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India and Afghanistan discuss Strengthening Cooperation in the Textile Sector

India and Afghanistan held productive discussions in New Delhi to boost cooperation in the textile sector. From farmer training to smoother trade facilitation, both sides see major opportunities ahead

A high-level delegation from Afghanistan, led by Mr. Shafiullah Azam, Director General of Economic Relations, held a meeting with the Indian delegation led by Shri A. Bipin Menon, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, on 24 November 2025 in New Delhi to explore avenues for deeper economic engagement in the textile sector. The visiting delegation articulated Afghanistan's priority to strengthen its textile ecosystem, create employment opportunities, and enhance training facilities for farmers entering the cotton and textile value chain.

India-Afghanistan textile trade relations reflect strong complementarities, with India being the second-largest supplier of textiles and apparel to Afghanistan, exporting USD 68.7 million in 2024. Afghanistan, which imported USD 742.8 million worth of textiles and apparel from the world in 2024, expressed interest in leveraging India's expertise as the world's second-largest cotton producer.

During the meeting, both sides discussed avenues for mutual cooperation, including technical support and training for Afghan cotton farmers, facilitation of shipments and visas, and closer engagement between industry bodies of both countries. The Ministry of Textiles also encouraged Afghanistan's participation in Bharat Tex 2026.

The meeting concluded on a positive and constructive note, with both sides recognising the potential for enhanced collaboration in the textile sector in the future.

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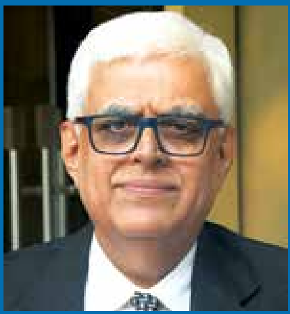

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director
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Dear Reader,

The current global environment is fraught with uncertainties with geo-political conflicts on the one hand and tariff escalations on the other. This phase has also been characterised by deglobalisation, rising protectionism and recalibration of supply chains. The prevailing mood is of caution and concern rather than celebration. The industry is following the developments closely and seeking ways to remain competitive in these challenging times.

A need to diversify export markets, make changes in product offerings, improve cost efficiencies are some of the areas of immediate focus for the trade and industry These steps are essential to safeguard India's position in a competitive marketplace and to build a more resilient foundation for future growth.

Amongst the major highlights of the fortnight gone by was the visit of a high-level delegation from Afghanistan, led by Mr. Shafiullah Azam, Director General of Economic Relations. The delegation met senior officials of the Ministry of Textiles led by Shri A. Bipin Menon, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, and Ms Padmini Singhla Joint Secretary (Fibre) on 24 November 2025 in New Delhi to explore avenues for closer cooperation in the textile-sector. The Cover Story of this edition provides detailed coverage of the discussions, which concluded on a positive note with both sides acknowledging strong potential for expanded collaboration in the years ahead in cotton cultivation and skill development.

During the month, the Council also organised participation in several key trade events, including the Global Sourcing Expo and AIBC B2B Meeting in Melbourne, Australia (18 -20 November 2025), the 6th Brazil International Yarn & Fabric Show in São Paulo, Brazil (17-19 November 2025). A Virtual Buyer-Seller Connect was also organised in collaboration with the Embassy of India in Colombia and partner institutions on 25 November 2025. Detailed reports on all these activities are featured in the Trade Promotion section of this edition.

As the textile industry navigates a rapidly evolving global landscape-shaped by sustainability imperatives, digital transformation, and shifting consumer expectations—world class textile companies like Nitin Spinners based in Bhilwara, Rajasthan with presence across the value chain, illustrate how they can successfully blend tradition with innovation to stay competitive. Shri Dinesh Nolkha, Chairman and Managing Director of Nitin Spinners Ltd., shares insights into their journey and the strategic priorities guiding the company's future growth in the 'Expert Speaks' section of this edition.

As part of TEXPROCIL's ongoing efforts to promote product diversification, the Council continued to advance the industry's request for treating selected Madeups items under HS 9404 like Quilts, Fashion Bedding, and Comforters on par with items under HS Chapter 63 (Made-ups) for policy benefits. These products have huge potential for export growth and with appropriate policy support can grow exponentially as part of China +1 strategy. This edition's Trade Facilitation section provides a detailed account of the Council's key engagements and their relevance to the sector.

The Trade Update section of this edition provides a comprehensive overview of the latest national and international developments influencing the textile trade landscape.

As the designated implementing agency for Kasturi Cotton Bharat, the Council continued its extensive outreach during the month. TEXPROCIL, in association with the Madhya Gujarat Ginners Association, organised a Kasturi Cotton Awareness-cum-Cluster Formation Programme in the Bodeli region on 25 November 2025. A stakeholder engagement programme for the Bodeli-Baroda Cluster was subsequently conducted at Zydex Industries, Baroda, on 26 November 2025. Detailed reports of these programmes are featured in the Kasturi Cotton Bharat section of this edition.

On the policy front, the Union Cabinet has approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), a flagship initiative announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 to strengthen export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs, new exporters, and labour-intensive sectors. The Council eagerly awaits the detailed guidelines of the various schemes included under this initiative. The Policy Talks section presents recent government notifications, FTP clarifications, and 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,

While the industry has shown commendable resilience, the recent decline in outbound shipments reflects the difficult global environment that exporters are currently facing - driven largely by muted retail demand in the US and EU markets. In the United States, the continued burden of high tariffs is compelling Indian suppliers to offer deep discounts merely to maintain their existing customer base. In the EU market, cautious consumer spending and tighter inventory management by retailers continue to dampen order volumes, adding further pressure on exporters.

Together, the softness in these two major destinations is influencing sentiment and procurement behaviour in other important markets as well, where buyers are becoming more price-sensitive, risk-averse, and selective in their sourcing strategies, thereby impacting overall export prospects.

Delegation from Afghanistan

A high-level Afghan delegation led by Mr. Shafiullah Azam, Director General of Economic Relations, met with the Indian delegation led by Shri A. Bipin Menon, Trade Advisor and Ms Padmini Singhla, Joint Secretary (Fibre), Ministry of Textiles along with other senior officials of the Government on 24th November 2025 in New Delhi to explore avenues for stronger economic cooperation in the textile sector. The Council's Executive Director, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, participated as a member of the Indian delegation along with representatives of other Textile EPCs.

During the meeting, both sides explored avenues for mutual cooperation, including technical support and training for Afghan cotton farmers, facilitation of shipments and visas, and deeper engagement between the industry bodies of the two countries. The visiting delegation underscored Afghanistan's priority to strengthen its textile ecosystem by promoting cotton cultivation as a viable alternative to opium production. They also highlighted plans to generate employment and enhance skill development for farmers entering the cotton sector, as well as for women seamstresses in the textile value chain.

Meetings with Government Officials

The Council continues to highlight the issues raised by member companies at various forums. In this context, I along with the Council's Vice Chairman, Shri Ravi Sam, and Executive Director, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, held various meetings on 1st December 2025 in New Delhi.

There has been an ongoing concern that Standard Input Output Norms for items like Comforters, Sleeping Bags, and Sheet Sets are currently unavailable. The Council has urged the Norms Committee to expedite their review for approval to support timely exports and enhance India's global competitiveness during these geo-political situations.

In this context, we held meetings with Shri Bipin Menon, Trade Advisor and Shri Ajay Bhadoo, DGFT to apprise them about the issues relating to SION norms and the Special Advance License Scheme. We emphasized on the need to fix SION norms for items like, Comforters/ Quilts/ Fashion Bedding. We have also requested to consider including Madeups in the Special Advance Authorisation Scheme being framed for Garments pointing out that it will help develop exports of blended home textile products and also products made from micro-fabrics. The Council is hopeful of positive consideration in this matter.

We also had the occasion to meet Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary and discussed the upcoming Bharat-Tex 2026. We appraised him about the efforts being undertaken at the Council for generating participation of Indian companies and mobilising international buyers to visit the show.

We also met Dr. M. Beena TxC and requested her to consider extending the time period for import of duty free cotton. She stated that the matter is under the active consideration of the Government. As regards pending ATUFS/ TUFS, she stated that the cases are being disposed of in a time bound manner.

Bharat Tex 2026

The 2nd Steering Committee Meeting of Bharat Tex 2026, held on 3 December 2025, provided further clarity on organising India's flagship global textile event scheduled from 14-17 July 2026 in New Delhi. This edition will spotlight Industry 4.0, ESG, circularity, and innovation, with dedicated opportunities for MSMEs, startups, artisans, and technology-driven enterprises.

The Consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils under the Bharat Tex Trade Federation, supported by the Ministry of Textiles, is fully prepared to commence exhibition space bookings and has invited participation from exhibitors across the entire textile value chain for this third edition of the mega event. TEXPROCIL looks forward to the continued support and cooperation of its members in making this flagship initiative an outstanding success.

Trade Promotion

As we are all aware, market diversification has become essential for sustaining growth and reducing dependency on a few major destinations. Indian exporters are increasingly exploring opportunities in regions with favourable tariff regimes, particularly countries covered under Free Trade Agreements, where reduced duties can significantly boost competitiveness. To support these efforts, as part of its export promotion initiatives, the Council actively participated in several key international engagements.

At the Global Sourcing Expo and AIBC B2B Meeting held from 18 to 20 November 2025 in Melbourne, Australia, the Council met with agents and retailers and briefed them extensively on Kasturi Cotton Bharat to promote India's cotton brand in the Australian market.

The Council also facilitated participation of its member companies in the 6th Edition of the Brazil International Yarn & Fabric Show, organised by CEMS Global, USA, held at Centro De Eventos PRO MAGNO, São Paulo, Brazil, from 17 to 19 November 2025.

