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Dear Reader,

The Indian textile industry is currently experiencing a dynamic period, marked by promising growth and significant challenges. The sector is consolidating existing strengths in the cotton segment and working towards making rapid strides, particularly in specialized segments like spinning, denim, and man-made fibers (MMF). However, challenges such as falling cotton output, rising dependence on imports, and U.S. tariff pressures are affecting margins. Despite these hurdles, India remains well-positioned to benefit from global supply-chain diversification and growing interest in sustainable, value-added textile products.

On the international front, an official delegation from the Ministry of Textiles, led by Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, participated in ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore 2025, the region's largest integrated textile and garment manufacturing technologies exhibition held from October 28–31, 2025. As part of the delegation, TEXPROCIL actively showcased India's textile and apparel manufacturing capabilities, engaged with global buyers, and explored avenues for international collaborations and investments.

A brief report of this visit is featured in the Trade Promotion section of this edition.

The Consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils, with the support of the Ministry of Textiles, is now gearing up to organise the 3rd edition of Bharat Tex 2026 — a Mega India Textile Show to be held from 14th to 17th July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. On behalf of the Bharat Tex Trade Federation, TEXPROCIL invites its members to participate in Bharat Tex 2026 and book their exhibition space through the Council.

During the month, Shri Ravi Sam, Vice Chairman, TEXPROCIL, held a one-on-one meeting with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, in Coimbatore on 11th November 2025. He highlighted the industry's concerns regarding the punitive tariffs imposed by the USA and underscored the need for urgent relief measures to safeguard the sector's competitiveness.

The Trade Update section of this Newsletter provides a comprehensive overview of the latest national and international developments impacting the textile trade.

As the designated implementing agency for Kasturi Cotton Bharat, the Council continued its extensive promotional activities during the month.

A session on "Value Creation and Market Competitiveness with Kasturi Cotton: Opportunities for Spinners and the Downstream Industry" was jointly organised by the Southern India Mills Association (SIMA), TEXPROCIL, and ICAR - CIRCOT (Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology) at SIMA, Coimbatore, on 5th November 2025.

A detailed report appears in the Kasturi Cotton Bharat section of this edition.

On the policy front, the Government has launched the pilot phase of "Bharat Aayat Nirayat Lab Setu", a single-

window digital platform integrating accredited testing and inspection agencies nationwide. The platform enables exporters and importers to search, apply, track, and obtain digital test reports and certifications across product categories.

The Policy Talks section of this edition summarises recent government notifications and clarifications under the Foreign Trade Policy, along with updates on export incentives and taxation measures relevant to 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,

Global textile trade continues to represent one of the largest and most dynamic segments of international commerce. Although the sector remains substantial in scale, recent years have seen only moderate growth. Apparel exports have performed relatively better, reflecting steady consumer demand and the gradual recovery of global supply chains.

Asia - particularly countries such as China, Vietnam, and Bangladesh — continues to lead global textile and apparel production. At the same time, changing consumer preferences, trade policy shifts, and supply chain diversification are altering traditional trade patterns. Fibre production is expanding worldwide, with a growing share of synthetics alongside natural fibres.

Overall, while the global textile trade remains strong, it is increasingly shaped by rising production costs, the growing importance of sustainability, and the reconfiguration of

global sourcing networks — factors that are influencing how and where textiles are manufactured and traded today.

Delegation to Singapore

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TEXPROCIL, as part of the Indian delegation, showcased India's textile and apparel manufacturing capabilities, exploring new avenues for international collaborations, technology partnerships, and investment opportunities.

During the visit, Shri Ravi Sam, Vice Chairman, TEXPROCIL, had a one-on-one interaction with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, in Coimbatore on 11th November 2025, highlighting the concerns of the textile industry regarding the punitive tariffs imposed by the United States. He emphasized the need for urgent relief

measures to safeguard competitiveness and mitigate the adverse impact on the sector.

Bharat Tex 2026

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On behalf of the Bharat Tex Trade Federation, TEXPROCIL invites all its esteemed members to participate and book exhibition space through the Council. As a premier platform to showcase India's textile excellence to global buyers, Bharat Tex 2026 will bring together the entire textile value chain under one roof. The Council seeks the valuable support and cooperation of its members in making this flagship event a grand success.

Update on Indo-US Trade Talks

Recent engagements between India and the United States have reaffirmed

a deepening strategic and economic partnership, even as both countries continue to address outstanding trade differences. Negotiations under the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), launched in early 2025, are progressing steadily.

Cooperation is expanding in sectors such as critical minerals, clean energy, defence, and technology. However, issues such as tariff escalation on Indian exports and changes in U.S. visa and work policies affecting Indian professionals remain areas of concern. The success of these discussions will depend on resolving key trade frictions and aligning mutual strategic and market interests to unlock the full potential of Indo-US trade relations.

Trade Digitization

As part of the Government's ongoing efforts to enhance digital integration in trade facilitation, the pilot phase of "Bharat Aayat Nirayat Lab Setu" has been launched as a key digitization initiative. The platform serves as a single-window digital interface, bringing together



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accredited testing and inspection agencies across the country.

This initiative is important as it streamlines certification processes, reduces procedural delays, and strengthens India's competitiveness through faster, digitally enabled trade facilitation.

Through this unified system, exporters and importers can seamlessly search, apply, track, and obtain digital test reports and certifications for a wide range of product categories. By digitizing these processes, the initiative aims to improve efficiency, ensure transparency, and strengthen compliance across the export-import ecosystem, thereby enhancing the overall ease of doing business and promoting a more technology-driven trade environment.

Kasturi Cotton Bharat Promotions

Under the national branding initiative Kasturi Cotton Bharat, the Council continues to promote India's premium cotton identity through targeted

outreach and awareness programmes. I sincerely appeal to all our members to join us in promoting "Kasturi Cotton" brand among all users across the value chain.

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To further enhance industry awareness, officials from TEXPROCIL visited several textile units in Coimbatore, Tirupur, and Palladam, engaging directly with manufacturers and stakeholders. Members are earnestly encouraged to promote the Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand among users across the textile value chain to strengthen India's position as a reliable source of quality, traceable, and sustainable cotton.

Way Forward

The Indian cotton textile industry needs to adopt a comprehensive strategy that integrates technology advancement, sustainability, and enhanced market access. The focus must be on modernizing infrastructure through schemes such as PM MITRA, promoting sustainable practices including precision and organic cotton farming, and leveraging digital technologies for traceability and efficiency across the supply chain.

Equally important is the strengthening of farmer support through improved seed varieties, assured pricing, and better extension services, along with greater integration across the fibre-to-fashion value chain. By pursuing these coordinated efforts, India's cotton textile sector can overcome current challenges, enhance its global competitiveness, and move decisively toward achieving the national export target of USD 100 billion by 2030.

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Country Report - Portugal

Portugal's textile industry: Where does it stand today?

