABLE 100% CERTIFIED', and a QR code on the right with the text 'Scan to know more'. Below the QR code is the 'KCTrack' logo with the tagline 'Authenticity Through Blockchain-based Traceability'. At the bottom right, social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn are shown next to the text 'KasturiCotton'.

Avail of more detailed information on KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

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Policy Updates



Important Notifications on Policies & Procedures



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



Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles -

Amendments and Addition in the Scheme

The Ministry of Textiles vide Notification No.12015/03/2020 dated 9.10.2025 has introduced amendments to the PLI Scheme for textiles. The notification comes into force from the date of its issuance. Under the revised scheme, eight new HSN codes for MMF Apparel and nine new HSN codes for MMF Fabrics have been added.

Key changes in the PLI Scheme for Textiles

- Investment Thresholds are set at Rs.150 crore for Part-I and Rs.50 crore for Part-II.
- Incremental turnover for qualifying incentives is reduced from 25% to 10% from Year 2 onwards, starting in FY 2025-26.
- Companies must set up a separate project unit with distinct accounts, and only new investments in this unit are eligible for PLI incentives.
- Eight new HSN codes for MMF Apparel and nine new HSN codes for MMF Fabrics have been added.

Link of the Circular: <https://preview.mailerlite.com/f4p8j1s0r5/2855111209567389513/h5m2/>

Government extends the last date for submitting new PLI applications up to 31.12.2025

The Government of India has extended the last date for submitting applications under the PLI Scheme for Textiles to 31.12.2025. In this regard, the Ministry of Textiles has issued a Press Release dated 03.10.2025.

The extension follows the large number of applications received in the latest round (started from August 2025) from MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles sectors. Interested applicants may apply through the official portal: <https://pli.texmin.gov.in>.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1760163234-Eserve-170_of_2025.pdf

DGFT extends deadline for filing Annual RoDTEP Return (ARR) for FY 2023-24

DGFT vide Public Notice No.24/2025-2026 dated 03.10.2025 has extended the deadline for filing Annual RoDTEP Returns (ARR) for FY 2023-24 from 30.09.2025

to 30.11.2025 with applicability of composition fee of Rs.10,000. This extension has been granted in the interest of export promotion and ease of doing business.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1760163213-Eserve-169_of_2025.pdf

EDPMS & IDPMS - Reconciliation of Export/Import Entries -Review of Guidelines

RBI vide Circular No.RBI/2025-26/89 dated 01.10.2025 has revised guidelines for reconciliation of export/import entries to ease compliance and support small and e-commerce exporters. The guidelines are effective from 01.10.2025.

The Council appreciates the Ministry of Textiles, RBI, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, DGFT for positively considering our request for relaxations for small and e-commerce exporters.

Key Highlights:

1. Small-value entries (up to Rs.10 lakh per Shipping Bill/ Bill of Entry):

- Can be closed based on a declaration from the exporter (amount realised) or importer (amount paid).
- Reductions in declared or invoice value are allowed based on such declarations.
- Consolidated quarterly declarations covering multiple bills may be submitted for bulk reconciliation.

2. AD banks shall review charges for small-value export/import transactions to ensure they are reasonable under the revised procedure.

3. No penal charges will be levied for delays in compliance with these guidelines.

4. AD banks should inform their clients/customers about the circular and its guidelines.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1760163193-Eserve-168_of_2025.pdf



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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 Chintal, 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,

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Executive Director

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Trade Notification



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**)

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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.

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 - Ne 20/2 - Ne 40/2
 - Knitted and Weaving Yarns



ORGANIC YARN

- 100% Cotton
- Ne 20/1 - Ne 60/1
- Ne 20/1 - Ne 40/2
- Ne 6/2 - Ne 30/1
- Ne 6/1 - Ne 30/2
- Open and organic yarn Knitted & Weaving Yarns
- Ring spun organic



SLUB YARN

- 100% Cotton
- Ne 20/1 - Ne 40/1
- Knitted and Weaving Yarns



RING SPUN COMBED COMPACT YARN

- (Carded and Combed)
- 100% Cotton
 - Ne 20/1 - Ne 60/1
 - Ne 20/2 - Ne 40/2
 - Knitted and Weaving Yarns



RECYCLE COTTON YARN

- BCI Recycle
- GOTS Organic + Recycle
- Convention + Recycle
- Ne 20/2 - Ne 32/2
- Ring spun - Ne 10/1 - Ne 40/1
- Open end - Ne 6/1 - Ne 30/1
- Knitted and Weaving Yarns



OPEN END YARN

- 100% Cotton
- Ne 10/1 - Ne 30/1
- Ne 6/1 - Ne 30/1
- Ne 6/2 - Ne 30/2
- Knitted and Weaving Yarns
- Recycled Cotton

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- Gauge - 20, 24, 28, 32
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- Gauge - 24, 28
- Dia - 24 to 36



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- Gauge - 20
- Dia - 18 to 36



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- Gauge - 24, 28
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