Additionally, in collaboration with the Embassy of India in Colombia, the Bucaramanga Chamber of Commerce, the Colombia–India Chamber of Commerce, and Conexiones B2B, TEXPROCIL successfully organised a Virtual Buyer–Seller Connect on 25 November 2025.

Trade Relief Measures

The Government has announced two key schemes – the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) and RBI's Trade Relief Measures 2025 – to support our exporters. While CGSE offers collateral-free credit till March 2026 across the textile value chain, RBI's Trade Relief provides debt restructuring till December 2025 for the Garments and Made-ups sector. The schemes serve different purposes and will help to mitigate the hardships faced by the exporters on account of the punitive tariffs imposed by the USA. In this regard, the Council has suggested that just like CGSE the RBI's Trade relief should also cover yarns and fabrics along with the Garments and Made-ups sector.

Policy Advocacy

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), a key initiative announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 to enhance India's export competitiveness, particularly for MSMEs, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors. The EPM is designed as a forward-looking, technology-driven framework that strengthens the export ecosystem and supports India's goal of becoming a developed economy by 2047.

As the Council eagerly awaits the guidelines of the various initiatives subsumed under the scheme, we thank the Government for this landmark initiative, which will significantly benefit the export community and bolster India's position in global trade in the times to come.

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. Detailed reports on the various awareness and engagement activities undertaken for stakeholders across the textile value chain have been published in the Council's Newsletter. I sincerely urge the user industry to support the Council's efforts by actively promoting and adopting the Kasturi Cotton brand across the value chain.

Way Forward

Going forward, the cotton textile sector must prioritise quality consistency, broader market diversification, and strong alignment with global sustainability and traceability norms to remain competitive. Enhancing transparency across the supply chain, expanding value-added offerings such as premium fabrics, blends, and finished products, and improving logistics and trade facilitation will strengthen reliability and reduce costs. A sharper focus on innovation, compliance, and deeper buyer engagement will help Indian exporters capture new opportunities while reducing dependence on commodity-grade exports and traditional markets.

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Expert Speaks

‘Value Accretive Growth Powered by Quality’
By Shri. Dinesh Nolkha, CMD, Nitin Spinners Ltd.

As the textile industry navigates an evolving global landscape—defined by sustainability imperatives, digital transformation, and changing consumer expectations—leaders like Nitin Spinners demonstrate how Indian companies can combine tradition with innovation to remain competitive. In this article, our textiles expert Shri. Dinesh Nolkha, Chairman and Managing Director, Nitin Spinners Ltd. shares his journey and priorities going forward.

A Journey Rooted in Bhilwara’s Textile Legacy

Established in 1993, Nitin Spinners Ltd., co-founded and led by Shri Dinesh Nolkha, has grown into one of India’s foremost textile manufacturing enterprises, producing cotton and blended yarn, knitted fabrics, and greige and finished woven fabrics. Headquartered in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, with modern manufacturing facilities in Bhilwara and Chittorgarh, the company today exports to over 60 countries and employs a dedicated workforce of more than 7500.

Evolution into an Integrated Textile Enterprise

From a modest spinning operation three decades ago, Nitin Spinners has evolved into a fully integrated textile enterprise with capabilities across spinning, knitting, weaving, dyeing, and finishing. This progression reflects both the company’s forward-looking vision and the broader transformation of India’s textile industry into a modern, globally competitive ecosystem.

Vision, Inspiration, and Early Years

Recalling the early days, Shri Nolkha shares, “The early 1990s were a period of economic change in India. Liberalisation was opening new possibilities, and I realised the time was right to reintroduce Bhilwara’s textile legacy to global markets.” Inspired by the city’s heritage of craftsmanship and entrepreneurship, he set out to build a company that would blend Indian textile tradition with modern technology and international quality standards.

Strategic Expansion and Value Addition

The company began with cotton spinning and steadily diversified into fabric manufacturing, eventually adding dyeing and finishing. “Each step was a deliberate move towards deeper integration and value addition,” Shri Nolkha notes. This strategic evolution strengthened the company’s ability to offer end-to-end textile solutions.

Scale, Technology, and Manufacturing Excellence

Today, Nitin Spinners operates with an advanced and scalable manufacturing infrastructure having capacity to produce 1,10,000 MT of yarns, 11,000 MT of Knitted Fabrics and 36 million Mtrs of Finished Woven Fabrics annually. These investments underscore the company’s focus on automation, precision, and consistent product quality. “Our customers prefer us because we deliver the best possible quality in the shortest possible time,” says Shri Nolkha. “Our reliability and commitment to performance ensure long-standing partnerships.”

Customer-Centric Values and Sustainability Focus

Customer satisfaction, operational excellence, and responsible growth form the core of Nitin Spinners’ business philosophy. “Every product is customised to meet buyers’ needs,” he emphasises. In parallel, the company continues to advance sustainability by adopting energy-efficient technologies, reducing water consumption, minimising waste,increase in use of sustainable fibres and

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strengthening supply chain traceability. “Conserving resources is as important as expanding output,” Shri Nolkha says. “True success lies in achieving higher productivity responsibly.”

Industry Recognition and Awards of Excellence

Over the years, the company has built a distinguished legacy of excellence, consistently recognised by industry and government bodies alike. TEXPROCIL has honoured Nitin Spinners with multiple Gold and Silver Trophies for its leadership in yarn exports across diverse counts and grey fabrics. Its commitment to quality has also been acknowledged through the Rajasthan State Award for Excellence in Exports across four fiscal years. The company’s focus on energy efficiency has earned it the Rajasthan Energy Conservation Award (First Prize) in the Large Spinning category in 2015, 2016, and again in 2022. Further enhancing its reputation, the Udaipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry recognised its manufacturing strength with consecutive UCCI Excellence Awards from 2017 to 2019.

Strong Financial Outcomes

FY25 marked a landmark year for Nitin Spinners. Amidst a challenging global textile environment, the company achieved its highest-ever annual revenue of ₹3,305.65 crore, registering 14% year-on-year growth, despite lower yarn prices. Export revenue rose to an all-time high of ₹2,111 crore, reflecting 24% growth and demonstrating its ability to adapt to diverse global market demands.

Operational Excellence Driven by High Utilisation

High asset utilisation remained a key performance driver. Spinning capacity operated above 96%, while weaving and finishing divisions consistently achieved over 90% utilisation-supported by disciplined execution, strong demand for value-added products, and sustained order inflows.

Strategic Capital Deployment for Future Growth

To build on this momentum, the Board has approved a capital expenditure plan of approximately ₹1,100 crore for FY26. Investments will strengthen the yarn and fabric verticals and expand renewable energy capacity. The focus is on enhancing value addition, diversifying the product mix, improving cost competitiveness, and scaling high-value specialised textiles suited to premium fashion and sustainable product categories. “At Nitin Spinners, we build steadily-not by chasing trends but by staying committed to fundamentals,” Shri Nolkha affirms. “Quality, integrity, and consistency guide every decision. Our investment plans reflect these principles and ensure we remain future-ready.”

Sustainability and Social Responsibility

The company continues to deepen its sustainability efforts through cleaner production methods, circularity initiatives, and responsible sourcing. CSR programmes support education, healthcare, and livelihoods in surrounding communities, while employee welfare, safety, and skill development remain central to its people-first approach.

Poised for Value-Accretive Growth

With improving trade relationships, supportive policy frameworks, and rising global demand for Indian textiles, the industry outlook remains favourable. Nitin Spinners’ diversified product portfolio and strong export presence position it well to capitalise on these trends. For FY26, priorities include operational optimisation, precise execution of capital plans, disciplined resource allocation, and a continued focus on quality-led, value-added products. Enhanced efficiencies and strong working capital management will support margins and ensure sustained liquidity. “Our journey mirrors the spirit of Indian textiles,” Shri Nolkha concludes. “We remain fully committed to our customers, suppliers, employees, and stakeholders. With focus and discipline, we will continue to grow steadily. Without commitment, there is no success-and we are fully committed.”

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Bharat Tex 2026 - India's Global Textile Mega Event Returns in July 2026

Bharat Tex 2026 - Powering the Next Era of Global Textiles

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

The Consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils along with the support of Ministry of Textiles are now organising the 3rd edition of the Bharat Tex 2026, a Mega India Textile Show from 14th to 17th July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

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.

Book your space at Bharat Tex 2026 by registering Online on the following link: https://bharat-tex.com/exhibitor-registration/

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

TEXPROCIL Participation at Global Sourcing Expo and AIBC B2B Meeting, Melbourne, Australia 2025

Introduction

The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), in its continued efforts to strengthen and promote Indian textiles—particularly home furnishings and fabrics—in global markets, participated in the **Global Sourcing Expo 2025** held from **18-20 November 2025** in Melbourne, Australia. The participation aimed to enhance India's visibility as a reliable sourcing destination and expand trade opportunities in the Australian and wider global market.

A total of **118 Indian companies** participated through export councils including TEXPROCIL, WWEPC, HEPC, FIEO, AEPC, CEPC, and the Leather Council, representing a diverse cross-section of India's textile and fashion export ecosystem.

The **India Pavilion** was inaugurated by **Mr. Harsh Chirania**, First Secretary and Special Assistant to the High Commissioner of India, along with dignitaries from participating export councils and the Australia India Business Council (AIBC).

The exhibition featured a broad spectrum of product categories including home textiles, leather goods, apparel, fashion accessories, and value-added products.

Exhibition Overview

A total of 791 Exhibitors participated in the event from 16 countries, out of which 118 Exhibitors were from India and 516 Exhibitors from China. Approximately 5000 Visitors visited during the 3-day event.