Insights

Portugal's textile heartland is navigating its toughest phase in a decade, marked by order declines and factory layoffs.

Yet, its strengths in premium, low-MOQ production, vertical integration, and compliance are keeping it resilient.

With EU sustainability rules reshaping sourcing, Portugal's blend of speed, quality, and trust secures its nearshoring edge.

Portugal's textile-and-apparel heartland has just lived through its hardest year in a decade: orders softened through 2024 and, by mid-2025, turned into a bona fide slump across the northern valley that stretches from Guimarães to Famalicão. This September alone saw more than a thousand redundancies announced in the region, the kind of one-month shock that ricochets through families, suppliers and training centres. Yet the cluster endures—and in the niches where speed, quality and compliance matter more than raw Free on Board (FOB) price, it is still one of Europe's most effective answers to post-pandemic volatility.

Nearshoring, but Make it Premium

Walk the sample rooms of Portuguese knitters and cut-and-sew specialists and you see why small and premium labels come here first: minimum order quantities are genuinely low, sampling cycles are fast, and workmanship holds up at short runs. That combination—small series—with proximity has been codified by Portugal's own trade agency, whose industry brief foregrounds short lead times, customisation and quality as the country's competitive core. That is why Veja, the Paris-based ethical sneaker brand, launched its Aegean Project in 2023 and has since produced more than 100,000 pairs in Portugal. It is also why ISTO, a Lisbon basics label built on radical price and factory transparency, runs "Factourism" tours that bus customers into mills such as Somelos (a Guimarães-area shirting specialist) and Orfama (a long-running knitwear maker) to watch production up close.

None of this exists in a vacuum. Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) playbooks still split Europe into lanes: Portugal for premium, transparent, low-MOQ programmes; Türkiye and Morocco for bigger, price-sharper fast turns; and Asia for scale. McKinsey's sourcing work through 2023–2024 captured that shift towards regional mixes to cut lead times and hedge geopolitical risk, while reporting from fashion trade titles and consultancies has consistently cast Türkiye and Morocco as the volume engines for near-EU turnarounds. In practice, brands now use a three-track mix: Portugal for brand-adjacent capsules that require quality control, traceability and quick repeatability; Türkiye/Morocco for larger, quick-response drops; and China/Vietnam/Bangladesh when cost and capacity trump everything else.

Vale do Ave at a Crossroads

Vale do Ave is the industrial valley anchored to the River Ave in Portugal's Norte region, a dense manufacturing belt. For decades it has been shorthand for the country's textile-and-apparel heartland—mill towns, dye houses, knitters and finishing plants clustered within a short drive of each other. That tight geography is a strength in good times, when ideas, yarn and talent move quickly along the valley; it is also why any dip in demand reverberates through the ecosystem almost at once.

The order slowdown moved from anxiety to crisis between late August and early October 2025. Polopiqué, one of the region's highest-profile groups, announced a restructuring plan at the end of August—including the closure of two plants, a bank debt renegotiation via Portugal's Processo Especial de Revitalização (PER), and up to 400 layoffs—while other names sought creditor protection or suspended units to steady cash flow. Local and industry press chronicled the domino effects across Guimarães and Famalicão; the ATP or Associação Têxtil e Vestuário de Portugal (the Portuguese Textile and Clothing Association) called for emergency measures as hundreds more layoffs were disclosed. For shop-floor communities, the stress is immediate. For managers, the response has been brutally pragmatic: protect balance sheets, consolidate, and automate where it shaves days off development.

The valley's resilience, however, is real. Even as apparel wobbled, fabrics and home textiles helped prop up export values in early 2025; and by mid-autumn, the new ATP president Ricardo Silva was describing a year that, while bruising, left overall exports down less than one per cent—evidence that Portuguese production is holding share against fiercer, cheaper rivals. That picture is consistent with the region's long-cultivated strengths: vertical integration, trusted mill relationships and a labour force still deep in tacit know-how.

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Compliance as Competitive Edge

If nearshoring supplies the speed story, regulation is increasingly the commercial one. Europe's Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) formally entered its implementation phase in 2025 with a five-year working plan that, crucially, places textiles among the first product groups to receive binding design and information rules. The Digital Product Passport (DPP) is the data spine of that system, forcing brands and suppliers to structure reliable, SKU-level information about materials, origin and performance. For mills that have already invested in traceability and certifications, that is a sellable capability, not a burden.

Portugal is leaning into this. CITEVE—the Technological Centre for the Textile and Clothing Industry of Portugal, a private non-profit that does R&D, testing, certification and tech-transfer for mills and brands—has been convening the industry around digitalisation and circularity; Valérius 360—the Valérius Group's circular arm that turns post-consumer and industrial textile waste into recycled yarns, fabrics and even paper—has built out visible take-back and reprocessing loops; and Riopele—one of the valley's anchors—has added GOTS certification, the Global Organic Textile Standard (the leading, third-party-verified processing standard for textiles made with organic fibres across the whole supply chain), positioning itself as a turnkey partner for brands that want day-one compliance. Add the EU's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), in force since July 2024 with phased thresholds, and "compliance-ready" becomes a reason to pay a little more for proximity.

The Numbers, Without the Myth

Industry boosters sometimes claim Portugal hosts "Europe's largest textile cluster." By turnover and employment, that is not accurate: Italy is still the EU heavyweight, with Portugal in the next tier but punching above its demographic weight. Where the Portuguese claim does hold is qualitative: it is one of Europe's most integrated and consolidated clusters for short-run, premium apparel and home textiles. And after record export years pre-downturn, the sector still shipped roughly €5.58 billion in 2024, a modest drop from 2023's €5.76 billion, according to ATP's compilation of National Statistics Institute trade codes.

Are US Tariffs and EU Sustainability Rules Redirecting Orders from Asia to Portugal?

Two 2025 developments have changed the sourcing math. First, the United States suspended duty-free "de minimis" treatment for low-value parcels on August 29, ending the \$800 loophole that fuelled ultra-fast cross-border e-commerce; the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) now states in its own guidance that those low-value parcels are dutiable. Section 301 tariffs on China also remain in force, with the USTR's 2024 four-year review maintaining, and in some cases increasing, rates. For EU-bound goods, meanwhile, the ESPR/DPP timetable pulls brands towards shorter, knowable chains, because structured product data and due-diligence documentation are simply cheaper to capture when the factory is a two-hour flight away.

Has that shifted orders? At the margin, yes—especially for premium EU-destined capsules where speed and compliance premiumise the product. Veja's European line in Portugal is emblematic of that move. But 2025 also proved that spare capacity does not guarantee demand: price-sensitive basics have not decamped from Asia en masse. H&M's early-2025 remarks about accelerating regionalisation—Central America for the US; Türkiye, Morocco and Egypt for Europe—mirror the broader recalibration. In that world, Portugal's win is not scale; it is value: credible MOQs in the dozens to low hundreds, week-scale lead times, and a cleaner compliance trail that can be surfaced in a QR-coded passport.

