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From The Editor's Desk...

India's share of global apparel exports remained largely stagnant at around 3% in 2025, even as China's share declined by nearly 10 percentage points from its 2010 peak, creating a significant sourcing opportunity for India through the China + 1 strategy and improved trade access.

China's share of world apparel exports fell from 36.9% in 2010 to 27.3% in 2025, while India's share slipped from 3.2% to 3%. Bangladesh and Vietnam, meanwhile, increased their combined share from around 7% to over 13%, benefiting from competitive costs and integrated manufacturing ecosystems.

China's declining export dominance has created an estimated US$50–60 billion in sourcing opportunities. Bangladesh and Vietnam have been the main beneficiaries, supported by favourable trade agreements, efficient production networks and stronger integration across the textile value chain.

India continues to lack integrated hubs linking fibre, fabric and garment production, while facing a relatively high cost of capital. However, supply-chain diversification, policy support through the PLI Scheme and PM MITRA, and improved market access through trade agreements could strengthen its position and attract greater investment.

India's textile and apparel exports reached approximately US$37 billion in FY2025–26, with ready-made garments accounting for 44%. India represented around 4% of global textile and apparel exports in 2025. During April–September 2026, textile exports grew by 9.05% year-on-year, while apparel exports declined by 6.19%. Combined textile and apparel exports registered growth of 2.38% over the corresponding period in 2025.

Global buyers are consolidating vendor lists around partners offering scale, reliability, traceability, ESG compliance and resilient multi-country supply chains. Fragmented garmenting capacity, longer lead times, limited man-made fibre capabilities and slower technology adoption remain key constraints for India.

The next phase of growth will favour large, organised and execution-focused apparel manufacturers capable of delivering scale, faster lead times, consistent quality and integrated supply chains. Converting this opportunity into sustained export growth will depend on India's ability to address these structural gaps and meet evolving global buyer expectations.



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Pakistan textile sector urges PM to secure GSP + status under new EU scheme



Pakistan's textile sector has asked Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in a written letter to direct officers concerned to take all necessary measures for Pakistan's qualification for GSP Plus status under the new EU GSP+ Scheme. In the letter, the Pakistan Textile Council stated that under the new GSP Regulation approved by the European Parliament on April 28, 2026, Pakistan is listed in Annex-I as a Standard GSP country and will be considered a GSP+ beneficiary only until December 31, 2028.

To continue benefiting from January 1, 2029, Pakistan must submit a written request before that date, providing comprehensive information on ratification of the relevant conventions, the required binding undertakings and a plan of action.

The plan must be forward-looking and priority-oriented, propose indicative timeframes and identify the responsible institutions. GSP+ is granted only where the European Commission has not identified a serious failure to effectively implement any of the relevant conventions. Preferences remain in place while the commission assesses a request, but only for countries that have submitted one.

The new scheme applies until December 31, 2036, so the outcome of Pakistan's request will determine its access to the EU market for the rest of this period. The reliance of Pakistan's textile and apparel exports on the EU market cannot be overstated.

In FY2025-26, the EU-27 was the sector's largest market at $7,103 million, about 39.5 percent of total exports of $18,004 million and more than the United States ($4,853 million) and the United Kingdom ($1,730 million) combined. Over the last five years, the EU has consistently taken between 36.1 and 40.4 percent of the sector's exports, it stated. Exports to the EU declined by two percent in FY2025-26, with six of the top ten products declining

FibreTrace® physical verification now available across North and Central America



North and Central American polyester filament manufacturers today announced a collective initiative, launching YarnProof™ powered by FibreTrace® technology. YarnProof, powered by FibreTrace, enables physical verification of regional origin at any point across the value chain, giving brands, manufacturers, and regulators increased confidence in supply chain compliance. By embedding an invisible, persistent tracer directly into polyester filament yarn during extrusion, YarnProof-enabled materials carry a verifiable origin signature that stays in the material from production through the life of the product. The FibreTrace handheld scanner detects the tracer in real time, whether in yarn, fabric, or final product. Each scan by an authorized participant creates a verification event that connects the physical material with supporting production and sourcing records. Working alongside existing documentation, YarnProof facilitates a layer of physical proof of origin to strengthen trade integrity, protect compliant supply chains, and support regional manufacturing. For YarnProof, this capability creates an additional layer of assurance supporting the yarn-forward requirements of CAFTA-DR and USMCA.