Attendee Geographic Profile

Type of Business Attendees

Region	Percentage	Region	Percentage
Victoria	78%	Overseas Buyers	4%
New South Wales	8%	Western Australia	1%
Queensland	5%	Tasmania	1%
South Australia	8%	Others	1%

- Designers
- Distributors / Wholesalers
- Importers and Manufacturers
- Independent Retailers
- Government & Industry Bodies
- Retail Chains and Department Stores

AIBC B2B Meeting

The **Australia India Business Council (AIBC)**, in partnership with the **Consulate General of India, Melbourne**, organised a focused

TEXPROCIL Participation at Global Sourcing Expo and AIBC B2B Meeting, Melbourne, Australia 2025

Textile & Fashion B2B Networking Meeting on **19 November 2025** at **RSM Australia, Collins Street, Melbourne**. The session was strategically scheduled during the Global Sourcing Expo to deepen bilateral trade engagement and foster business linkages between Indian exporters and Australian companies.

Key themes highlighted during the session included:

- Strengthening collaboration, compliance, and innovation for scaling trade partnerships.
- Encouraging Australian buyers to engage with Indian manufacturers under emerging bilateral trade frameworks.

Leveraging **ECTA** (Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement) and the upcoming **CECA** (Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement) to promote tariff benefits and new supply chain opportunities.

The Australia India Business Council's Make with India Industry Chapter, together with the Consulate General of India, Melbourne, organised a B2B meet-and-greet program bringing together key Industries and Associations.

Distinguished participants included:

- **Smt. Swayamprava Pani**, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India
- **Mr. Rakesh Chaudhary**, Regional Director, TEXPROCIL
- **Mr. Ashish Jain**, Deputy Director General, FIEO
- **Mr. Motilal Sethi**, Chairman, Indian Leather Garments Association
- **Mr. Vinay Kumar**, Supply Chain Coordinator, Better Cotton Initiative Australia

During the session, **Mr. Rakesh Chaudhary remarked:**

"Thanks to ECTA and the upcoming CECA, we are witnessing rising exports of Kasturi Cotton to Australia. The Global Sourcing Expos in Sydney and Melbourne have become an eye-opener for business opportunities across cotton textiles and garment categories. TEXPROCIL acknowledges AIBC's support under the 'Make with India' initiative, which aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision and offers new value creation pathways for Australian partners."

Conclusion

TEXPROCIL's participation in the Global Sourcing Expo and the AIBC B2B Networking Meeting effectively showcased India's strengths across the textile value chain and fostered meaningful interactions with buyers, importers, business associations, and policymakers. The engagement reflected growing interest from the Australian market in sourcing high-quality Indian textiles, supported by favourable trade policies and increasing collaboration networks.

Encouraged by the positive response, **AIBC has announced plans to host additional India-focused textile and fashion B2B engagements in 2026**, further enhancing bilateral trade relations and creating new market opportunities for Indian exporters.

Trade Promotion

Report on Participation at Brazil International Yarn & Fabric Show 2025

The Council facilitated participation of its member companies in 6th Edition of Brazil International Yarn & Fabric Show organized by CEMS Global, USA at Centro De Eventos PRO MAGNO, São Paulo, Brazil from 17th to 19th November 2025.

A total of 9 companies, 10 Booths participated in the event. The Council supported the participants with Visa Invitation letters and Service of Interpreters.

India pavilion set up by TEXPROCIL was inaugurated by H.E. Shri Hansraj Singh Verma, Consul General, (2nd from Right) joined by Shri Preetham S, Consul Commerce, (2nd from left) from CGI Sao Paulo, and Shri Rajesh Satam, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL (extreme Right) along with member companies exhibiting at the show

The India Pavilion was inaugurated by the Consul General of India in São Paulo, who visited each booth and spent time interacting with the participating companies.

Observations:

Footfalls for yarn exporters were poor, whereas Fabric exporters experienced average footfalls.

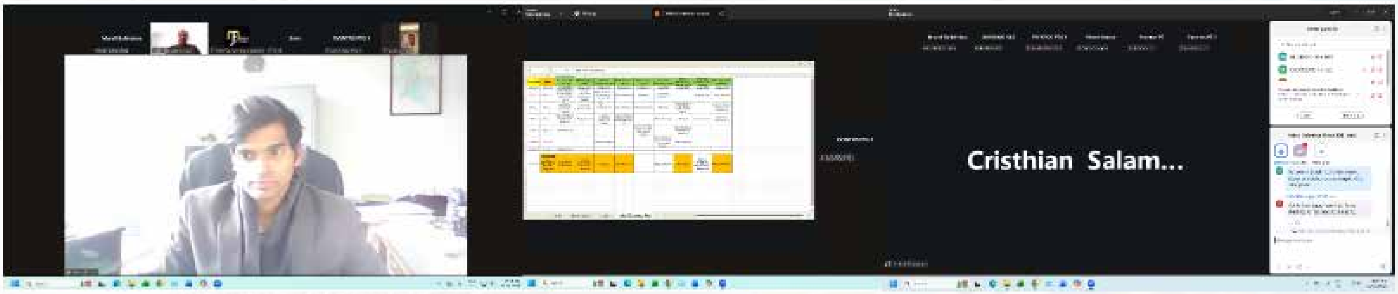
Officials from The Consulate General of India interacting with the participants

Summary:

While TEXPROCIL successfully facilitated participation and support services, the event attracted limited interest for yarn exporters, with fabric exporters witnessing moderate engagement. The active presence of the Consul General added visibility to the India Pavilion and strengthened engagement with Brazilian buyers. India has a 48% market share in the imports of cotton yarn by Brazil, a 4.65% market share in the imports of cotton fabrics by Brazil and a 13% market share in the imports of cotton made-ups by Brazil.

TEXPROCIL Organizes Virtual B2B Connects with Colombian Importers

Trade Facilitation



TEXPROCIL, in association with the Embassy of India in Colombia, the Bucaramanga Chamber of Commerce, the Colombia-India Chamber of Commerce, and Conexiones B2B, successfully organized a Virtual Buyer-Seller Connect on November 25, 2025. The session was held from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM IST (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM COT) and focused on promoting Indian textiles in the Colombian market.

The initiative targeted key product categories including cotton fibres, yarns and fabrics, jute yarns, artificial and synthetic filament yarns, and metalized yarns. A total of 26 Indian exporters registered for the event, and their profiles were shared with the Colombian partner organizations for matchmaking. Based on specific requirements, 10 Indian companies were shortlisted by the Colombian importers. Of the 12 Colombian companies registered, 10 participated in the meetings.

Each selected Indian company was allotted a dedicated Zoom breakout room, where Colombian buyers joined for one-to-one discussions. Professional interpreter services were provided to ensure smooth communication.

The session opened with welcome remarks by Dr. Vineet Kumar, First Secretary (Political, Commerce, Press & Information and First Appellate Authority) at the Embassy of India in Colombia, followed by a brief overview of the event format by Mr. Murali Balkrishna, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL. The B2B interactions continued for nearly two hours.

This innovative virtual format created a focused platform for Indian exporters to engage with potential buyers in Colombia, reinforcing TEXPROCIL's commitment to expanding market access and fostering global business linkages.

Trade Update

The Future of On-Demand Manufacturing in Fashion: Reducing Waste, Increasing Speed, and Building Smarter Supply Chains

For decades, the global fashion industry has operated on an unsustainable equation: overproduce, overstock, and overconsume. The model worked when consumer behaviour was predictable, and production was cheap. But today, that system is collapsing under its own weight. According to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, more than 100 billion garments are produced each year, and nearly 40 per cent of them never get sold. These clothes often end up in landfills or exported as waste, adding to environmental and social crises worldwide. Enter on-demand manufacturing, a model that flips the script. Instead of guessing what consumers might buy months in advance, production only begins when an order is placed. It is a radical yet logical shift towards efficiency, speed, and sustainability. As digital tools mature and supply chains become more intelligent, on-demand manufacturing is positioning itself as the future of fashion, one that promises less waste and more speed.

What is On-Demand Manufacturing in Fashion?

On-demand manufacturing is a production approach that creates garments only after demand is confirmed. Rather than mass-producing inventory based on forecasts, companies produce items in real time or in small batches aligned with actual sales data.

This model includes several approaches:

- Made-to-Order: Garments are produced only after an individual customer places an order.
- Made-to-Measure: Items are custom-tailored based on a customer's body measurements.
- Batch-on-Demand: Small runs are produced once a minimum number of orders is reached.
- Micro-Factory Model: Compact, tech-enabled facilities capable of rapid prototyping and small-batch runs close to the customer base.

Unlike traditional manufacturing that depends on long lead times, on-demand systems leverage AI forecasting, 3D design tools, robotics, and digital supply chains to make production both responsive and scalable. It is a model designed for the modern economy: fast, flexible, and data-driven.

The Drivers Behind the Shift to On-Demand

The rise of on-demand manufacturing is not an isolated technological trend. It is the culmination of intersecting pressures reshaping the global apparel industry. Economic instability, environmental scrutiny, and digital disruption are forcing brands to abandon overproduction in favour of precision-driven, demand-led manufacturing. Sustainability and Regulatory Pressure: Governments, investors, and consumers are increasingly holding fashion brands accountable for the environmental cost of waste. The EU's Textile Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles (2025), for instance, aims to make overproduction and destruction of unsold goods illegal. In parallel, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes are requiring brands to take financial responsibility for textile waste management. These developments make traditional "produce now, sell later" models both economically and legally risky. On-demand manufacturing, by contrast, eliminates excess inventory at the source, helping brands stay compliant while strengthening their sustainability narratives.