The Outlook

Portugal's textile future will be written less in headline volumes than in the quiet details that premium buyers obsess over: how fast a mill can digitise a passport's data layer; how many days can be cut between prototype and SMS (salesman sample); how readily a factory opens its doors to a busload of customers. Vale do Ave is hurting, but the ecosystem that made it attractive—dense suppliers, tacit skills, transparency, and now compliance muscle—is still in place. If Europe's consumer demand stabilises and brands stick with the pragmatism they discovered during the pandemic, Portugal remains the nearshore that sells trust as much as cloth.

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QUICK ESTIMATES FOR TEXTILES & CLOTHING (APRIL - OCTOBER' 25)

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Exports (Million USD)	OCT'24	OCT'25	% Change	APR'24- OCT'24	APR'25- OCT'25	% Change
Cotton Yarn/Fabs/made-ups, Handloom Products etc	1,046	906	-13.31%	6,995	6,703	-4.18%
Man-made Yarn/ Fabs/ made-ups etc.	438	387	-11.75%	2,844	2,787	-1.98%
RMG of all Textiles	1,228	1,069	-12.88%	8,734	8,833	1.13%
Jute Mfg. Floor Covering	33	24	-27.27%	213	214	0.49%
Carpet	147	124	-15.80%	893	857	-3.93%
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	171	157	-8.29%	1,050	1,008	-4.02%
Textiles	1,834	1,597	-12.92%	11,994	11,569	-3.54%
Apparel	1,228	1,069	-12.88%	8,734	8,833	1.13%
Textiles & Apparel	3,062	2,666	-12.91%	20,728	20,402	-1.57%
All Commodities	38,983	34,375	-11.82%	252,661	254,254	0.63%
% Share of T&C in Total Exports	7.85%	7.76%		8.20%	8.02%	
Imports (Million USD)	OCT'24	OCT'25	% Change	APR'24- OCT'24	APR'25- OCT'25	% Change
Cotton Raw & Waste	128	234	83.26%	605	911	50.51%
Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	229	227	-1.17%	1,426	1,544	8.22%

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 (-) 13.31% in October 2025 over October 2024.
- During Apr – Oct'25, Indian cotton yarn/fabrics/made-ups, handloom products have declined by (-) 4.18%.
- During Oct'25, Indian Textiles Exports declined by (-) 12.92% over the previous year while Apparel Exports have also declined by (-) 12.88% during the same time period.
- Cumulative Exports of Textiles and Apparel during October'25 have declined by (-) 12.91% over October'24
- During April- October'25, Indian Textiles Exports have declined by (-) 3.54% over the previous year while Apparel Exports registered a growth of 1.13% during the same time period. Overall T&A have declined by (-) 1.57% during Apr-Oct'25.



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India's flagship textile platform returns in July 2026, showcasing innovation, sustainability and global collaboration.



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On behalf of the Bharat Tex Trade Federation and as an organiser of the event, TEXPROCIL invites its members to participate in "Bharat Tex 2026" and book their exhibition space through TEXPROCIL.

Online applications for exhibition space will be opening shortly.

Being an esteemed member of the Council, we solicit your participation and look forward to your valuable support and cooperation in making "Bharat Tex 2026" a huge success!

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Trade Promotion**Secretary, Ministry of Textiles Reviews Activities of Textile Institutions, Export Councils, and Research Associations in Mumbai**

Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary Ministry of Textiles and Chairperson, Textiles Committee, began her comprehensive two-day visit to Mumbai from today, to review the ongoing programmes, institutional performance, and policy implementation progress of various bodies functioning under the Ministry of Textiles. On the first day of her visit, she reviewed activities related to handlooms and allied sectors, accompanied by Dr. M. Beena, Development Commissioner (Handlooms).

During the visit, Secretary interacted with Ms Anshu Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary (Textiles) Government of Maharashtra and other senior officers from Government of Maharashtra and deliberated on bringing in synergy with both state and central implementation of central schemes in the state of Maharashtra and discussed the issues affecting the growth of the sector in the state.

The visit commenced with a detailed review meeting at the Textiles Committee, where the Secretary examined the activities of the organisation vis-à-vis the functions envisaged in the Textiles Committee Act, 1963 by the founding fathers of the Textiles Committee and advised to restructure and reorient its activities so as to meet the objectives of the Act and support the industry to meet the visions of the Ministry of Textiles.

She emphasized the growing needs of the industry in scientific, technical & economic research and attributed the functions of the Textiles Committee to these and advised to realign the priorities to meet the aspirations of both the industry and government. The TC should act like a link between the industry and government by providing inputs on the ground realities of the sector so as to help the industry to mitigate these with the help of policy interventions from the Ministry of Textiles.

Following this, Smt. Rao visited the Synthetic & Art Silk Mills' Research Association (SASMIRA). The review centered on SASMIRA's ongoing R&D in technical textiles, man-made fibers, and green textile innovations.

The Secretary appreciated SASMIRA's contributions to training & education, promoting technical textile applications, industrial testing facilities, and capacity-building programs aimed at strengthening the synthetic sector's competitiveness. She emphasized the need to align SASMIRA's research activities with global sustainability and recycling objectives.

At the Weavers Service Centre (WSC), Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Smt. Rao and Dr. Beena reviewed the implementation of major schemes including the National Handloom Development Programme, Cluster Development Programme, and marketing interventions such as exhibitions, design innovation, and digital platforms for weavers. The Secretary highlighted the importance of technology integration, e-commerce enablement, and handloom mark promotion to expand the domestic and export reach of India's handloom products.

Subsequently, the delegation visited the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), where interactions were held with representatives from the cotton textile export sector. The discussions focused on export competitiveness, diversification of markets, Kasturi Cotton Bharat and the promotion of value-added cotton textile products. Smt. Rao appreciated TEXPROCIL's proactive role in supporting exporters through trade fairs, buyer-seller meets, and international branding initiatives.

A similar review meeting was held at the Man-made Textiles Export Promotion Council (MATEXIL). The Secretary reviewed export performance trends, challenges faced by synthetic and blended textile exporters, and strategies to enhance global visibility for Indian man-made fibers. She encouraged the Council to adopt sustainability-driven export models and to leverage FTAs and trade pacts for greater market access.

In the evening, the Secretary held a comprehensive review meeting at the Office of the Textile Commissioner, focusing on key flagship schemes of the Ministry such as the PM MITRA Parks Scheme, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, and SAMARTH – Skill Development Scheme. After in the evening, Smt. Rao will chair a meeting with major industry associations, engaging leading representatives from across the textile value chain to discuss policy feedback, sustainability initiatives, and investment promotion.

