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Yuan 5th most active currency for global payments in Apr 2022: SWIFT

China's yuan retained its position as the fifth most active currency for global payments by value in April this year behind the US dollar, euro, pound and Japanese yen, with a share of 2.14 per cent global payments currency—down from 2.20 per cent in March, according to global payment services the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT).

An official Chinese newspaper cited experts as saying that short-term fluctuation is normal and the yuan is expected to play a rising role on the global stage over the long term.

Everbright Bank macroeconomic analyst Zhou Maohua said due to fluctuations in the global economy and financial markets, major currency experienced a short-term monthly fluctuation in the share of international payment and settlement.

Zhou attributed a slowdown in China's foreign trade in April amid the COVID-19 outbreaks as well as market fluctuations amid divergent policies of major economies and geopolitical conflicts to the slide of yuan share in global payment in the month.

The share of US dollar expended to 41.81 per cent in April from 41.07 per cent in March, remaining its position as most used global payment currency. It was followed by euro which edged down to 34.74 per cent in April from 35.35 per cent in March and British pound which dropped to 6.26 per cent from 6.47 per cent a month ago.

As China further steps up efforts to promote the internationalisation of the yuan, and accelerate its dual circular economy mode, opening up to international economy, the Chinese currency is expected to play a rising role in global payments, settlements and foreign exchange reserves over the long term, Zhou added.

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MY 2022-23 area under cotton in Burkina Faso to rise by 9%: USDA

The United States department of agriculture (USDA) has forecast that the area under cotton cultivation in Burkina Faso for marketing year (MY) 2022-23 (August to July) will increase by 9 per cent compared to the previous MY to 650,000 ha on expected farm gate price incentives, sound subsidy on input prices and a better security situation that will allow farmers to access their land.

The three cotton companies present in Burkina Faso, Société Burkinabe des Fibres Textiles (SOFITEX), Faso Coton and Société Cotonnière du Gourma (SOCOMA), already ordered cotton inputs in anticipation of these developments.

The MY 2022-23 fertiliser prices increased by 97 per cent from the previous MY—$565.22 per tonne to $1,109.57 per tonne. From that starting price, companies will add logistics costs and a 6 per cent credit rate.

The newly appointed government in the country has not yet announced the level of fertiliser subsidy or farm gate price, which will be important factors for farmers decisions on planting, USDA said in its Cotton and Products Annual report.

According to private industry, to keep the same fertiliser price as in MY 2021-22, the government needs to provide about $111.30 million in fertiliser subsidies. Currently, the country is experiencing a food shortage, and private industry thinks that during MY 2022-23, farmers could divert fertiliser and use it on food crops such as maize, which could lower cotton yield.

USDA forecasts MY 2022-23 production to jump by 12 per cent to 1.1 million bales, assuming average rainfall, low pest pressure and adequate use of fertiliser.

All three cotton companies in Burkina Faso estimate MY 2021-22 area and production to increase by 7 per cent and 4 per cent from the previous MY at 595,000 hectares and 990,000 bales respectively.
The MY 2021-22 crop was characterised by a 20-day delay of the rainy season, which was poorly distributed among crops, reducing the

percentage of early seed planted (6 per cent) and delaying fertiliser distribution.

However, rain lasted until October in the Faso cotton zone and November in the Sofitex zone. In addition, there was less pest pressure, despite the discovery of jassids and mites in the Sofitex zone that were controlled.

Security challenges remain throughout the country, especially in the SOCOMA zone, preventing farmers access to their field and causing displacement of many inhabitants. In MY 2021-22, the government provided a fertiliser subsidy in the amount of $26.84 million.

Consumption for MY 2022-23 is forecast at 25,000 bales, the same as the previous year. Burkina Faso has one spinning company, La Filature du Sahel (FILSAH), which was established in 1997 and started operations in 2000. The company has a processing capacity of about 5,400 tonnes of fibre to yarn per year, which is sold to Europe (about 50 per cent), the domestic market (26 per cent) and in the Sub-Saharan Africa (24 per cent).