Economic Efficiency and Financial Resilience: The post-pandemic economy has left fashion brands dealing with supply volatility, inflation, and reduced consumer confidence. Warehousing unsold stock ties up working capital, while markdowns erode profitability. On-demand systems provide an elegant solution: production is triggered only when a customer commits to purchase. This pay-as-you-produce approach reduces cash flow risks and improves return on investment by aligning production volume directly with actual sales.

Evolving Consumer Expectations: Today's consumers, particularly Gen Z and Millennials, demand personalised, transparent, and sustainable products. They value authenticity over abundance, customisation over conformity. According to McKinsey, 71 per cent of consumers now expect some level of personalisation, and 76 per cent say sustainability influences their purchase decisions.On-demand manufacturing responds directly to this cultural shift. It allows brands to offer customised designs, colours, or fits without the waste of mass production. Moreover, the integration of digital interfaces such as 3D product configurators empowers consumers to become co-creators, deepening emotional connection and brand loyalty.

Digital Transformation and AI Enablement: The acceleration of digital innovation has made on-demand production scalable. Artificial intelligence can now predict purchasing trends using real-time data from search patterns to climate impacts and social media sentiment. Digital design tools allow brands to prototype garments virtually, while automated production technologies like 3D knitting and robotic cutting drastically reduce turnaround times. This fusion of data intelligence and automation makes it possible for on-demand systems to rival mass production in both speed and precision.

Resilient Supply Chains and Localisation: The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the vulnerability of globalised production models. Supply chain disruptions, shipping delays, and geopolitical risks pushed brands to reconsider dependence on distant suppliers. On-demand manufacturing complements nearshoring and micro-factory development, enabling production closer

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to the consumer. This not only mitigates risk but also cuts transport emissions, offering both a resilience dividend and a sustainability win. The shift towards on-demand is a strategic reaction which represents the convergence of market, policy, and technological trends—all pointing towards one truth that the future of fashion lies in: making less, but making it smarter.

Environmental and Economic Benefits

The on-demand model is often described as "the antidote to overproduction." But its benefits extend far beyond reducing waste; it redefines how value, speed, and sustainability co-exist in modern fashion.

Radical Waste Reduction: Overproduction remains fashion's dirtiest secret-an estimated 92 million tonnes of textile waste are generated each year. On-demand manufacturing attacks this problem at the root. By producing only after an order is placed, brands avoid creating deadstock entirely. This minimises not just fabric waste but also the embedded carbon, water, and chemical footprint of unsold goods. For instance, 3D digital sampling can reduce prototype waste by up to 80 per cent, while made-to-order models can cut total production waste by 30-50 per cent.

Optimised Resource Efficiency: Traditional mass manufacturing consumes enormous energy and water in long production cycles. On-demand systems shorten these cycles, use digital printing or zero-water dyeing techniques, and reduce reliance on energy-intensive warehousing. When coupled with renewable-powered micro-factories, the model can substantially lower the carbon footprint of each garment, from production to delivery.

Economic Agility and Margin Improvement: Holding inventory is expensive. It locks capital, increases storage costs, and leads to frequent markdowns. By contrast, on-demand models shift cost structures from fixed to variable, improving liquidity and cash flow. Smaller, data-led production runs also enable dynamic pricing strategies and hyper-local responsiveness, allowing brands to test new designs, capture niche markets, and react to emerging trends in real time.

Empowering Small and Independent Brands: For small labels, one of the biggest barriers to entry has always been the high minimum order quantities (MOQs) imposed by suppliers. On-demand technology eliminates that constraint. Using digital fabrication, direct-to-garment printing, and automated production platforms, startups can now produce one piece or one hundred with equal efficiency, democratising access to sustainable manufacturing.

A Circular Foundation: On-demand manufacturing fits seamlessly into circular fashion systems. Producing less waste upstream means fewer materials to recycle or downcycle later. Moreover, integrating fibre traceability and digital product passports allows garments to be easily resold, repaired, or recycled, closing the loop in both design and data.

Technology Powering On-Demand Production

The viability of on-demand manufacturing hinges on cutting-edge technologies:

- 3D Design & Digital Twins: Designers can visualise and simulate garments before they are made, eliminating physical samples.
- AI-Driven Forecasting: Algorithms analyse purchasing patterns, climate data, and social trends to predict what will sell and where.
- Automation & Robotics: Smart cutting machines and robotic sewers enable smaller runs without driving up costs.
- Micro-Factories: Compact, digitally connected facilities reduce lead times and environmental impact by producing near the consumer.
- Smart Customisation Engines: Platforms let customers personalise colours, fits, and features while the system translates those inputs directly into production data.

These technologies merge digital precision with creative flexibility, turning the traditional supply chain into a real-time production ecosystem.

Barriers to Scaling On-Demand Manufacturing

Despite its promise, the path to mainstream adoption of on-demand manufacturing remains complex and uneven. For many brands, especially those in fast fashion and mass retail, scaling this model requires a fundamental re-engineering of infrastructure, culture, and economics. These include technological and systemic barriers.

High Upfront Investment Costs: The technology that powers on-demand manufacturing such as AI-driven demand forecasting, robotic cutting systems, and 3D knitting machines, comes at a steep price. For smaller or mid-tier manufacturers, investing in this equipment can be prohibitive. Even for larger companies, transitioning from existing infrastructure to smart, modular production lines involves downtime, retraining, and integration challenges. Without clear return-on-investment data, many executives still see on-demand as a risk rather than a necessity.

Fragmented Supply Chains and Legacy Systems: Most global apparel supply chains are structured around bulk production and low-cost sourcing, often spanning multiple continents. On-demand manufacturing requires the opposite: localised, vertically integrated networks that can respond instantly to orders. Legacy enterprise systems (ERPs and PLMs) were

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designed for forecast-based production and seasonal calendars, not for real-time data exchange. Integrating digital design, automated manufacturing, and e-commerce systems into a seamless, responsive workflow remains one of the industry's biggest technical hurdles.

Labour and Skills Gaps: As automation increases, so does the demand for a digitally skilled workforce-technicians, software operators, data analysts, and 3D designers. Many traditional garment-producing regions in South and Southeast Asia still rely on manual labour with limited access to digital training programmes. Without investment in reskilling and digital literacy, on-demand models risk widening the global skills divide, leaving behind the very workers that have powered the fashion industry for decades.

Speed vs. Scale Trade-Off: On-demand excels at flexibility but scaling it to meet global fast-fashion demand is another story. Producing individual or small-batch items at scale requires extreme operational coordination and digital sophistication. For brands used to shipping millions of units per season, shifting to small-batch production requires not only process redesign but also consumer education, helping shoppers understand that made-to-order does not mean slower service.

Logistical and Last-Mile Challenges: On-demand's success depends on a fast, efficient, and reliable logistics network. However, inconsistent courier systems, customs bottlenecks, and cross-border complexity can offset gains from faster production cycles. While nearshoring mitigates some issues, many regions still lack the localised micro-factory ecosystems necessary for end-to-end agility.

Cultural and Business Model Resistance: Perhaps the most subtle barrier is cultural. The fashion industry has long prized speed and scale over precision. Executives are often more comfortable with overproduction than with missed sales, fearing that on-demand might limit market reach. Shifting mindsets from "produce first, sell later" to "sell first, produce smarter" requires deep organisational change-new incentives, new performance metrics, and new leadership narratives that redefine what success looks like.

The barriers to scaling on-demand are not insurmountable, but overcoming them demands systemic collaboration across technology providers, policymakers, logistics partners, and brands. The future will belong to those who build ecosystems, not just factories.

The Road Ahead: From Experiment to Industry Standard

The next decade will determine whether on-demand manufacturing remains a niche or becomes the dominant model for apparel production. Several trends point towards rapid growth:

- Localised Production Networks: Brands are investing in micro-factories closer to key markets, reducing shipping costs and emissions.
- Consumer Co-Design Models: Customisation will become mainstream as shoppers engage directly in product creation.
- Integration with Circular Systems: On-demand aligns naturally with recycling, resale, and repair ecosystems by minimising excess production.
- Data-Driven Fashion Planning: AI-driven platforms will enable brands to plan not by forecast, but by verified consumer interest.
- Policy Shifts: As governments introduce stricter waste regulations, producing only what is needed will move from innovation to necessity.

On-demand manufacturing represents a bridge between sustainability and profitability, a model where business success no longer depends on overproduction.

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Vietnam: Textile, garment exports estimated to hit $46 billion in 2025

Viet Nam's textile and garment industry is expected to achieve export revenues of US$46 billion in 2025, marking a 5.6 per cent increase compared to 2024.

The Viêt Nam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) announced these positive performances at a press conference held in Hà Nôi on November 25 to introduce a meeting of the association's seventh term during 2025-2030, and the industry review conference to be held in December.

According to VITAS chairman Vũ Đúc Giang, this year promises to be a milestone for the sector as it continues its strong recovery after several years of global disruptions.

The industry's trade surplus is estimated at $21 billion, reaffirming the sector's position as a key pillar of Viêt Nam's trade balance.

He noted that the domestic localisation rate had risen to about 52 per cent, highlighting significant progress in localising raw material supplies.

Giang emphasised VITAS's ongoing trade promotion efforts, including 10 national programmes and 20 initiatives that have helped Vietnamese businesses participate in major international exhibitions in the US, France, Germany, Australia, Russia and Canada. These efforts have played a decisive role in maintaining and expanding market share across key global markets.

Between 2020 and 2025, the textile and garment sector faced unprecedented challenges - from the COVID-19 pandemic to rising geopolitical tensions, stricter environmental regulations, and growing protectionist measures such as US reciprocal tariffs.

Despite these pressures, Viêt Nam maintained its ranking among the Top 3 textile and garment exporters globally.