Source: pib.gov.in

Secretary, Ministry of Textiles Reviews Activities of Textile Institutions, Export Councils, and Research Associations in Mumbai

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Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary Textiles interacts with trade at The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council



Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary Ministry of Textiles and Chairperson, Textiles Committee along with other Government Officials visited TEXPROCIL



High Level Indian Delegation at ITMA Asia + CITME, Singapore 2025



Shri. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles interacting with the delegates at India Pavilion

An official delegation from the Ministry of Textiles participated in ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore 2025, the region's largest integrated textile and garment manufacturing technologies exhibition, which was scheduled from October 28-31, 2025. The delegation was led by Shri. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles.

As part of the delegation, TEXPROCIL actively participated in the event to highlight India's apparel manufacturing capabilities, engaging with global buyers, and exploring opportunities for international collaborations and investment.

Indian Pavilion: Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary to the Union Ministry of Textiles, inaugurated the Indian Pavilion on October 28. During the inauguration, Mr. Kansal highlighted India's aim to reach \$100 billion in textile exports by 2030.

Sustainability Focus: Sustainability was a key area of focus for India's participation. Mr. Kansal was slated to give a speech titled "Accelerating Green Transition" at the ITMA Sustainability Forum on October 30. CITI emphasized its continuous efforts, including partnerships with organizations like the Fair Wear Foundation and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), to establish a strong sustainability framework within the Indian textile industry.

Underscoring India's growing influence, **Mr Rohit Kansal**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, led a 30-member delegation and remarked,

"India's strong participation reflects our strategic vision to advance textile growth through innovation, manufacturing excellence, and sustainability. The fair provides an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and witness the latest technologies shaping the industry."

Mr Kansal also spoke at the ITMA Sustainability Forum, where he emphasised India's ongoing transition towards greener textile production models.

Participants: The event featured over 800 exhibitors from 30 countries and was supported by more than 80 industry associations globally which consisted of prominent textile entrepreneurs and industry figures with expertise in sustainable and smart textile production.

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- **Other Delegations:** Associations from Pakistan (APTMA) and Nigeria (GAFFOAN), among others, also sent delegations to explore innovations in automation, resource efficiency, and digital solutions to boost their competitiveness.
- **Key Themes:** Exhibitors focused on technologies promoting circularity, resource efficiency, waterless processing, and renewable energy integration.
- **Networking and B2B:** The visit included many chances for Indian delegates to engage with innovative textile firms globally, encouraging potential partnerships and business growth.

Singapore was widely regarded by participants as an accessible and “neutral” strategic location, which facilitated global business meetings and interactions.

The event served as a crucial opportunity for the Indian textile industry to present its increasing capabilities and dedication to adopting global ESG standards and contemporary manufacturing



Round Table discussion at ITMA in Singapore



Shri Ajay Pandit Additional TxC wearing Kasturi Cotton T- Shirt at ITMA in Singapore



Indian delegation led by Shri. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles with the team from Uster Technologies (India) Pvt. Ltd. at ITMA, Singapore

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What's Trump's 'Game Two Plan' for Tariffs in the Event of a Supreme Court Defeat?

The Trump administration's tariff regime was heavily scrutinized in a landmark Supreme Court hearing on Wednesday that saw even conservative justices questioning the Commander in Chief's authority to levy hefty and expansive duties.

At the center of the discussion was the statute that President Donald Trump chose to invoke to execute the global "reciprocal" tariff scheme: the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Little known or referenced until now, the 1977 law grants the president the authority to "regulate... importation or exportation" in order to address an "unusual and extraordinary threat" from outside the United States.

The petitioners in the case—a handful of small American businesses and a dozen state attorneys general—argue that IEEPA doesn't give the president tariffing power. Firstly, because it's not spelled out in the text, and secondly, because tariffs amount to a tax, and imposing taxes is a function of Congress, not the executive branch.

In defending Trump's tariffs, Solicitor General D. John Sauer argued that while the law doesn't explicitly include the word "tariffs," duties are a key tool for regulating imports and exports. He characterized the duties as a regulatory mechanism for foreign commerce, not a revenue-generating device or a tax. (This, despite the president's own claims that they have the potential to generate trillions of dollars for the federal government and help pay down the country's growing deficit.)

The nine justices evinced ample skepticism of Sauer's argument, and while they had tough questions for the lawyers for the states and businesses, too, "I do feel that the probabilities favor the [petitioners] here," said Jason Kenner, a lawyer for Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg.

"I felt that we had four solid justices on the side of striking down the tariffs," he added, and five are needed to solidify a decision. "For them, it's not really an issue of tariffs—it's an issue of presidential power. We have four justices who seem to want to make sure that they're curbing excessive presidential power."

The Supreme Court's liberal justices, including Justice Sonya Sotomayor, Justice Elena Kagan and Justice Katanji Brown Jackson, are all but guaranteed to vote against the president's duties. Justice Amy Coney Barrett appeared to be having major doubts about their legality, asking the solicitor general, "Can you point to any other place in the code or any other time in history where that phrase together, 'regulate importation,' has been used to confer tariff-imposing authority?" He skirted the question.

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Neil Gorsuch were also vocal throughout Sauer's defense of the tariffs, with Roberts appearing unconvinced by the solicitor general's argument that foreign producers, not Americans, pay the bulk of the tariffs. With the president's IEEPA agenda still standing but certainly on the ropes, the administration has, for weeks, been hinting that they're prepared to pivot. At a Thursday press conference in the Oval Office, Trump said he thought it would be "devastating for our country" if the administration lost the case, "but I also think that we'll have to develop a game-two plan."

According to ST&R's Kenner, there are a handful of trade tools that the administration is potentially exploring as "Plan B,"

and some they're already using to impose Trump's other tariff schemes. "They have a variety of tools, and they are already implementing a lot of those tools," he said.

Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, for example, imbues the Commander in Chief with the authority to restrict imports by imposing tariffs (among other measures) if those imports threaten U.S. national security.

The Trump administration has leveraged the statute to launch 15 investigations into whether importing products like steel, copper, aluminum, lumber, semiconductors, cars, critical minerals and semiconductors endanger the U.S. While the law grants the president broad tariffing power, that authority is sector-specific, so Trump would not be able to impose blanket tariffs on specific countries, as he has been doing.

Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 is a familiar provision for Trump, who famously leveraged the law to tariff more than \$300 billion in imports from China during his first term. It gives the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) the authority to initiate investigations into trade practices that are unfair or discriminatory to the U.S., or have the potential to dampen the country's commerce, and retaliate against such actions using tariffs.

The Trump administration launched an investigation into Brazil to determine whether its government's actions and policies related to digital trade and electronic payments, intellectual property protections, ethanol market access, deforestation, along with perceived attacks on American social media companies, amounted to an unreasonable burden on U.S. commerce. However, Section 301 investigations are cumbersome and time consuming. Section 122 of the Trade Act is another possibility, giving the president power to impose temporary tariffs or quotas in the event of a balance-of-payments (BOP) emergency in which the U.S. can't meet its global payment obligations and is in danger of draining its foreign reserves.