FILSAH also diversifies its production towards yarns for crafts, export, and for 'Maliwatt', a canvas made from cotton waste to wrap cotton bales for export. Canvas is intended to replace plastic used to wrap the bales.
MY 2022-23 cotton exports are forecast at 1.08 million bales, an increase of 12 per cent from the previous MY based on available supply. Cotton exports for MY 2021-22 are estimated at 965,000 bales, down by approximately 14 per cent from the previous MY due to a low ending stocks.

Cotton fibre is transported to the ports of Abidjan, Benin, Togo or Ghana by train or trucks. In 2021, the top importing countries were China (77 per cent), Pakistan (7 per cent) and Thailand (3 per cent).
MY 2022-23 stocks in Burkina Faso are forecast to remain at the same level as the previous year, at 10,000 bales.

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Pakistan's textile & apparel exports rise 25.96% in July-April FY22

The value of textile and garment exports from Pakistan increased by 25.96 per cent year-on-year in dollar terms in the first ten months of fiscal 2021-22. During the period, Pakistan earned $15.981 billion from textile and apparel exports, compared to exports of $12.688 billion in July-April 2020-21, according to data from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

It is important to mention that Pakistan's textile and garment exports in the first ten months of the current fiscal surpassed the exports of previous fiscal 2020-21, which stood at $15.400 billion.

Category-wise, knitwear exports rose by a sharp 35.14 per cent year-on-year to $4.218 billion during the ten-month period, while exports of non-knit readymade garments were up 27.95 per cent to $3.214 billion.

Among textiles, cotton yarn exports increased by 22.11 per cent to $1006.142 million in July-April 2021-22, as against exports of $823.952 million made during the corresponding period of 2020-21. Exports of cotton fabric also rose by 26.81 per cent and were valued at $2.005 billion during the period under review.

Bedwear exports jumped by 19.01 per cent to $2.727 billion during the ten-month period, the data showed.

On the other side, synthetic fibre imports shot up 25.92 per cent year-on-year to $632.796 million, while imports of synthetic and artificial silk yarn rose 27.15 per cent to $720.343 million during July-April 2021-22.

Meanwhile, the value of textile machinery imports by Pakistan increased significantly by 56.38 per cent year-on-year to $678.452 million during the ten-month period.

In fiscal 2020-21 ending June 30, textile and garment exports from Pakistan increased by 22.94 per cent to $15.400 billion over $12.526 billion exports in the previous fiscal. In fiscal 2018-19, the value was $13.327 billion.

The impressive growth in textile related exports and imports shows fast recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic. Steep price rise in cotton and limited supplies also supported Pakistan's exports.

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EU to be world leader in sustainable textiles: Euratex report

EU's trade deficit increased in 2021 as textile and clothing exports increased 10.6 per cent while imports declined -7.5 per cent. As per the Spring report by Euratex, import prices of EU clothing and textile declined during the year due to a drop in import prices of Chinese face masks and protective medical clothing. Increased EU textile and clothing exports during the year could be attributed to a strong performance in Swiss, Chinese and US markets. On the other hand, sales in the United Kingdom declined 23 per cent, due to new Brexit rules, customs clearance delays and labor shortage. EU reduced its imports from China by 28 per cent to €13 billion during the year. It also reduced textile and clothing imports from the United Kingdom by 48 per cent to €-3 billion. Dirk Vantyghem, Director General, Euratex says, the EU aims to be world leader in sustainable textiles despite rising energy prices.

Embed international trade in growth strategy

To achieve this, the European Union needs to embed international trade in its Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles. It needs to ensure all products introduced in the market are durable, free of hazardous substances, produced respecting social standards. It also needs to upscale market surveillance without disrupting the supply chains. Condemning Russian aggression in Ukraine, Vantyghem says, Ukraine offers valuable sourcing opportunities for European textile and apparel brands besides supporting its nearshoring trend.

A pillar of local economy

With around 154,000 companies employing 1.47 million workers, the textile and clothing industry is an essential pillar of local economy in the EU. The industry has completed several high added value projects in growing markets around the world. These projects were completed in collaboration with the Euratex, the voice of the textile and clothing industry in the region, which focuses on effective research, innovation and skills development, free and fair trade, and sustainable supply chains.

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Vietnam maintains position of leading textile and garment exporter

Prospects for the world's textile and garment industry are expected to be brighter in 2022 and Vietnam continues to maintain its position as a leading textile and garment exporter in US and EU markets.