North and Central American polyester filament manufacturers have united to protect the integrity of manufacturing in region. These manufacturers are Aquafil O'Mara, Inc., CS America, Inc., CS Central America, S.A. de C.V., Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America, Premiere Fibers, LLC, Skytex México, S.A. de C.V., Tecnología Textil Avanzada S.A., Textufil S.A. de C.V., Unifi Manufacturing, Inc., and United Textiles of America.

"We commend the polyester filament yarn manufacturers across North and Central America for coming together to lead this," said Danielle Statham, Founder and Owner of FibreTrace. "To our knowledge, this is the first regional group of fiber producers to collaborate at this scale to strengthen their position through physical verification. By collectively adopting physical verification of materials, they are moving beyond individual origin claims and creating a shared verification framework that connects physical evidence with supporting production and sourcing records. They are not simply telling the market where their fiber comes from - they are giving the market a way to verify it."

YarnProof powered by FibreTrace gives the region's producers something documentation alone cannot provide: the ability to interrogate the physical material itself downstream in the supply chain. The evidence travels with the material, helping manufacturers substantiate origin, and brands strengthen sourcing claims. With FibreTrace-enabled polyester filament yarn now innately sourceable across North and Central America, brands have even greater opportunity to make physical verification part of their overall brand strategy

BTMA seeks policy support to protect textile sector (AV KV Globe)

A 23-member delegation of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), led by its President Showkat Aziz Russell, on Monday sought urgent policy support from President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to safeguard the domestic primary textile industry and sustain export competitiveness post-LDC graduation.

During the courtesy meeting held at Bangabhaban, the BTMA leadership briefed the President on the sector's present condition, future potential, and operational challenges, submitting a five-point written proposal outlining immediate policy interventions.

Showkat Aziz Russell expressed gratitude to the government led by the Prime Minister for recent measures that significantly improved gas supply to spinning and textile mills, positively impacting factory output, and requested that steady supply be maintained.

In its written proposal, the association urged the government to sustain the National Board of Revenue (NBR) order issued on 7 September 2026, which scrapped bonded warehouse facilities on the import of 10–30 count cotton yarn under HS headings 5205, 5206, and 5207, while permitting genuine exporters to import yarn against bank guarantees.

The BTMA noted that retaining the order would curb reliance on foreign yarn that can be manufactured domestically, saving approximately Tk30,000 crore in foreign currency equivalent to the import figure of the 2024–2025 fiscal year.

The trade body further demanded reinstating a mandatory 30% local value-addition condition for raw materials imported by non-bonded industries against bank guarantees, alongside enforcing



a minimum 40% value-addition threshold across all export lines to secure competitive advantages after graduating from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category.

Additionally, the BTMA called for the formulation of an integrated Textile and Apparel Competitiveness Policy aligned with competing nations - incorporating tariffs, taxes, energy tariffs, financing, and export incentives- while guaranteeing uninterrupted gas supplies at adequate pressure and ramping up surveillance to curb the misuse of bonded warehouse facilities. President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir acknowledged the severity of the challenges facing local textile and spinning mills, assuring the delegation that their recommendations would be given due consideration and referred to relevant ministries and divisions for necessary action.

The President's Military Secretary Major General ASM Baha Uddin, Public Division Secretary AJM Salahuddin Nagari, and the Press Secretary attended the meeting. The BTMA delegation included former president Abdul Hai Sarker, Vice-Presidents Md Shamim Islam and Shafiqul Islam Sarker, as well as current and former directors and senior leaders of the association



Bangladesh garment sector must go green to retain global markets

Bangladesh's garment industry must invest in cleaner production and transparency to remain competitive in global markets as the country prepares to graduate from least developed country (LDC) status, Steven Collet, Vice Minister for international cooperation of the Netherlands, said.

"Bangladesh's garment industry is an important part of global value chains, and its future depends on factories that combine competitiveness with responsibility," he said during a visit to TEAM Group's outerwear manufacturing facility, 4A Yarn Dyeing Ltd, in Dhaka.

A seven-member Dutch delegation visited the factory to explore cooperation in sustainable apparel manufacturing and trade amid changing global trade rules and emerging sustainability requirements.

Afroza Shahin, Managing Director of TEAM Group, and Abdullah Hil Nakib, Deputy Managing Director, welcomed the delegation.

Discussions with TEAM Group's senior management covered Bangladesh's LDC graduation, a proposed Bangladesh-European Union free trade agreement, decarbonisation, responsible sourcing,



supply chain traceability and compliance with emerging EU sustainability regulations.