Trade imbalances are among the factors that can lead to a BOP crisis—the same rationale that Trump utilized to declare a national emergency under IEEPA. But under Section 122, the president would only be able to impose tariffs of up to 15 percent, and for a relatively short period of 150 days (without Congressional approval to extend them). Finally, there's Section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930—the oldest and perhaps most nuclear of the options. It's provision of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which is widely fingered for deepening the financial ruin of the Great Depression. It's also never been used.

The provision grants the president authority to levy duties of up to 50 percent on nations that are found to have discriminated against American commerce by putting U.S. products at a market disadvantage. That unilateral power comes with few strings—no drawn-out investigations—and it allows the Commander in Chief to ban imports altogether if a country doesn't rectify its policies or practices. Conservative Justice Samuel Alito brought up the measure at the hearing on Wednesday, asking the lawyer for the petitioners, Neal Katyal, why the administration wouldn't simply shift tacks. "Why doesn't the plain language of that provision, which does speak specifically about duties, provide a basis for all or virtually all of the tariffs at issue?" he asked.

The government has never made that argument, Katyal said, trying to steer the discussion back to the issue of the day: IEEPA. But according to Kenner, Section 338 is one to watch. "I think



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we would be kidding ourselves if we don't think that the White House is taking the Alito suggestion very seriously right now," he said.

Source: sourcingjournal.com

Vietnam's textile exports rise in Jan-Oct; yarn prices stay pressured

Vietnam's textile and garment exports (excluding yarn and fibre) rose 7.6 per cent year-on-year to \$32.931 billion during January–October 2025, according to the Customs IT and Statistics Department under the Ministry of Finance. The growth reflects gradual recovery in demand from major markets and improved order stability following a subdued period in 2023–2024.

However, Vietnam's yarn exports fell 2.9 per cent year-on-year to \$3,548.404 million in value, even as volumes increased 3.1 per cent to 1,596,371 tons. This suggests continued price pressure due to surplus supply in regional spinning markets and competition from India and China, keeping unit prices lower.

On a month-on-month basis, textile and garment exports declined 2.5 per cent in October 2025 to \$3.178 billion, indicating a moderation in buying after peak seasonal orders. Yarn exports in October rose 1.3 per cent in value to \$360.482 million, with volumes up 3.2 per cent to 168,347 tons.

The United States remained Vietnam's largest textile and garment market, accounting for 44.97 per cent of total shipments, valued at \$14.811 billion, supported by brands' continued diversification away from China. Japan and South Korea were key markets as well, with exports reaching \$3,805.819 million and \$2,525.890 million respectively.

For yarn exports, China was the biggest buyer, representing 49.04 per cent of total shipments worth \$1,740.884 million. Exports to India amounted to \$60.256 million. China's dominance reflects integrated textile value chains, where Vietnamese yarn is frequently re-exported back to Vietnam in the form of finished fabrics.

On the import side, Vietnam's cotton imports rose 1 per cent year-on-year to \$2,447.299 million, with volumes increasing 16.6 per cent to 1,443,849 tons, reflecting preparation for higher garment production. Yarn imports totalled 1,073,374 tons, valued at \$2,353.870 million—up 5.0 per cent in value and 5.8 per cent in volume. Fabric imports, primarily from China, South Korea, and Taiwan, reached \$12.505 billion, up 1.7 per cent year-on-year.

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In 2024, Vietnam exported textiles and garments worth \$37.036 billion, up 11.2 per cent year-on-year, while yarn exports reached 1.873 million tons valued at \$4.407 billion. Cotton and yarn imports also rose, reflecting sustained production needs.

In 2024, Vietnam's cotton imports totalled 1.503 million tons, worth \$2.884 billion, up 1.8 per cent in value and 12.3 per cent in volume year-on-year. Yarn imports reached 1.243 million tons valued at \$2.713 billion, rising 23.8 per cent in value and 18.1 per cent in volume due to increased sourcing for both domestic spinning and re-export. Fabric imports were \$14.905 billion, up 14.5 per cent year-on-year, reflecting continued reliance on external supply to support garment manufacturing.

The Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) has set a higher export target of \$47–48 billion for textiles, garments, and yarn in 2025, supported by expectations of stronger retail demand in key Western and Asian markets, and increasing adoption of supply-chain digitalisation and sustainability compliance by Vietnamese manufacturers.

Chattogram Port Bay Terminal in Bangladesh to start operations by 2030

The Bay Terminal at the Chattogram port is expected to get operational by 2030, according to Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) chairman Rear Admiral SM Moniruzzaman, who recently said the terminal will usher in a new era for economy, trade and import-export sectors.

It will reduce ship turnaround times and strengthen the country's position on South Asia's trade map, he told a conference held at the port.

Moniruzzaman said the design and preparatory work for the project are nearing completion. The government and the port authority have held preliminary discussions with several domestic and international construction firms.

The previous government had approved setting up the Bay Terminal, comprising four terminals, on around 2,500 acres in the Anandabazar area of North Halishahar in Chattogram.

The project involves construction of breakwaters and navigation channels and development of port facilities such as road and rail links, container yards and jetties, according to domestic media reports.

The terminal is expected to enable the berthing of vessels with a draft of up to 12 metres and of up to 280 metres in length.

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Cabinet decisions on exports to improve competitiveness: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the decisions of the Union Cabinet regarding exports will improve global competitiveness and help realise the dream of self-reliance.

The Union Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Modi on Wednesday, approved the export promotion mission and a credit guarantee scheme for exporters.

“Ensuring ‘Made in India’ resonates even louder in the world market! The Union Cabinet approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), which will improve export competitiveness, help MSMEs, first-time exporters and sectors that are labour-intensive,” Modi said in a post on X.

“It brings together key stakeholders to build a mechanism that is outcome based and effective,” he said.

The prime minister also said the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters, which has been approved by the Cabinet, will boost global competitiveness, ensure smooth business operations and help realise our dream of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Modi said the decision to rationalise the royalty rates of graphite, caesium, rubidium and zirconium will strengthen supply chains and create job opportunities.

The Cabinet also approved rationalisation of royalty rates of graphite, caesium, rubidium and zirconium minerals critical for Green Energy. “This Cabinet decision will boost sustainability and self-reliance. It will strengthen supply chains and create job opportunities as well,” the prime minister said.

US Macroeconomic Indicators and the Cotton Supply Chain

The U.S. federal government has been under a shutdown since the first of October. The duration of the current funding gap is the longest on record (41 days as of November 10th, when this document was written). The previous record of 34 days was set in 2018-19.

The shutdown has affected a wide range of government economic reporting, and the structure of this publication has been temporarily altered to accommodate changes in data availability. All of the figures presented in the tables and charts are the latest available. The discussion below covers recent events shaping the outlook for spending and sourcing.

A point of contention between the two parties is whether the funding bill will include a provision to extend subsidies for health care. Progress towards an agreement appeared to have been made among Senate members November 9th, but a formal vote is still required in both the Senate and the House. There are several direct economic effects of the shutdown.