Figures from the General Department of Customs showed that in the first quarter of 2022, the country's export value of textiles and garments reached $8.68 billion, up 20.3% year-on-year, marking the highest increase in the past 10 years.

The US continues to be the largest textile and garment import market from Vietnam with a value of US$4.3 billion, followed by the EU with US$896 million, and Korea with US$754 million.

The positive signal of the market and the initial control of the COVID-19 pandemic will help Vietnam's textile and garment industry fulfill its set export target of over US$43 billion by 2022, according to Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association.

Besides, Vietnam will also have opportunities to catch up from the trend of shifting the world's textile and garment supply out of China and Vietnam is one of the most potential and favorable destinations for manufacturers, import and export distributors, wholesalers and retailers worldwide.

To maintain the leading position and tap up opportunities post COVID-19, textile enterprises are accelerating to upgrade technology in production chains as well as increase labour productivity.

Take Hung Yen Garment Corporation (Hugaco) for instance, the company has focused on investing in equipment, modern technology and digital transformation, helping to increase productivity by about 20%.

However, in order to create a synergy to maintain the leading position, it is not only the efforts of textile enterprises themselves, but also the contributions of industrial real estate developers to the textile industry.

Located in the northern Nam Dinh province, the cradle of the Vietnam's textile industry, Aurora is one of the very few IPs in Vietnam that meets the legal and utility infrastructure requirements qualified to accommodate fabric-dyeing establishments.

Developed by Cat Tuong Real Estate Group, one of the country's leading real estate developer, Aurora's infrastructure is synchronously designed with the country's largest capacity of water supply and wastewater treatment system as well as the development of complex social infrastructure.

In 2020, even though the world was undergoing many challenges and difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other complexities, Aurora IP still proves its attractiveness and unique value as a well-invested industrial park by closing two deals with a total investment surpassing $200 million for land lease contracts with two FDI investors to develop high-tech textile and dyeing projects.

With the EVFTA coming into effect, duty was lifted from 65% of EU exports to Vietnam and 71% of Vietnamese exports to the EU. Therefore, it is expected that Vietnamese exports to the EU by 2025 will see a 42.7% increase by 2025, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment.

"Aurora IP is pleased to be an important part of Vietnam's leading position in the world's textile market. Aurora IP understands that attracting foreign investment along with the participation of domestic textile and garment enterprises plays an important role in the sustainable development of the industrial park and the textile industry of the country," said Mr. Tran Quoc Viet - Chairman & CEO of Cat Tuong Group.

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Proposed changes to N Ireland Protocol to remove regulatory barriers

UK foreign secretary Liz Truss recently updated the House of Commons on the government's intention to introduce legislation to make changes to the Northern Ireland Protocol. The bill will remove regulatory barriers to goods made as per to UK standards being sold in Northern Ireland. Businesses can choose between meeting UK or European Union (EU) standards in a new dual regulatory regime.

The Protocol has not yet been implemented in full due to the operation of grace periods and easements, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office said in a press release.

Rules on taxation mean citizens in Northern Ireland are unable to benefit fully from the same advantages as the rest of the United Kingdom, like the reduction in value added tax on solar panels.

“Our proposed solution would meet both our and the EU’s original objectives for the Protocol. It would address the frictions in East-West trade, while protecting the EU Single Market and the Belfast Good Friday Agreement,” Truss said.

The bill will put in place the necessary measures to lessen the burden on East-West trade and to ensure the people of Northern Ireland can access the same benefits as the citizens of Great Britain.

It will allow both East-West trade and the EU single market to be protected while removing customs paperwork for goods remaining in the United Kingdom.

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Burberry reports 23% rise in FY'22 revenues

British luxury brand Burberry reported a 23 per cent rise in revenue to £2.83 billion ($3.52 billion) in FY'22 and a 38 per cent rise in adjusted operating profit to £523 million, with comparable store sales in its final quarter growing 7 per cent after lockdowns in mainland China weighed on its performance in March.

The brand said its outlook for the year ahead depended on how quickly China, its biggest market, recovered from COVID-19 lockdowns, after meeting expectations for sales and operating profit for its 2022 financial year.

Burberry, known for its camel, red and black check and TB monogram, lost its chief executive Marco Gobbetti to Ferragamo in January. His replacement, Jonathan Akeroyd, joined in March, a couple of weeks before the end of its financial year.