The two sides also explored collaboration with Dutch apparel brands and development partners in clean energy, circularity, digital product passports and workforce development.

Steven praised the factory's investment in clean energy and transparency, saying the Netherlands looked forward to continuing its partnership with Bangladesh to promote a sustainable and inclusive textile sector. "It was inspiring to see how 4A Yarn Dyeing is investing in clean energy and transparency," he said.

Afroza said sustainability investments were essential to maintaining the apparel industry's competitiveness. "The Netherlands has long been a partner in our industry's journey towards safer, fairer and greener production," she said. "Changing trade rules and the energy crisis both point in the same direction: the factories investing in sustainability today are the ones that will keep their markets tomorrow." She said TEAM Group looked forward to strengthening its partnership with the Netherlands.

The delegation observed the factory's rooftop solar power plant, rainwater harvesting system, fair price shop and childcare facilities. Certified LEED Platinum by the US Green Building Council, 4A Yarn Dyeing is also the world's first outerwear manufacturing unit to sign the United Nations Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action.

The delegation included Wampie Libon, Ambassador for Sustainable Development and Director of Inclusive Green Growth at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Joris van Bommel, Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh; Helal Hussain, Country Director of Swisscontact Bangladesh; Selim Reza Hasan, Country Manager of Solidaridad Network Bangladesh; Bablur Rahman, Bangladesh Country Manager of Fair Wear Foundation; and Muyeed Hasan, Country Manager of AWARE Bangladesh

Pakistan's textile exports struggle as rising costs, regional conflicts threaten growth

Pakistan's textile export growth remained modest in the first quarter of fiscal year 2026-27, as rising production costs and regional disruptions continued to undermine the country's competitiveness in international markets, as reported by Dawn.

According to Dawn, data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), textile and clothing exports increased by 5.26 per cent to USD 5.026 billion during July-September 2026, compared with USD 4.775 billion in the corresponding period last year. However, the limited growth highlights the mounting challenges confronting one of Pakistan's key export-generating industries.

Exporters have warned the government that the sector could face a further slowdown in the second quarter unless immediate corrective steps are introduced. Higher input costs have reportedly weakened Pakistan's ability to compete with rival textile-producing countries, while external disruptions have affected shipments and market access.

Two major developments have added to the pressure on exporters. Trade with Afghanistan has remained suspended since October 2025, disrupting commercial activity across the border. Meanwhile, textile shipments to the Middle East have declined amid the ongoing regional conflict, with the United Arab Emirates among the affected markets.

These developments have further complicated the outlook for an industry already struggling with cost pressures. PBS figures indicate that export performance varied across product categories. Readymade garment exports recorded a stronger performance, increasing 15.69 per cent in value and 17.38 per cent in volume during the first quarter.



Knitwear exports rose 4.14 per cent in value, although quantities declined by 0.46 per cent. Bedwear exports also weakened, falling 0.07 per cent in value and 0.71 per cent in quantity, as highlighted by Dawn.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's petroleum import expenditure continued to climb, adding pressure to the country's external account. The oil import bill increased 6.50 per cent to USD 4.02 billion in the July-September quarter, against USD 3.77 billion in the same period last year, as reported by Dawn



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BTMA seeks continuation of bank guarantee system for yarn imports

The association said implementing the proposals would help protect investment and production capacity in the domestic spinning industry, create jobs, facilitate bank loan recovery, and support export growth.

The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), a platform representing the country's textile millers, has called for maintaining the bank guarantee requirement instead of bonded warehouse facilities for importing 10-30 count cotton yarn, saying the measure would protect local spinning mills and prevent misuse of duty-free import facilities.

The association said implementing the proposals would help protect investment and production capacity in the domestic spinning industry, create jobs, facilitate bank loan recovery, and support export growth.

In a press release, BTMA urged the government to maintain the withdrawal of



regular bonded warehouse facilities for 10-30 count cotton yarn and continue the bank guarantee-based import system for genuine exporters.

The measures would help preserve domestic spinning capacity, protect investment and employment, facilitate bank loan recovery and support export growth, the association said. However, garment manufacturers have opposed the move, warning that the requirement could put significant financial pressure on exporters, particularly small and medium-sized factories.

The yarn accounts for around 80% of Bangladesh's total yarn imports and is mainly used in knitwear production, according to industry entrepreneurs.