One of those is that many federal employees have not been getting paid. Estimates are that at least 670,000 federal employees have been furloughed (on leave, not being paid) and

that 730,000 have been working without pay (for context, the total U.S. labor force is 170 million). Expectations are that these employees will get back pay, but until the government reopens and payments are made, these people can be expected to be limiting their spending.

Another direct economic effect stemming from the shutdown relates to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Payment benefits (SNAP, or food stamps). The availability of this monthly support to lower income families is being argued in the courts. On November 8th, the USDA issued a memo following a Supreme Court decision which indicated November benefit payments should be 65% of the normal maximum allotment. Both the delay and any reduction in payments affect the finances of more than 40 million Americans (for context, total U.S. population is near 343 million). If these consumers allocate more of their income towards food, there could be less money available for more discretionary goods like apparel.

It may be notable that these developments are surfacing around the start of the important holiday sales period. These economic stresses could affect the volume of goods purchased, especially when factoring in inflation. Although much economic reporting has been delayed due to the shutdown, there was a release of CPI data in October. The reading for overall inflation was +3.0% year-over-year.

This matched the rate from January, but it otherwise ranked as the highest rate in sixteen months. The National Retail Federation recently released their forecast for holiday spending and suggested growth could be between 3.7% and 4.2%. Last year, sales growth was 4.3%. It was 4.7% in 2022 and 3.9% in 2023.

TARIFFS: There was a series of announcements concerning tariffs that were made over the past month. Many of these were issued around the meeting between President Trump and President Xi Jinping at the end of October. These included frameworks and agreements with Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. Several of these announcements included statements regarding purchases of U.S. agricultural goods, but there were not any comments specifying purchase volumes or values for U.S. cotton.

After threats were made to increase tariffs on China by 100 percentage points in the first half of October, negotiations with China led to a reduction in tariff rates. In 2025, there have been three sets of U.S. tariff increases on goods from China. The first came in February and were attributed to fentanyl (ten percentage points). A second fentanyl-associated increase occurred in March (ten percentage points). This was followed by the “reciprocal” tariffs that were introduced in April and lowered in May (to ten percentage points). In combination, these increases implied that recent U.S.

imports from China had been facing thirty-point tariff increases in much 2025. With the negotiations around the recent meeting between the leaders from the U.S. and China, the fentanyl-related tariffs were reduced by half, lowering the current level of 2025 tariff addition on imports from China to twenty points.



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The Supreme Court began hearing arguments regarding tariffs on November 5th. These hearings are examining the legal justification used by the administration to impose many of the tariff increases this year and will rule whether the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) can be used by a president to implement tariffs. The timing of the court's decision is unknown.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee, which makes decisions regarding interest rate policy, met in late October. At the meeting, the decision was made to cut interest rate by one quarter of a percentage point (to a range between 3.75%-4.00%, its recent peak was between 5.25%-5.50% before cuts started in September 2024).

With the shutdown, the central bank is making decisions with less data. Comments after the meeting relayed a view that labor market has been weakening and that there are downside risks for the employment situation. The Fed also indicated that inflation has been easing for services but rising for goods and that there are upside risks for overall price movement.

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal Holds a Series of High-Level Engagements in Rotorua on Day 2 of His Official Visit to New Zealand

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, undertook multiple high-level engagements aimed at deepening bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, connectivity, and cultural exchanges between India and New Zealand on the second day of his official visit to New Zealand.

Earlier in the day, en route to Rotorua, the Minister met CEO, Air New Zealand, Mr. Nikhil Ravishankar. Discussions focused on the airline's role in enhancing regional and global connectivity. Shri Goyal highlighted India's rapidly expanding aviation sector and underscored the significant opportunities it offers for strengthening collaboration in air services and tourism.

Upon arrival in Rotorua, Shri Goyal was received by Ms. Tania Tapsell, Mayor of Rotorua. The Minister thanked the Mayor for the warm welcome and commended the city's unique natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, expressing confidence that greater bilateral engagement would help boost trade and tourism linkages.

At Te Puia, the national centre for Māori culture and arts, Shri Goyal was accorded a traditional Māori welcome (Pōwhiri) in the presence of Mr. Todd McClay, Minister for Trade of New Zealand. The ceremony, which included customary chants and the hongi greeting, reflected the warmth and mutual respect between the two nations. Shri Goyal appreciated the Māori community for their rich cultural traditions and noted the resonance between Māori values and India's own civilisational ethos, particularly in their shared reverence for nature and community.

Later, Shri Goyal and Mr. Todd McClay co-chaired the India-New Zealand CEOs Roundtable, which brought together leading

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business representatives from both countries. Addressing the gathering, Shri Goyal highlighted India's rapidly transforming economic landscape and emphasized the vast potential for collaboration in technology, agriculture, education, clean energy, tourism, and sustainability. He welcomed the strong participation of Indian-origin business leaders and encouraged New Zealand industry to explore deeper partnerships with India for mutual growth.

Shri Goyal conveyed his gratitude to Minister McClay for the gracious hospitality extended in his hometown of Rotorua and affirmed that both sides are committed to advancing India-New Zealand relations towards greater friendship, prosperity, and shared progress.

Source: pib.gov.in

Fine-count cotton yarn demand firms in south India; prices steady

Cotton yarn prices in south India remained steady, although market sentiment was mixed. Demand for finer counts improved compared to coarse counts. The Tiruppur market saw average buying amid expectations of stronger lifting in the coming weeks. However, the Mumbai market remained subdued as labour shortages limited cotton yarn consumption. Traders anticipate better demand next week when workers from Bihar return after state assembly elections.

In Mumbai, demand remained slow as the weaving sector continues to face labour shortages. Cotton yarn prices have not shown significant movement in recent days. A trader from Mumbai told Fibre2Fashion, "A large number of power looms are closed or running partially due to a shortage of workers. Workers from Bihar are expected to return next week after voting. We hope cotton yarn demand will improve once they are back."

In Mumbai, 60 carded yarn of warp and weft varieties were traded at ₹1,400-1,440 (~ \$15.79-16.24) and ₹1,370-1,400 per 5 kg (~ \$15.45-15.79) (excluding GST), respectively. Other prices include 60 combed warp at ₹320-335 (~ \$3.61-3.78) per kg, 80 carded weft at ₹1,390-1,420 (~ \$15.68-16.01) per 4.5 kg, 44/46 carded warp at ₹257-263 (~ \$2.90-2.97) per kg, 40/41 carded warp at ₹248-253 (~ \$2.80-2.85) per kg and 40/41 combed warp at ₹268-272 (~ \$3.02-3.07) per kg, according to trade sources.