Gobbetti sought to elevate Burberry's brand into the luxury space under a multi-year transformation plan for the 166-year-old group.

Akeroyd said he would set out his plans to build on Gobbetti's foundations and accelerate growth at the interim results in November.

Burberry said it maintained its medium-term guidance of high single-digit revenue growth and meaningful margin accretion at constant exchange rates.

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Global co-operation needed for post-pandemic recovery: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday underscored the importance of multilateralism and the spirit of global cooperation for economic recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The minister, who chaired the 7th annual meeting of the board of governors of New Development Bank (NDB) via video conference, also emphasised that developing innovative financial products and services, and incentivising strategic investments are crucial to maximising development impact, according to the finance ministry.

NDB has so far approved 21 projects of India involving a funding of $7.1 billion, including $2 billion in emergency loans to support health and economic recovery in the aftermath of the Covid-19 outbreak. The theme of the annual meeting was “NDB: Optimising Development Impact”.

Last year, India had called for expanding the funding horizon of the NDB, often referred to as BRICS Bank, so that resources could be utilised for bolstering social infrastructure in a post-Covid world, besides promoting the industrial sector.

The NDB was set up based on the inter-governmental agreement among the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) in July 2014. The purpose of this bank is to mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging market economies and developing countries.

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RBI allows settlement of trade transactions with Sri Lanka in Indian rupee

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain in 1948

In view of difficulties being faced by exporters in getting payments from crisis-hit Sri Lanka, the RBI on Thursday allowed settlement of trade transactions in Indian rupee outside the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) mechanism.

In March, the government had guaranteed a term loan of USD 1 billion extended by the State Bank of India (SBI) to Sri Lanka for financing purchase of essential goods by the island nation from India.

"In view of the difficulties being experienced by exporters in receipt of export proceeds from Sri Lanka and SBI's credit facility...it has been decided that such trade transactions with Sri Lanka, falling under the said arrangement, may be settled in INR outside the ACU mechanism," the RBI said in a circular.

Under the arrangement, financing of export of eligible goods and services from India would be allowed subject conditions and whose purchase may be agreed to be financed by SBI under the agreement.

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain in 1948.

The crisis has been caused in part by a lack of foreign currency, which means the country cannot afford to pay for imports of staple foods and fuel, leading to acute shortages and very high prices.

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Supreme Court strikes down GST on ocean freight

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“The Supreme Court has held that GST on ocean freight paid in case of import of goods is unconstitutional. As a corollary, the Indian importers who had paid such tax will be eligible to refund. Further, those importers who had not paid the tax on import of services will now not be required to pay tax because of this Supreme Court ruling,” said Abhishek A Rastogi, partner at Khaitan & Co, who argued for the companies.

This judgment may change the landscape of those provisions under GST which are subject to judicial review. As the court has gone ahead to categorically hold that the GST Council recommendations have only persuasive value, there will be a pragmatic approach to the provisions which are subject to judicial review by way of challenge to the constitutionality of such provisions based on the GST Council recommendations, Rastogi added.

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Opposition state finance ministers welcome Supreme Court's ruling on GST Council

Say it will arrest shift away from Constitutional scheme

"I have been saying this since HCM @mkstalin nominated me to the GST Council in May 2021. I am glad this judgement clarifies the matter," Tamil Nadu finance minister P Thiaga Rajan tweeted, reacting to the SC ruling.

Welcoming the Supreme Court's ruling that the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council's recommendations are not binding on the Union government and states, several opposition-ruled states said they stood vindicated in highlighting what they called a shift away from its Constitutional mandate.

The Centre and state governments have simultaneous powers to legislate on GST but the council must work in a harmonious manner to achieve a workable solution, the court said on Thursday.

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Advisor to West Bengal chief miniusrer and former finance minister of the state Amit Mitra said the spirit of the judgment upholds the need for consensus and the spirit of federalism. "Unfortunately, respect for federalism has steadily waned over the last few years and a majoritarian approach has emerged in the GST Council in recent times, which is in contradiction to the very ethos of the Council," he said.

Chhattisgarh health minister TS Singh Deo, who represents the state in the Council, said the SC has clearly brought focus on the federal nature of the Constitution.