Giang attributed this resilience to the dynamism of enterprises and VITAS's role in connecting and supporting industry stakeholders.

In the past five years, VITAS has grown by 293 new members, significantly strengthening links between domestic firms and foreign-invested enterprises to optimise supply chain efficiency.

VITAS has actively partnered with major international organisations - including ILO, IFC, GIZ, IDH, WWF and KITECH - as well as global textile associations such as CNTAC, KOFOTI, ITMF, AAFA and CCI.

These collaborations have supported nearly 300 seminars and specialised training programmes on technical innovation, design, sustainability, and greenhouse-gas reduction.

A core strength of VITAS lies in its policymaking support. The association has consistently advised the National Assembly, the Government, and relevant ministries on streamlining administrative procedures, revising laws on social insurance and trade union funds, and improving tax and credit policies.

These efforts aim to enhance the overall business environment and create momentum for industry recovery and growth.

VITAS has also collaborated with other national associations to propose amendments to laws and regulations affecting production, business operations, and import-export activities across Viêt Nam's economic sectors.

Strategic vision

Entering its seventh term from 2025 to 2030, VITAS has set ambitious objectives aligned with sustainable development and the circular economy.

Key targets include export turnover of $64.5 billion by 2030, with an average annual growth rate of 6.5-7 per cent; domestic market revenue of $8-9 billion.

They will also focus on greening - digitalising the industry, increasing the localisation rate to over 60 per cent; and building a strong, internationally recognised Vietnamese fashion brand.

The association's seventh congress and the 2025 VITAS review conference will take place on December 16-17, 2025, in Hà Nôi.

The event is expected to welcome around 500 participants, including government leaders, international experts, policy advisors, business executives and global brands.

Attendees will discuss strategic directions for Viêt Nam's textile and garment sector amid global volatility and explore adaptive solutions to ensure sustainable development and transition toward a circular economy.

Source: vietnamnews.vn- Nov 26, 2025

Bangladesh: Strong growth in container, cargo, vessel handling at Bangladesh port

Bangladesh's Chattogram Port witnessed strong growth in handling containers, cargo and vessels in this calendar year and fiscal, according to the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

It handled 2,849,542 TEUs of containers, 11,50,67,200 metric tonnes of cargo and 3,552 vessels in the first 10 months this year, official data show.

The port posted a 4.87-per cent year-on-year (YoY) rise in container handling, 12.64-per cent YoY growth in cargo handling and a 10.97-per cent increase in vessel handling during the ten-month period.

During the first four months (July-October) of this fiscal, the port recorded 1,213,805 TEUs of containers, 4,52,82,907 tonnes of cargo and 1,422 vessels, which marked a YoY increase of 10.15 per cent, 15.76 per cent and 11 per cent respectively, according to domestic media reports.

At the New Mooring Container Terminal, operated by Chittagong Dry Dock Limited, performance has also improved notably as in the first four months of FY 2025-26, the terminal

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handled 468,871 TEUs and 253 vessels, showing 15.50-per cent YoY growth in container throughput and 19.35-per cent YoY growth in vessel handling.

Chattogram Port also witnessed a marked reduction in vessel waiting time over the period. Ships saw zero waiting time on nine days in September, 18 days in October and 19 days in November, and received berths immediately upon arrival.

Moreover, the resulting improvement has shortened the port's overall lead time, a change that is expected to ease consumer prices and further accelerate the country's export competitiveness, the authority added.

Source: fibre2fashion.com-Nov 26, 2025

Japan's clothing imports grow in Oct as retail demand strengthens

Japan's apparel and accessory imports increased 3.4 per cent to 383,734 million yen (~$2.45 billion) in October 2025, according to provisional data from Japan's Ministry of Finance. They accounted for 3.8 per cent of total imports worth 9,998,090 million yen. The rise reflects stable consumer demand and a gradual recovery in retail spending after a prolonged period of inflationary pressure and cautious buying.

Imports of textile yarn and fabric grew 0.9 per cent to 104,529 million yen (~$667.38 million), making up 1 per cent of total imports. On the export side, textile yarn and fabric shipments remained unchanged at 75,084 million yen (~$479.38 million), while textile machinery exports declined 0.8 per cent to 27,147 million yen (~$173.32 million), contributing 0.3 per cent to Japan's total exports valued at 9,766,316 million yen. The slight drop in textile machinery exports suggests slower overseas capital investment by manufacturers and a wider global slowdown in new capacity additions.

During the first half of fiscal 2025-26 (April-September), imports of clothing and accessories rose 2.0 per cent to 1,883,882 million yen (~$12.33 billion), contributing 3.4 per cent of total imports worth 54,877,112 million yen. In contrast, imports of textile yarn and fabric fell 3.2 per cent to 571,756 million yen (~$3.74 billion). This decline is largely due to cheaper regional sourcing options in Asia and moderation in raw material demand. Textile yarn and fabric exports dipped 0.9 per cent to 416,502 million yen (~$2.73 billion), while textile machinery exports grew 8.3 per cent to 137,527 million yen (~$900 million). The rise in machinery exports reflects strong demand from emerging Asian textile hubs upgrading technology to boost productivity.

In fiscal 2024-25, imports of clothing and accessories climbed 5.2 per cent to 3,764,657 million yen (~$26.44 billion), while textile yarn and fabric imports rose 2.7 per cent to 1,174,598 million yen. Exports of textile yarn and fabric increased 6 per cent to 850,139 million yen, but textile machinery exports fell 12.6 per cent to 280,408 million yen. The mixed trend highlights Japan's dependence on apparel imports alongside the competitiveness of its high-value textile export segment.

In fiscal 2023-24, imports of clothing and accessories dropped 1.7 per cent to 3,564,850 million yen (~$23.11 billion), and textile yarn and fabric imports fell 10.4 per cent to 1,143,805 million yen. Textile yarn and fabric exports reached 802,178 million yen, while textile machinery exports stood at 320,947 million yen. The figures indicate a post-pandemic normalisation, with reduced panic buying, stabilised inventories, and global demand correction.

In fiscal 2022-23, clothing and accessories imports totalled 3,619,550 million yen (~$25.05 billion), while textile machinery exports stood at 306,781 million yen. This period marked the early recovery of Japan's textile trade as supply chains reopened and global retail activity gradually revived after COVID-19 disruptions.

Source: fibre2fashion.com- Nov 24, 2025

Fed rate cut expectation lifts ICE cotton; market to consolidate

ICE cotton futures rose on expectations of a potential Federal Reserve interest rate cut, which is seen as supportive for cotton demand. The front-month contract moved higher, while back-month contracts showed a mixed trend. Analysts expect the market to consolidate, with buyers likely to step in on price dips.

ICE March 2026 cotton futures settled at 64.00 cents per pound, up 0.15 cents. The contract traded within a tight 55-point range between 6,389 and 6,444 points. Other contracts moved between 2 points lower and 16 points higher.

Total daily futures volume was 33,815 contracts, lighter than usual, and included a large 4,000-contract EFS trade. Friday's cleared volume stood at 35,770 contracts. Certified stocks remained unchanged at 20,344 bales, with no bales awaiting review.

March open interest reached a new contract high of 176,805 contracts after rising 1,686 on Friday, while total open interest increased by 1,952 to 276,964, the first rise in six sessions. March briefly moved above its 10-day moving average during intraday trading but closed back below it after 11 consecutive sessions trading under both short- and long-term averages.

Options activity dropped sharply to 1,736 total contracts (1,072 calls and 664 puts), far below Friday's exceptionally heavy 21,755 contracts (17,300 calls and 4,455 puts).

Market analysts said the market is likely to consolidate, with buyers active on declines and sellers on rallies, keeping prices in a sideways pattern until fresh data emerges.

Falling US interest rates would boost cotton demand and support prices if the Fed proceeds with rate cuts. According to CME FedWatch, traders currently assign a 79 per cent probability to a Federal Reserve rate cut next month, lifting overall sentiment.

ICE cotton speculators increased their net short positions by 3,861 contracts to 142,589 contracts for the week ending October 7, indicating persistent bearish pressure from speculative players.

USDA's crop progress report after market close showed the US cotton harvest at 79 per cent complete as of November 23, up from 71 per cent the previous week. This remains below last year's 83 per cent, but close to the 5-year average of 80 per cent.

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This morning (Indian Standard Time), ICE December 2025 cotton was trading at 61.44 cents per pound (up 0.09 cent). Cash cotton was at 62 cents (up 0.15 cent), March 2026 at 64.24 cents (up 0.24 cent), May 2026 at 65.46 cents (up 0.23 cent), July 2026 at 66.53 cents (up 0.19 cent), and October 2026 at 67.24 cents (up 0.02 cent). A few contracts were unchanged, with no trades reported so far today.

Source: fibre2fashion.com- Nov 25, 2025

EU can beat US tariff impact by removing internal barriers: ECB chief

The European Union (EU) can fully offset the impact of US tariffs on growth tariffs by removing internal barriers, European Central Bank (ECB) president Christine Lagarde recently said.

Weak competitiveness, structural rigidities and a complex set of rules that vary across its member states are the reasons why the EU is quickly falling behind global competitors, she told policymakers at the Euro Finance Week in Frankfurt.

“Our analysis shows that if all EU countries were merely to lower their barriers to the same level as that of the Netherlands, internal barriers could fall by about 8 percentage points for goods and 9 percentage points for services,” Lagarde said. The Netherlands is one of the EU’s most open economies.

“If we only did a quarter of that, it would be sufficient to boost internal trade enough to fully offset the impact of US tariffs on growth,” Lagarde told a conference.

ECB analysis finds that internal barriers in services and goods markets are equivalent to tariffs of around 100 per cent and 65 per cent respectively.