Mohammad Hatem, president of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, told TBS that requiring bank guarantees for such imports would create severe cash flow constraints for exporters and could force some factories out of business.

On 7 September, the customs wing of the National Board of Revenue issued a circular withdrawing bonded warehouse facilities for 10-30 count yarn imports and introducing a bank guarantee requirement, following an inter-ministerial decision.

The decision triggered concerns among garment exporters, with two industry associations warning that the change could hamper ready-made garment exports and calling for its withdrawal

Circ and Primark announce long-term partnership to scale the use of textile-to-textile recycled fibres



Circ®, a global leader in textile-to-textile recycling, has today announced a formal partnership with international fashion retailer Primark to introduce recycled polyester made from textile waste into Primark clothing, marking a significant step towards bringing this next-generation material to Primark customers at both scale and an affordable price in 2029. This move supports Primark's efforts to scale the use of circular materials and reduce reliance on virgin polyester in its clothes. It will be Primark's first multi-year offtake agreement with a textile-to-textile recycler.

Primark's commitment marks an important milestone for Circ and reflects growing momentum behind innovative recycling solutions in fashion. The recycled polyester supplied under this agreement will be produced at Circ's commercial facility, supporting the company's first industrial-scale textile-to-textile recycling facility. The Circ commercial facility will source textile feedstock globally, including post-consumer and post-industrial waste. Global sourcing will occur from several locations including the valorisation of European textile waste.

Through its Primark Cares strategy, Primark is focused on keeping clothes and materials in use for longer and reducing waste. This includes embedding circular design principles into product development, as set out in its Circular Product Standard, and helping customers extend the life of their clothes through reuse and repair initiatives.

"This partnership with Primark represents exactly the kind of long-term commercial commitment needed to move textile-to-textile recycling from innovation to industry standard," said Peter Majeranowski, CEO of Circ. "When a global fashion retailer commits to integrating recycled materials into future collections, it sends a powerful signal across the industry: the demand is here, the materials are ready, and the opportunity to scale circular material supply chains is real."

Lynne Walker, Director of Primark Cares said: "We launched Primark Cares with a focus on improving the quality and longevity of our clothing, and in the process show that clothes made to last longer don't have to come at a higher price. Since then, we've delivered tangible progress, including increasing the use of recycled fibres, introducing products designed to be recycled and enhancing traceability across our supply chain. This partnership is an important milestone in accelerating our ambitions to further embed circularity in our business and help scale innovative textile-to-textile recycling solutions that could play a transformational role in the future of fashion."

Circ's patented technology is designed to recycle polycotton blended textiles, one of the fashion industry's most widely used and historically difficult-to-recycle material streams. By separating and recovering both polyester and cellulose from blended textile waste, Circ creates high-quality materials that can be reintroduced into fashion supply chains

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Bangladesh targets bigger share of Japan's apparel market



Bangladesh is rolling out special measures to expand its apparel market in Japan as garment exports to the East Asian country continue to grow. With local manufacturers already surpassing the $1.0-billion mark in exports to Japan in recent years, the industry is now aiming to capture a larger share of Japan's nearly $25 billion annual garment import market, industry insiders said recently.

According to the International Trade Centre (ITC) and TexPro, Bangladesh currently accounts for only 5.5-5.6 per cent of Japan's apparel imports, leaving significant scope for further expansion. To facilitate this expansion, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is set to open a dedicated 'Japan Desk' at its headquarters at Uttara in the capital to attract more apparel buyers.

"We will open a desk at the BGMEA office on Wednesday (today), with the Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh slated to attend the inaugural event," BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan said. "We want to diversify our market. So, we have targeted non-conventional markets like Japan. Japan is very potential for us. We are working to facilitate Japanese buyers at our BGMEA complex through setting up the desk," he said at a recent programme.

Recent statistics from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) highlight a positive trajectory. During the first two months (July-August) of the current fiscal year (FY2026-27), garment shipments to Japan rose by 1.33 per cent to $227.2 million, up from $224.2 million in the same period last year.

In the last fiscal year (FY2026), total apparel and textile exports to Japan stood at $1.134 billion. Although this reflected a modest 4.28 per cent decline from the $1.185 billion recorded in FY2025, BGMEA leaders emphasise that non-traditional markets beyond the US and Europe remain highly lucrative.