Thiaga Rajan also reiterated his submission shared with the GST Council on May 28, 2021: "We have arrived at a constitutional and historical oddity – a GST system and Council that function with an omni-potent and all-encompassing mandate not envisoned in the Constitution of India, yet deeply limited by a structural design and technology platform that are far from adequate to the important task. What makes this oddity truly alarming is that the actual Council is becoming in some ways a mere ceremonial seal, a rubber-stamp authority, with the real power to create policy abrogated to (Constitutionally) ad-hoc agencies such as the TRU of the CBIC, a feeble GST Secretariat, and the quasi-government GST Network."

Singh Deo said: "The guiding words in the judgment is that the GST Council is a reccomending body which has a pursuasive value. This is how the GST Council must view itself, it can't think or act in a way which goes beyond the provisions of the Constituion. Even if it means some adjustment, we must make them."

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Industry associations present various demands to CM

Members of around 40 industry associations from Coimbatore and neighbouring districts, who participated in the meeting with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin here on Thursday, presented various demands pertaining to the city and industries.

President of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Coimbatore, C. Balasubramanian in his memorandum urged the Chief Minister to reduce the property tax considering the practical difficulties of the people. The memorandum also sought for the extensions of the elevated flyover on Avinashi Road beyond Chinniyampalayam and of the Ukkadam – Athupalam flyover by 300 metres on Pollachi Road. The State government must set up a multi modal logistics park and a mega textile Park in Coimbatore, the memorandum demanded.

M.V. Ramesh Babu, president of the Coimbatore District Small Scale Industries Association (Codissia), said that the revision of Master Plan must be carried out at the earliest as it is pending for around 28 years. He urged Mr. Stalin that MSME units having below 50 employees should not be under the purview of inspection by officials and that an online marketing portal for MSMEs must be developed. A Special Economic Zone in Coimbatore must be set up for manufacturing of computers and its peripheral equipment, he demanded in the memorandum.

The State government must provide a loan of minimum ₹ 2 lakh for entrepreneurs in the micro industries, urged J. James, district president of Tamil Nadu Association of Cottage and Micro Enterprises (TACT).

Convener of Indian Texpreneurs Federation (ITF) Prabhu Dhamodharan requested the Chief Minister to introduce Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for the textile sector to boost exports and create employment in the State.

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India to set up Cotton Council to improve fibre productivity

India plans to set up a cotton council under the leadership of industry captain Suresh Kotak to holistically look at ways to improve the fibre's productivity that has declined over the years. The council would have government officials from the departments of agriculture, commerce and textiles along with private sector representatives.

The decision was taken at a meeting between PiyushGoyal, Textile Minister and stakeholders including cotton farmers, spinners and traders wherein issues such as flexibility in the imports of cotton, export incentives and allocating more yarn for the domestic prices, were discussed.

The meeting also discussed about restricting export incentives and also imposing export duty on yarn to curtail yarn and cotton exports. Garment exporters sought for a short-term ban on export of cotton and cotton yarn. As per another industry representative, a proposal to release 75 per cent cotton yarn in the domestic market was also taken up.

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Rising cotton, yarn prices may hit apparel exports target: AEPC chairman

"In 2021-22, the exports were USD 16 billion and we are targeting USD 19-20 billion this fiscal. But because of the price rise, it looks to be a concern on achieving the target. The industry is facing a big challenge at the raw material front," AEPC chairman Narendra Goenka said.

The unabated surge in prices of cotton and cotton yarn may affect the country's apparel exports target of USD 19-20 billion during the current fiscal, AEPC chairman Narendra Goenka said on Thursday. He said that the prices have jumped by about 125-130 per cent during the last 18 months and one of the reasons for that would be "unchecked" exports of cotton and cotton yarn. He suggested the government to impose a temporary ban on exports of cotton and cotton yarn like Indonesia has done for its palm oil.

"In 2021-22, the exports were USD 16 billion and we are targeting USD 19-20 billion this fiscal. But because of the price rise, it looks to be a concern on achieving the target. The industry is facing a big challenge at the raw material front," Goenka said.