“Of course, we should not expect these barriers to disappear altogether: not all products are equally tradeable, and national preferences will always play a role. Policy can reduce certain frictions, but it cannot eliminate them entirely,” she noted.

Bundesbank president Joachim Nagel said the EU’s internal barriers prevented ‘hidden champions’, or well-established firms with strong domestic reach, from having the sort of global impact that US rivals enjoy.

“Many firms are neither small enough to be truly agile and highly innovative, nor large enough to fully benefit from economies of scale,” Nagel said at the same event.

To overcome these barriers, Lagarde and Nagel both argued for a ‘28th regime’-an alternative legal framework that would be uniform across the EU and stand above the 27 member states’ own rules.

Such an optional regime would ease the need to harmonise rules, a seemingly impossible task, given the complexities, they noted.

“This would make cross-border operations easier, cut compliance costs even more, and help businesses scale up faster,” Nagel said. “In effect, it would remove some of the remaining barriers across our internal market, which encompasses 450 million customers.”

Such a regime could also mobilise domestic savings, which are leaving the bloc in hopes of better returns. Euro zone households now keep around €6.5 trillion in US stocks, about twice the amount they held at the end of 2015.

“If we get this right, firms that could grow based on genuinely European regimes would also be best placed to access pan-European financing, helping to channel our vast savings into productive investment,” Lagarde added.

Lagarde’s other suggestions included harmonising value-added taxes and extending qualified majority voting in the EU, so veto powers could be wielded less frequently.

Source: fibre2fashion.com- Nov 24, 2025

Mexico unveils $6.5-bn project to modernise textile, footwear sectors

Mexico has announced an initiative worth 120 billion pesos (~$6.5 billion) to modernise the domestic textile and footwear industries.

The plan, unveiled in footwear manufacturing hub Leon in Guanajuato state, seeks to improve productivity, formalise employment and integrate traditional sectors into modern supply chains.

Through an agreement with Spanish multinational financial services company Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) and state-owned development bank Nacional Financiera (Nafin), the plan will boost the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in the sectors.

The plan aims at recovering 50,000 jobs in the two industries, according to domestic media reports.

Up to 50,000 companies operating in the textile and footwear sectors are expected to benefit from this financing initiative over the next 12 to 18 months.

The financing will be offered through simple credits for working capital and the renewal of productive machinery at a fixed rate of 14.5 per cent and without commission from BBVA. Nafin will cover up to 70 per cent of the risk through a guarantee programme.

The government also plans to involve the academia and businesses, focusing on regions like Valle de Toluca, Valle de Mexico and municipalities with footwear, apparel and leather goods activity. Next December, the government will launch a new country brand for textiles and footwear.

Last August, the government temporarily suspended imports of finished footwear to protect domestic production.

Source: fibre2fashion.com- Nov 23, 2025

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Ministry of Textiles Approves 17 New Applicants under PLI Scheme for Textiles

The Ministry of Textiles has approved 17 new applicants under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles in Round 3 of selection. This significant step is set to further accelerate investment, boost domestic manufacturing, and enhance India's global competitiveness in the Man-Made Fibre (MMF) Apparel, MMF Fabrics, and Technical Textiles sectors.

The newly approved applicants have committed a total investment of Rs.2,374 crore. The proposed projects are expected to achieve projected sales of over Rs.12,893 crore and generate employment for about 22,646 persons in the coming years.

The PLI Scheme for Textiles was notified on September 24, 2021, with an approved outlay of Rs.10,683 crore to promote the production of MMF apparel and fabrics, and products of Technical Textiles. The Scheme aims to enable the textile industry to achieve the necessary size and scale, become globally competitive, and create substantial employment opportunities. Under the first two rounds of selections, a total of 74 applicants have been approved under the Scheme.

Recently, the Ministry has notified major amendments to the Scheme to further enhance industry participation. The online application portal has been reopened for acceptance of new applications till December 31, 2025.

Textile & apparel sector must view sustainability as a strategic differentiator: Rohit Kansal

India's textile and apparel sector must view sustainability as an opportunity that could be leveraged to make a bigger mark for itself globally, Union Textiles Ministry Additional Secretary Mr. Rohit

Kansal said here.

Speaking at a webinar jointly organised by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and Swaniti Initiative on the "Industry Transition Readiness Index for Decarbonisation of the Textile sector" Mr. Kansal pointed out that sustainability is more than a compliance issue. It is something that textile and apparel companies should look at as a potential "strategic differentiator", which could enhance their global competitiveness, he added.

Mr. Kansal pointed out that sustainability initiatives already being undertaken by large companies, and at textile clusters in various parts of India, such as Tiruppur, Surat, and Panipat, for example, vindicate the strong commitment of the country's textile and apparel arena to sustainability and circularity.

MSMEs make up the majority of India's textile and apparel sector. However, the Additional Secretary, who chairs the ESG Task Force at the Union Textiles Ministry, pointed out that it is important for India's textile and apparel arena to further step up its act on the transition to clean energy sources, become more resource efficient, and focus more on skill development as part of decarbonization initiatives. "There can be no green transition without adequately skilled manpower to lead the transition," he said.

Mr. Kansal said the government would provide handholding support to ensure that textile and apparel MSMEs could gain access to finance more easily for reducing their dependence on fossil fuels. "No one should get left behind (in the sustainability process)," he added.

CITI Chairman Mr. Ashwin Chandran said an enhanced focus on sustainability could contribute to futureproofing India's textile and apparel sector. "The textile and apparel sector aligning with India's climate goals is both a responsibility and an opportunity," Mr. Chandran added.

India aims to achieve Net Zero status by 2070. Mr. Chandran said CITI would be working closely with industry stakeholders on the textile decarbonization index. The decarbonization index will enable companies to quickly identify specific areas where they can improve production practices, and importantly and do so in accordance with industry best practices. It would ultimately serve as a platform for peer-to-peer learning.

Swaniti CEO Ms Rwitwika Bhattacharya said India has been showing the way in the renewable energy domain. The need to come across as a sustainable sourcing destination has assumed critical importance for India's textile and apparel sector in view of likely more business opportunities opening following the free trade agreement (FTA) being negotiated with the European Union.

The EU has always accorded tremendous importance to sustainability, which in the case of businesses extends not just to carbon emissions but also to human rights practices at workplaces and transparency in the supply chain.

India has set itself a target of creating a $350 billion textile and apparel industry by 2030, including achieving exports of $100 billion. The size of the domestic textile and apparel sector was close to $180 billion in the year ended March 2025. Textile and apparel exports from India in the financial year 2024-25 stood at nearly $38 billion.

Panel suggests reforms to make life easy for small enterprises

Cotton Market Fundamentals and Price Outlook

Most cotton benchmarks were flat or lower over the past month.

* After dropping through support around 66 cents/lb in late September, the December NY/ICE futures contract attempted a recovery. In late October, it rebounded back to 66 cents, but it was unable to break above the former support level. In the latest trading, values retested recent lows and slipped to 62 cents.
* The March NY/ICE futures contract has been trading at a premium to December, with the margin as wide as three cents/lb over the past month. More recently, the margin

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and price level for the March contract have decreased, with recent values near 64 cents/lb.

* The A Index traded between 74 to 78 cents/lb over the past month.
* The Chinese Cotton Index (CC Index 3128B) was steady, holding to near 94 cents/lb in international terms and near 14,750 RMB/ton in domestic terms. The RMB was consistently near 7.12 RMB/USD.
* Indian spot prices (Shankar-6 quality) decreased from 78 to 74 cents/lb or from 54,800 to 51,700 INR/candy. The INR traded around 88 INR/USD.
* Pakistani spot prices were steady near 68 cents/lb or 15,600 PKR/maund over the past month. The PKR held near 281 PKR/USD.

Supply, Demand, & Trade

Since the U.S. government entered a shutdown on October 1st, there was not an update to USDA supply, demand, and trade figures last month. However, even before negotiations began to make progress, the USDA had been planning to release a series of updated estimates in November.

In the numbers released in November, the largest change was the increase to global production (+2.4 million bales to 120.1 million).

This was primarily due to upward revisions for China (+1.0 million bales to 33.5 million), the U.S. (+891,000 bales to 14.1 million), and Brazil (+500,000 bales to 18.8 million). There was virtually no change to the global mill-use forecast (-50,000 bales to 118.9 million). And, there was no country-level change to mill-use over 100,000 bales.

Historical revisions lifted 2025/26 beginning stocks +426,000 bales (to 74.5 million). The net effect of changes for global production, consumption, and stocks was a +2.8 million bale increase to the projection for 2025/26 ending stocks (to 75.9 million). This volume equals the level from 2022/23 and represents the highest level of stocks since COVID (83.7 million bales in 2019/20).

The global trade forecast increased +300,000 bales (to 44.0 million). In terms of imports, the only notable country-level change was for China (+200,000 bales to 5.4 million). For exports, notable country-level changes were for Brazil (+200,000 bales to 14.5 million), the U.S. (+200,000 bales to 12.2 million) and Tanzania (-100,000 bales to 200,000).

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Even in the absence of USDA reporting during the government shutdown, there was no shortage of developments affecting cotton supply chains, with several significant policy announcements over the past month.

Chief among these were those associated with meeting between the leaders of the U.S. and China. Ahead of the meeting, both the U.S. and China announced updated trade deals with other partner countries in Asia. China refreshed a free trade agreement already established with ASEAN, while the U.S. announced agreements or frameworks with Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. Each of the published results from the U.S. meetings included encouragement for increased U.S. agricultural exports, but there were no specific purchase agreements for cotton in any of the documents released.