The Tiruppur market recorded better demand for fine-count knitting yarn, though prices remained stable. Trade sources noted that the loom sector is purchasing finer counts as fabric demand has emerged from both domestic and export markets. Demand is expected to improve further in the coming weeks as summer garment production begins. The textile value chain may see a notable boost if India-US trade negotiations lead to a favourable agreement.

In Tiruppur, knitting cotton yarn prices were noted as 30 count combed cotton yarn at ₹250-257 (~ \$2.82-2.90) per kg (excluding GST), 34 count combed cotton yarn at ₹261-268 (~ \$2.94-3.02) per kg, 40 count combed cotton yarn at ₹273-286 (~

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\$3.08-3.23) per kg, 30 count carded cotton yarn at ₹232-237 (~ \$2.62-2.67) per kg, 34 count carded cotton yarn at ₹237-242 (~ \$2.67-2.73) per kg and 40 count carded cotton yarn at ₹244-248 (~ \$2.75-2.80) per kg.

In Gujarat, cotton prices eased by ₹300-500 per candy of 356 kg due to lower quality arrivals and delayed procurement by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). Recent rains have affected crop quality. Ginners are cautious as mills have limited capacity to utilise lower-grade cotton. Traders fear that once CCI procurement begins, the limited availability of good-quality cotton may move rapidly into government stocks, potentially creating supply challenges for ginners.

All-India cotton arrivals were estimated at 90,000-95,000 bales of 170 kg. Gujarat reported 20,000-22,000 bales. The benchmark Shankar-6 cotton of the new season was quoted at ₹52,200-52,500 (~ \$586.45-588.71) per candy of 356 kg, while southern mills were seeking to purchase at ₹53,000-53,500 (~ \$597.73-603.37) per candy. New-season seed cotton (kapas) was traded at ₹1,400-1,450 (~ \$15.79-16.35) per maund of 20 kg.

Govt to ease credit access, review quality controls after PM Modi's meeting with exporters

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured exporters that the government will provide all necessary assistance to strengthen India's position in global trade, as the Centre prepares a series of measures to ease credit access and simplify compliance requirements for exporters and importers, sources told Business Today.

At a meeting held last week, the Prime Minister interacted with exporters from key labour-intensive sectors including apparel, leather, gems and jewellery, handicrafts, engineering, and seafood. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan, and senior officials from the textiles, commerce, and MSME ministries, along with heads of various export promotion councils.

According to a senior government source, exporters urged the government to direct banks to be more flexible in extending credit. They sought relaxed lending norms and larger working capital limits to help them meet global demand and stay competitive despite rising input costs and slowing external markets. "Exporters want banks to be more lenient in lending large amounts, particularly to high-performing sectors," the official said.

PM Modi assured industry representatives that exporters will be fully supported through policy interventions and financial facilitation. He emphasised the government's commitment to ensuring that Indian exporters remain competitive despite global headwinds, including higher US tariffs on certain Indian goods and weak demand in key markets.

In parallel, the government is also working to ease the burden of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) on industry after several sectors raised concerns about excessive compliance costs and delays in imports of raw materials. The Commerce Ministry is reviewing the existing framework to restrict QCOs to finished products, rather than intermediate inputs, in order to ensure uninterrupted supply chains and reduce procedural hurdles for exporters and MSMEs.

Officials said the government's objective is to maintain product quality and consumer safety while improving the ease of doing business for export-driven industries that rely on imported components.

India's share in global trade remains modest at around 2 per cent, including 1.6 per cent in goods exports and 3.3 per cent in services exports. In September, exports increased 6.74 per cent to \$36.38 billion, while imports rose 16.6 per cent, widening the trade deficit to \$31.15 billion.

During April to September, exports grew 3.02 per cent to \$220.12 billion, while imports rose 4.53 per cent to \$375.11 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of \$154.99 billion.

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Value Creation and Market Competitiveness with Kasturi Cotton: Opportunities for Spinners and the Downstream Industry

A session on Value Creation and Market Competitiveness with Kasturi Cotton: Opportunities for Spinners and the Downstream Industry was jointly organised by the Southern India Mills Association (SIMA) along with TEXPROCIL and ICAR – CIRCOT (Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology) at SIMA, Coimbatore on 5th November 2025.

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL, delivered the Welcome Address highlighting the importance of traceability and branding in strengthening India's cotton identity.

Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, CITI, in his Inaugural Address, emphasized the exceptional quality, purity and tensile strength of Kasturi Cotton fabrics and its role in enhancing global competitiveness.

Mr. S Krishnakumar, Deputy Chairman, SIMA, shared his perspective on the industry's readiness and collaborative approach towards this initiative.

Shri T. Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI Standing Committee on Cotton, delivered a Special Address focusing on quality enhancement, contamination-free cotton and the need for collective efforts to scale the Kasturi Cotton movement.

Dr. Shukla, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT, made an insightful technical presentation on the scientific framework ensuring purity, performance and traceability of Kasturi Cotton.

Key points discussed during the session:

- ✓ Kasturi Cotton assures stakeholders across the value chain from farmers to manufacturers and consumers, access to premium-quality Indian cotton.
- ✓ Kasturi Cotton programme is in the process of introducing ELS cotton of 34mm+ and 35mm+ staple length.
- ✓ Quality assurance, traceability and brand identity are the key parameters.
- ✓ Kasturi Cotton has the potential to match the fibre qualities of Brazilian and Australian cotton as 1st and 2nd pickings are capable of meeting KCB norms with better fibre Uniformity Index, less trash in cotton $\leq 2\%$ ensures minimal seed coat neps and ginned cottonseeds in bales.
- ✓ To attract cotton farmers a high premium for producing Kasturi Cotton should be given to increase the area.
- ✓ Collaboration between industry and farmers through the formation of FPO to support ELS cotton production in suitable regions is required to motivate farmers to cultivate premium varieties.
- ✓ The longer crop duration required for ELS cotton (more than 180 days) and an FPO model would help protect farmers' interests while ensuring consistent supply for the industry.

The Panel discussion on Kasturi Cotton awareness was followed by Interactive Q&A Session moderated by Dr. K Selvaraju, Secretary General.



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KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Glimpses of the Session



Welcome address by Dr Siddhartha Rajagopal,
Executive Director, TEXPROCIL



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, ED, TEXPROCIL,
welcoming Mr Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, CITI



ED, TEXPROCIL, Welcoming Mr Krishnakumar S, Deputy Chairman,
SIMA with a Bouquet



ED, TEXPROCIL, Welcoming Dr S K Shukla, Director, ICAR
, CIRCOT with a Bouquet



Mr Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, CITI, giving his inaugural address



Mr Krishnakumar S, Deputy Chairman, SIMA delivering the Special
address



ED, TEXPROCIL, welcomes, Mr T Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI Standing
Committee on Cotton with a Bouquet



Mr T Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI Standing Committee
on Cotton delivering the Special address

KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Glimpses of the Session



Dr S K Shukla, delivers keynote address



Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director briefing the Session



Panel discussion



Mr K Sivaraj, Vice-Chairman, SIMA, delivering Vote of thanks



Q & A Session



Q & A Session

To further enhance industry awareness, officials from TEXPROCIL visited several textile units in Coimbatore, Tirupur, and Palladam, engaging directly with manufacturers and stakeholders.

KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Better Cotton Initiative surpasses 50% traceable BCI Cotton milestone

Two years since the launch of its traceability solution, the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) has announced that over 50% of BCI Cotton volumes entering global fashion and textile supply chains are now traceable, deriving from 15 countries.

Since BCI Traceability was implemented in November 2023, the number of retailer and brand members sourcing traceable BCI Cotton, officially known as Physical BCI Cotton, has grown at pace. More than 60 companies have signed up to source via BCI Traceability, while 17 have received products containing Physical BCI Cotton.

Jacky Broomhead, Director of Traceability at the Better Cotton Initiative, says that traceable cotton has become a clear necessity for the fashion and textile industries. She said: "The complexity of textile supply chains, combined with increased legislation, makes traceability non-negotiable. To continue delivering on our mission to support cotton farmers around the world and ensure BCI farmers can access key markets, we needed to make BCI Cotton traceable."

In just two years, more than 23,000 metric tonnes (MT) of Physical BCI Cotton have been traced from cotton gins to BCI Retailer and Brand Members, a huge increase from the 90 MT achieved by November 2024.

With the average 100% cotton t-shirt containing around 180g grams, it means that enough Physical BCI Cotton has reached retailers and brands to make more than 127 million t-shirts.

BCI has now rolled the solution out across all countries where it has field-level programmes and continues to help supplier and manufacturer members align with its Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard, which sets the requirements for handling Physical BCI Cotton and ensures the integrity of the system.

Achieving scale

In the past 12 months, BCI Traceability has been launched in Australia and Brazil, while the number of BCI Supplier? and Manufacturer Members aligned with the CoC Standard has risen from 700 in 2024 to over 2,000.

Broomhead added: "Making traceability both accessible to the market and inclusive of all BCI farmers has been a key goal of ours. Achieving this has been a truly collaborative effort made possible through the invaluable contributions of our retailer and supplier community who helped develop the solution, and the many companies now sourcing Physical BCI Cotton."

The continued success of BCI Traceability will also be vital cog in the rollout of the organisation's new product label, which launched last month. The new label is available to BCI Retailer and Brand Members, enabling them to claim with confidence that their products contain Physical BCI Cotton, certified by a third-party body and traced from its country of origin.

Third-party certification of the supply chain, in addition to traceability, makes the label a source of reassurance for consumers, while enhancing the credibility of retailers and brands.

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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.

A) List issued by Tuticorin Customs regarding pending IGST refund errors

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

Members are requested to take necessary action to avail the pending IGST refunds.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1762587081-Eserve-196_of_2025.pdf

B) Revision of exporter eligibility criteria for registration on "Source from India" service of Trade Connect e-Platform

DGFT vide Trade Notice No.15/2025-26 dated 29.10.2025 has revised the eligibility criteria for exporters to register on the "Source from India" service of the Trade Connect e-Platform. Earlier, the facility was restricted to Status Holder exporters.

Revised eligibility (effective 01.11.2025):

- Exporters with a valid IEC (not in DEL List)
- Minimum export realisation of USD 100,000 in any one of the previous three financial years (as per DGFT eBRC data).

Eligible exporters on Trade Connect will automatically see this option on their dashboard. A detailed user guide is annexed to Trade Notice No.15/2025-26 dated 29.10.2025.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1762256214-Eserve-185_of_2025.pdf

C) DGFT launches Pilot Phase of 'Bharat Aayat Niryat Lab Setu' to digitise testing and certification for Exports and Imports

To strengthen India's trade facilitation ecosystem, DGFT vide Trade Notice No.14/2025-26 dated 27.10.2025 has launched pilot phase of Bharat Aayat Niryat Lab Setu, a single-window digital platform integrating accredited testing and inspection agencies nationwide. Accessible at <https://trade.gov.in> >>> LabSetu or <https://trade.gov.in/pages/labsetu>, it will enable exporters/importers to search, apply, track and obtain digital test reports/certifications across product categories.

Objective:

To streamline testing and certification, reduce delays, improve transparency and traceability and enhance global trust in India's quality infrastructure. During the pilot phase, existing offline processes may continue in parallel to ensure smooth transition and system refinement.

Key Dates for implementation:

- 04.11.2025 - Pilot phase begins; onboarding of testing/inspection agencies
- 11.11.2025 - Exporters/importers may start submitting testing applications

Support Channels:

- Helpdesk Ticket: Lab Setu >>> Helpdesk >>> Create New Request >>> LabSetu
- DGFT Toll-Free Helpline: 011-23061495 / 011-23061499
- Email: dgftedi@nic.in

For detailed information on (a) Specific Instructions for Applicants, Testing & Inspection Agencies and

- (b) Verification of Test Reports, members may refer to Trade Notice No.14/2025-26 dated 27.10.2025. A User Guide in this regard is enclosed.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1762256239-Eserve-186_of_2025.pdf

D) DGFT amends Para 2.88 and Para 2.91 of HBP 2023

DGFT vide Public Notice No.29/2025-26 dated 28.10.2025 has amended Paras 2.88 and 2.91 of HBP 2023 to facilitate exporters in obtaining Certificates of Origin (CoO) under the India-European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India-EFTA TEPA). This is expected to improve ease of doing business and strengthen trade with EFTA member countries.

- A new entry has been added to the list of existing FTAs under Para 2.88(a) of HBP 2023 [(relating to Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) / Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs)].

xiv. India-European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India- EFTA TEPA).

A new sub-para (e) has been introduced under Para 2.91 of HBP 2023 [relating to Rules of Origin (Preferential)].

2.91 (e): In case of India-EFTA TEPA, Certificates of Origin may also be obtained on the basis of self-declaration by the exporter concerned, in addition to issuance of Certificate of Origin by an authorised agency.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1762256190-Eserve-184_of_2025.pdf

E) DGFT amends Appendix 2B – List of Agencies Authorised to issue Certificate of Origin (Preferential) under FTP 2023

DGFT vide Public Notice No.30/2025-26 dated 28.10.2025 has amended Appendix 2B of FTP 2023 by incorporating the list of authorised agencies permitted to issue Certificates of Origin (CoO) under the India-European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India-EFTA TEPA). Accordingly, the Textile Committee and its regional offices are now authorised to issue Preferential Certificates of Origin under the India-EFTA TEPA for Textiles and Clothing.

Link of the Circular: https://texprocil.org/circular/1762256168-Eserve-183_of_2025.pdf

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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/

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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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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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(Signature of Proprietor / Partner / Director)

Date:
Place:

YARN COUNTS



RING SPUN YARN
(Carded and Combed)
• 100% Cotton
• Ne 20/1 - Ne 60/1
• 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
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