He added that if the price rise does not stop, global customers would start looking at sourcing options other than India. "About 60-70 per cent of cotton and cotton yarn aregoing to our competitor countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam. This is a worrisome situation," he said. On export front, he said that the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) is taking several steps like organising buyerseller meets in different parts of the world to promote exports. The free trade agreement with UAE and Australia would give a significant jump in our exports. Resolving the raw material issue will help in availing full benefit of these agreement," he said.

Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal held a meeting recently with stakeholders of the cotton value chain to discuss the surging cotton and yarn prices in the current season. Goyal has asked the stakeholders to resolve the issue with collaborations without pushing the government to intervene which, the minister warned, would have a long-term impact on cotton value chain.

Goenka said that the price rise is happening at a time when the apparel industry is in expansion mode by availing benefits of production linked incentive and other schemes. The council is exploring new markets in south America and Africa to further boost the exports. Ready-made garment exports rose by 21.4 per cent to USD 1.57 billion in April this year as against the corresponding month of last year.

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No consensus yet among cotton, textiles players on high prices

The cotton traders say spinning mills should reduce yarn prices. For this to happen, millers say cotton prices have to drop, leading to a deadlock. Millers also say exporters are getting good orders and should be able to absorb higher prices, an argument rejected by garment manufacturers.

The raw cotton, cotton yarn and textile industries are unable to reach a consensus on how to address high cotton prices after textile minister Piyush Goyal asked them for a mutually agreeable solution to avoid extreme steps by the government.

The cotton traders say spinning mills should reduce yarn prices. For this to happen, millers say cotton prices have to drop, leading to a deadlock. Millers also say exporters are getting good orders and should be able to absorb higher prices, an argument rejected by garment manufacturers. The garment industry is seeking a ban on cotton exports following a sharp rise in prices that has driven fabric costs up, making exports uncompetitive.

Export Only Surplus Cotton, Yarn: Goyal

In a meeting held with stakeholders in the cotton value chain on May 18, textile minister Piyush Goyal called upon the spinning industry and the cotton trading community to divert only surplus cotton and yarn for exports to ensure supply to the domestic industry. Indian cotton prices have more than doubled in a year to Rs 1.10 lakh per candy of 356 kilogrammes.

Cotton traders who did not want to be identified said big spinning mills have stocks purchased at low prices that are enough for 45 to 50 days and they should reduce yarn rates. Spilling mills, on the other hand, told ET that they can reduce yarn prices only if cotton prices are slashed.

"There is also fear that some spinning mills may not be able to operate for two to three months due to shortage of cotton," said Pradip Jain, president, Khandesh Ginning and Pressing Association. Millers said garment exporters have been getting heavy export orders as competitors like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan are unable to meet demand due to various reasons. Garment manufacturers have countered this saying exporters sign contracts three to six months in advance, which makes them unable to pass on any increase in raw material costs to buyers.

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Textile body seeks PLI scheme in TN

Coimbatore, May 19 (PTI) Indian Texpreneurs Federation (ITF), a major textile body, on Thursday requested Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin to introduce a production-linked incentive scheme, which can help the textile sector and SMEs in the State to scale up.

With the scheme, textile companies can invest in new capacities and build scale and competitiveness. The State government spending on the scheme can be justified with increased revenue, new job creation and export growth.

“We estimate that PLI in Tamil Nadu can bring an additional Rs 15,000 crore rhrough exports from the State in the next five years with an opportunity to create employment for three lakh people,” ITF convener Prabhu Dhamodharan said. The government is giving a lot of thrust to the manufacturing sector with progressive schemes and the PLI in the State for the textile sector can be a game-changer for the textile and apparel sector, he said after a meeting with Stalin. PTI NVM NVG NVG

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32nd Garment Technology Expo to boost business in the sector

The 32nd edition of the Garment Technology Expo will boost domestic and international business in the fashion and textile sector by creating networking opportunities between designers and materials manufacturers. The event will be held from May 27 to 30 at the NSIC Exhibition Complex in Okhla, New Delhi.

The expo will showcase product categories including textiles, woven and printed labels, dyes and chemicals, woven tapes, hangers, plotter papers, raw materials, software solutions, and consulting services, etc. Sponsors for this edition of the event will include the Gujarat Garment Manufacturers Association, the Knitwear and Textile Club, and the Garments Machinery Manufacturers and Suppliers Association among others. The trade show also supports the Awdorg Foundation as its philanthropy partner this edition.

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