The same was true for the Executive Order that was released after the meeting between the U.S. and China. That text indicated China agreed to purchases of U.S. soybeans, sorghum, and logs, but it did not mention cotton.

A key feature of the agreement announced by the U.S. and China was that it lowered tariffs on U.S. imports from China by 10 percentage points (ppt). Before the meeting, the U.S. was imposing a 30ppt increase on Chinese imports (20ppt of "fentanyl" tariffs and 10ppt of "reciprocal" tariffs). Following the recent reduction, the total addition for tariffs from China in 2025 is 20ppt.

This level is near the average increase that many other major apparel exporters are facing. Although Chinese shipments continue to be subjected to a 7.5ppt addition that has remained in effect since the first round of the trade dispute (7.5ppt since the Phase One Deal), the recent agreement reduced or eliminated the separation in rates China was facing through 2025 tariff increases. For comparison, the 2025 tariff increases faced by the other largest apparel exporters to the U.S. are also near 20ppt (Vietnam 20ppt, Bangladesh 20ppt, India 50ppt with 25ppt reciprocal tariff and another 25ppt for trade in Russian oil, and 19ppt for Cambodia).

Another feature of the Executive Order published after the meeting between the U.S. and China were comments suggestinggeneral agreement from both sides to lower obstacles to trade and to then maintain those policies into the future. China committed to suspend or remove certain retaliatory actions, including suspending tariffs on a range of U.S. agricultural goods until the end of 2026.

The U.S. agreed to maintain its suspension of heightened reciprocal tariffs on China until November 10, 2026. While anything is possible, these statements suggest further tariff adjustments could be limited over the next twelve months, and stability in tariff rates could support confidence around order placement.

Relatedly, questions remain about the outlook for the demand side of the market. U.S. end-use consumption (finished textiles and apparel bought by consumers) represents about 15% of global mill-use. Change in U.S. demand resulting from price effects around tariffs may have a direct effect on fiber use. But, larger impacts could be indirect, stemming from slower economic growth that could be more widespread.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released updated forecasts for world GDP in October. Their figures for world GDP were flat or higher relative to those published in July (+0.2ppt to 3.2.% for 2025 and unchanged for 2026 at 3.1%). The IMF highlighted downside risks, but the latest estimates suggest only slight decelerations in global growth compared to 2024 (3.3%).

KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Kasturi Cotton Awareness Programme at Bodeli, Gujarat

TEXPROCIL, in association with the Madhya Gujarat Ginners Association, successfully organised a Kasturi Cotton Awareness cum Cluster Formation Programme in the Bodeli region on 25th November 2025. The programme aimed to enhance wider adoption of the Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative and mobilise stakeholders for the formation of India's first Kasturi Cotton Cluster. Approximately 150 key stakeholders, including cotton farmers, ginners, and representatives from allied organisations, participated in the event.

Programme Overview:

The programme brought together farmers, ginners, seed companies, sustainability implementation organisations, and other value-chain partners for focused discussions on improving cotton quality, strengthening supply-chain linkages, and promoting Kasturi Cotton Bharat movement.

Key Highlights:

1. **Visit to APMC Bodeli:**

   Participants visited the APMC market yard to observe the live auction process and explored potential collaborations to promote fair trading practices and quality-linked market mechanisms for cotton.

2. **Interaction with Ginners:**

   A focused interaction was held with around 20 ginners from the region to discuss the formation of a dedicated Kasturi Cotton Cluster. The discussions covered ginning best practices, quality enhancement, and the benefits of aligning their operations with Kasturi Cotton Bharat standards. Ginners expressed strong willingness to participate in the proposed cluster.

3. **Farmers Awareness Programme:**

   TEXPROCIL conducted a comprehensive awareness session for farmers with active participation from: Cotton Corporation of India (CCI); CITI-CDRA; GIZ; CottonConnect; Seed companies; Organic input suppliers; Local NGOs and women social workers engaged in farmer-livelihood initiatives.

These organisations highlighted sustainable farming techniques, quality improvement practices, traceability protocols, and the support ecosystem available under the Kasturi Cotton Bharat programme. Farmers extended overwhelming support and expressed readiness to adopt Kasturi Cotton standards.

Conclusion:

The programme not only strengthened awareness and engagement for the Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative but also sowed the foundation for India's first Kasturi Cotton Cluster in the Bodeli region.

The active participation of ginners, farmers, seed companies, sustainability agencies, and NGOs marks a significant step forward in building an integrated, quality driven, and traceable cotton ecosystem in Gujarat.

Collectively, stakeholders pledged their support to advance the Kasturi Cotton Cluster and contribute to improved quality, enhanced market access, and long-term sustainability.

KASTURI COTTON BHARAT

Kasturi Cotton Awareness & Stakeholder Engagement Session in Baroda, Gujarat

1. Introduction

A stakeholder engagement programme under the Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative was conducted at Zydex Industries in Baroda, Gujarat on 26 November 2025 for the **Bodeli-Baroda Cluster of ginners and spinners**. The session was attended by representatives from multiple ginning units, spinning mills, and cotton intermediaries.

The objective was to build awareness on Kasturi Cotton standards, address quality and contamination issues, and discuss the business and profitability challenges faced by the cluster.

2. Proceedings of the Programme

2.1 Inaugural Address by Zydex CMD Shri Dr Ajay Ranka

The programme began with an inaugural address by the CMD of Zydex, Dr Ajay Ranka who:

- Highlighted the importance of Organic and sustainable cotton practices and cluster-level quality improvement.
- Emphasized the role of ginning and spinning units from **Bodeli and Baroda** in elevating regional cotton quality.
- Encouraged greater involvement in Kasturi Cotton with Organic to achieve better market positioning and long-term value.

2.2 Kasturi Cotton Presentation

A comprehensive presentation was delivered covering:

- Kasturi Cotton quality parameters, sustainability pillars, and traceability systems.
- Benefits for ginners and spinners in the **Bodeli-Baroda Cluster**, including premium markets, consistency in offtake, and enhanced brand value.
- Cluster-based adoption advantages for strengthening Kasturi cotton production and building quality discipline across units.

2.3 Question & Answer Session

An open Q & A session captured the key concerns of cluster participants:

A. Profitability Challenges

Ginners from **Bodeli and Baroda** shared that:

- MSP-driven procurement by CCI has led to **higher kapas prices**, reducing margins for ginners.
- Quality kapas availability has decreased, affecting operational efficiency.
- Under current market conditions, sustaining profitability is difficult.

The Kasturi Cotton team responded that:

- Participation in Kasturi Cotton creates **market differentiation**, enabling ginners and spinners to access **better price realizations** through traceability-backed branding.
- Cluster-level initiatives can help aggregate farmer groups and improve raw material quality
- Strengthened linkages with mills and brands help ensure **assured and consistent procurement**.

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B. Contamination-Free Cotton & Quality Improvement Presentation given by Shri Dr Pradeep Mandhyan

Presentation demonstrated about contamination and inconsistent quality, noting challenges such as:

- Improper picking and handling at the farm level.
- Moisture variations and mixed cotton varieties.
- Mechanical contaminants during ginning operations.

Dr Pradeep Mandhyan highlighted how Kasturi Cotton supports the cluster:

- Farmer onboarding programmes to promote **clean picking methods**.
- Standardised ginning SOPs for **pre-cleaning, moisture management, and bale packaging**.
- Training modules for staff to reduce human-induced contamination.
- Digital traceability systems enabling full transparency from farm to spinning.

3. Key Takeaways

- **Bodeli-Baroda Cluster** demonstrated strong interest in Kasturi Cotton adoption.
- Profitability concerns remain, primarily due to MSP-related price pressures and limited high-quality kapas availability.
- Cluster-wide quality improvement programmes can substantially enhance competitiveness.
- Contamination control remains a critical focus area for both ginning and spinning units.
- Strengthened farm-ginner-spinner linkages will be essential to improve consistency and traceability in the cluster.

4. Conclusion

The visit to Baroda on 26 November 2025 and the engagement with the **Bodeli-Baroda Ginners & Spinners Cluster** were productive and encouraging. The cluster expressed clear interest in collaborating under the Kasturi Cotton framework to enhance cotton quality, market access, and long-term sustainability. Continued engagement and on-ground support will be key to ensuring successful adoption and improvement in cotton quality across the region.

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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) RoDTEP Committee extends the data submission deadline up to 15.12.2025 for review of RoDTEP & RoSCTL rates

The RoDTEP Committee has now extended the deadline for submission of data to 15.12.2025. Please note that the data you provide will directly support the industry's case for securing better RoDTEP and RoSCTL rates. This is an important opportunity to demonstrate actual embedded costs and justify a rate increase for your product(s).

Some members have approached the Council expressing their difficulty in filling the prescribed formats but are keen to submit the required data. In view of this, TEXPROCIL has collaborated with BBSR & Associates LLP (an affiliate of KPMG) to guide members in completing the RoDTEP and RoSCTL Proformas. Members who require assistance may avail support from them.

For further enquiries and for submission of the RoDTEP / RoSCTL Proformas, please contact the Council at sybil@texprocil.org / annie@texprocil.org. Members are requested to submit the data latest by 08.12.2025 (Monday) to enable timely submission to the Committee.

Please ensure that the completed formats are certified by your Chartered Accountant before submission.

Members may please take note. Kindly ignore if already submitted.

Link of the Circular: https://tinyurl.com/2sd4xzus

B) Launch of TEX-RAMPS Scheme - Operational Guidelines Issued by the Ministry of Textiles

The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has issued the operational guidelines for the Textiles Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning and Start-Up (TEX-RAMPS) Scheme vide Office Memorandum dated 26.11.2025.

TEX-RAMPS is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, aimed at strengthening the textiles and apparel sector through targeted research, data-driven planning, enhanced statistical systems, sectoral capacity building and support for innovation and start-ups.

For more information of the TEX-RAMPS Scheme, members may refer to the following:

Key highlights of the Scheme (click here),

Costing Norms (enclosed)

Link of the Circular: https://tinyurl.com/mskj3mth

C) Submission of Inputs on Mandatory and Voluntary Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) for Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

The Council has received a communication from DGFT and simultaneously issued a Trade Notice related to the above subject.

As you are aware, the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26. DGFT is now compiling a comprehensive database of Mandatory Non-Tariff Measures → Legal requirements set by the importing country and Voluntary Non-Tariff Measures → Buyer-driven requirements that enhance acceptability and competitiveness. These NTMs include certification requirements, testing requirement, inspections, audits, labelling norms and other regulatory compliance conditions applicable to Indian exports across global markets.

Members are requested to provide their inputs on relevant NTMs and certification requirements by submitting details through the online form available at: https://forms.gle/9e1XmB2vLGftAhmt5. The link is also accessible through the QR code provided in the Trade Notice.

Please note that if inputs are not submitted, certain certifications or NTMs may not be included or prioritised in the creation of the database, which could affect the support measures planned under the Export Promotion Mission and other future initiatives.

Link of the Circular: https://tinyurl.com/mrnzky4u

D) Request for Data - RoSCTL Scheme EvaluationThis is to inform you that Wazir Advisors Pvt. Ltd., appointed by the Ministry of Textiles to undertake the evaluation of the RoSCTL Scheme, has sought industry inputs to facilitate the study. Members are requested to kindly provide the required information by completing the questionnaire available at the following link: https://forms.gle/rwQkjkH4iYiy2LdQ6.

Upon completion of the procedure, you are requested to inform the Council (sybil@texprocil.org and annie@texprocil.org) of the same. Request to kindly make a note of the above and do the needful at the earliest.

Link of the Circular: https://tinyurl.com/2z8wvycf

E) Withdrawal of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) on Polyester, Polymer Resins and VSF

This is to inform you that as per Gazette Notification dated 12.11.2025 issued by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has withdrawn the QCOs applicable to the 14 products. Further, the Government has withdrawn the QCO on Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) through the Gazette Notification dated 18.11.2025 issued by the Ministry of Textiles (enclosed).

Link of the Circular: https://tinyurl.com/5d6nfe9m

F) RBI announces Immediate Implementation of Trade Relief Measures to Exporters on Export

Realisat ion, Shipment Period and Credit Relaxations

The RBI has announced Trade Relief Measures vide Press Release dated 14.11.2025 to support exporters facing

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challenges arising from prevailing global headwinds. The key measures are summarised below for your information and necessary action.

A. FEMA Regulations on Realisation and Repatriation of Export Proceeds / Advance Payments

1. Extension of Time for Realisation of Export Proceeds - The period for realisation and repatriation of full export value of goods, software, and services has been **extended from the existing 9 months to 15 months** from the date of export.

2. Extended Time for Shipment Against Advance Payments - The permissible period for shipment of goods against advance payments has been **increased from 1 year to 3 years** from the date of receipt of such advance or as per contract terms, whichever is later.

In addition, the RBI has announced the following:

B. Reserve Bank of India (Trade Relief Measures) Directions, 2025

(i) Easing Debt Repayment Burden on Impacted Sectors

a) Moratorium / Deferment of Loan Repayments - A moratorium or deferment has been permitted on repayment of all term loans and on recovery of interest on working capital loans falling due between September 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

b) Recalculation of Drawing Power - Lenders may reassess drawing power for working capital requirements, including by reducing margins or other reassessment, during the above period.

(ii) Relaxation in Repayment of Export Credit

a) **Enhanced Export Credit Period**: The maximum credit period for pre-shipment and post-shipment export credit has been enhanced from 1 year to 450 days for credit disbursed up to March 31, 2026.

b) **Flexible Liquidation of Packing Credit**: Lenders are permitted to liquidate packing credit facilities availed on or before **August 31, 2025**, where goods could not be dispatched, using **legitimate alternate sources** such as: domestic sale proceeds of the concerned goods, or proceeds from a substitute export order.

Please note that the credit and repayment relief package announced by RBI covers only Carpets, Made-Ups & Garments and is not applicable to Yarn/ Fabrics. For more details on the List of Eligible Sectors, you may refer to the Annexure in the above RBI Notification.

Effective Date: All the above guidelines have come into force **with immediate effect.**

Members are advised to review these measures carefully and engage with their respective banks to avail the applicable benefits.

Link of the Circular: <u>**https://tinyurl.com/msmywrkf**</u>

G) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) - Scheme Guidelines

The Council has received a communication from O/o DGFT regarding the guidelines on the above subject.

A summary of the CGSE is given below:

Purpose of the Scheme - To provide 100% guarantee coverage for the additional credit facility extended to the exporters who are in need of additional working capital to tide over any short term mismatches and to explore new potential markets**.**

Implementing Agency- National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).

Date of Commencement- The guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue of these guidelines by NCGTC.

Eligible borrowers- Direct and indirect exporters - detailed eligibility criteria will be decided by the Management Committee of the Scheme.

Quantum of Support- Direct exporters: Upto 20% of sanctioned export working capital limits

Indirect exporters: Upto 20% of the working capital limits**.**

Maximum Loan Amount-50 crore per borrower.

Tenor of Loan-4 years from the date of first disbursement including moratorium of 1 year (i.e 1+3 years).

Guarantee Fee-Nil

Credit Facility-Financial assistance provided under the Scheme by way of additional term loan/working capital term loan facility to borrowers.

Interest Rate-1% below interest rate on existing facility on date of issue of guidelines.

Eligible Lending Institutions-

(i) Scheduled Commercial Banks;

(ii) Scheduled Urban Co-operative Banks (SUCBs);

(iii) Non-Banking Financial Companies registered with RBI;

(iv) Financial Institutions: As defined in Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Security-The MLIs shall ensure to create charge on existing securities (primary as well as collateral) if any, within a stipulated time. No additional collateral security will be insisted for the scheme.

Duration of Scheme-The Scheme would be applicable from the date of issue of the guidelines by NCGTC upto 31.03.2026 or till guarantees amounting to ₹20,000 crore are issued, whichever is earlier. Detailed <u>operational guidelines</u> of the scheme shall be issued by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee

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Company Limited (NCGTC) with the approval of the management committee.

Link of the Circular: **https://tinyurl.com/5256zhfe**

H) Cabinet approves Export Promotion Mission (EPM) to strengthen India's export ecosystem for MSMEs, first-time exporters and labour-intensive sectors

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - a major initiative announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 to strengthen India's export competitiveness, particularly for MSMEs, first-time exporters and labour-intensive sectors. The EPM is a forward-looking plan to make India's export system more benefiting everyone, digital and globally competitive, supporting the goal of building a developed India by 2047.

The Council would like to thank the Government for approving this landmark initiative, which will go a long way in supporting exporters and strengthening India's position in global trade.

Link of the Circular: **https://tinyurl.com/2safd4jc**

Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)

The Council wishes to inform you that the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, convened a meeting on 10th December 2025 with EPCs and FIS to review the progress of the newly introduced Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE). The Presentation, Guidelines and FAQs on the Scheme are enclosed for your reference. The CGSE will ease liquidity stress, enhance access to credit and support export growth by providing guarantee-backed, collateral-free working capital to eligible exporters.

Key Benefits of CGSE

1. **Scheme Overview:**
   - Scheme Approval Date: 12th November 2025
   - Implementing & Oversight Authority: Department of Financial Services (DFS) through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd. (NCGTC)
   - Purpose: To provide 100% guarantee coverage for credit assistance to exporters
2. **Financial Benefits:**
   - Collateral-free additional term loan/working capital term loan support: Up to 20% of existing limits
   - Additional credit flow envisaged: Up to ₹20,000 crore
   - Maximum loan per borrower: ₹50 crore
   - Loan Tenor: 4 years, including a 1-year moratorium
   - Interest Rate: 1% below the existing lending rate
     – Interest capped at 10% for Banks/FIs
     – Interest capped at 14% for NBFCs
   - Guarantee Fee: Nil
   - Pre-payment Penalty: Nil
3. **Eligible Lending Institutions:** (i) Scheduled Commercial Banks; (ii) Scheduled Urban Co- operative Banks (SUCBs); (iii) Non-Banking Financial Companies registered with RBI;(iv) Financial Institutions: As defined in Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
4. **Eligibility Criteria**

   (i) Direct Exporters: • MSMEs with at least 5% export turnover (currently applicable for USD- denominated exports only
   - Non-MSMEs with at least 20% export turnover (currently applicable for USD-denominated exports only)

   (ii) Indirect Exporters: MSMEs supplying at least 30% of their total turnover to the above eligible direct exporters.
5. **Validity of the Scheme**: The CGSE is valid till 31st March.2026 or until guarantees aggregating ₹20,000 crore are issued-whichever is earlier.

Please note that -

- The CGSE covers all eligible exporters across sectors
- The RBI's relief measures are restricted to 20 eligible sectors, which include Chapter 61, 62, 63 and 94 from textiles.

Members may kindly take note of the above and make use of the Scheme within the stipulated timeline.

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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/

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

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Membership Renewal Subscription Fee for FY 2025-2026

Trade Notification

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.)

<u>Membership Renewal for 3 years including GST will be as follows:</u>

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

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

<u>Membership Renewal for 5 years including GST will be as follows:</u>

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

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

<u>Introducing a new category for small exporters:</u>

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/-**

<u>Note:</u>

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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3	Cotton Fabrics	
4	Cotton Madeups	
	TOTAL	

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