Bangladesh first crossed the $1-billion mark in RMG exports to Japan in FY2018-19, with exports reaching $1.091 billion that year, EPB data show. Japan imported slightly more woven garments than knitwear from Bangladesh in FY2026. Knitwear exports stood at around $560 million, while woven garment exports exceeded $570 million, according to official data.

Garment exporters noted that the institutional push is being supported by government incentives and private-sector initiatives aimed at encouraging exporters to explore non-traditional markets such as Japan

China's textile industry faces further contraction as nearly 1,500 firms exit

China's textile and apparel industry is showing signs of further contraction, with around 1,500 companies estimated to have exited the regime's official industrial-enterprise statistics during the first half of this year, according to a report by The Epoch Times (TET).

Data cited by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles showed that the number of textile companies classified as "above-scale" declined by 389 from a year earlier to 20,806 between January and May. Over the same period, the number of "above-scale" companies in the textile, clothing and apparel sectors fell by around 1,101. Industry organisations estimate that approximately 1,490 companies across the two categories had exited the statistical pool by the first half of the year, as cited by TET.

According to China's National Bureau of Statistics, "above-scale" textile companies are those with annual revenue of at least 20 million yuan ($2.98 million). However, leaving the category does not necessarily indicate that a company has gone bankrupt. Companies may fall below the revenue threshold, undergo restructuring or be



declared bankrupt. Reports of factory closures and foreign companies moving production overseas have further raised concerns about the outlook for China's textile and apparel industry, the TET report said.

Several people from the industry spoke to The Epoch Times on condition of anonymity, citing concerns over possible reprisals. An owner of a textile business in Zhejiang Province said that orders this year have increasingly shifted toward short-term and small-volume contracts. Yan said that in the past, a single order could cover several months of production, whereas many orders now last only a few days and are not fixed.

The pressure on the sector is also being reflected in the operations of foreign-owned manufacturers. Chinese online trade platform AMZ 123 reported on September 9 that Jiaxing Kanglong Textile Co., a U.S.-invested company in Zhejiang, had begun the process of winding down its operations. According to the report, the company plans to stop production by the end of 2026, with some denim production expected to be transferred to Mexico. The company has not yet confirmed the report.

Meanwhile, official Chinese economic data present a more mixed picture of the textile sector. Data released by China's National Bureau of Statistics on August 27 showed that above-scale textile companies recorded revenue of 1.238 trillion yuan ($184.6 billion) between January and July, representing a 2.2 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier. Their total profits increased by 7.9 per cent to 32.68 billion yuan ($4.87 billion).

The apparel and clothing sector, however, recorded revenue of 562.63 billion yuan ($84 billion) during the same period, down 3 per cent year over year. Total profits in the sector stood at 16.81 billion yuan ($2.51 billion), according to the official data cited by TET

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Vietnam targets $48 billion in textile-garment exports

Vietnam's textile and garment industry is facing both opportunities and challenges amid uncertain global market conditions. Businesses are focusing on improving production efficiency, controlling costs and diversifying export markets to achieve an export target of approximately $48 billion this year.

Truong Van Cam, vice chairman of the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS), said the industry is facing pressure from changing trade policies and tariff barriers in major markets. The US, Vietnam's largest textile export market, currently imposes a 12.5% tariff on Vietnamese products, compared with 10% for some competing countries.



Businesses are also dealing with rising raw material, equipment and logistics costs, while delays in fabric supplies are disrupting production schedules. Although some manufacturers have secured orders through the end of the year, others are still struggling to finalise fourth-quarter orders.

In response, companies are shifting their focus from production volumes to higher-value orders, improved efficiency and stronger product quality. Increasing sustainability requirements, including traceability, labour standards, green production and carbon emission reductions, are also becoming essential for maintaining export competitiveness.

VITAS statistics show that textile and garment exports reached nearly $31.7 billion in the first eight months of the year, up 2.9% year-on-year. The industry is strengthening trade promotion, accelerating digital transformation and increasing value addition to achieve its export target

Pakistan's cotton output plunges to three decades low

Pakistan's textile and apparel exports remained broadly stable at around $18 billion in FY26, despite a decline in overall exports. However, falling domestic cotton production is emerging as a major structural risk to the export sector, according to the Pakistan Textile Council (PTC). The PTC's annual report revealed that textile and apparel exports reached $18.004 billion, up 0.3% from the previous year, while overall exports declined 5.9% to $30.14 billion. Domestic cotton production dropped to just 5.5 million bales, its lowest level in three decades, compared with a peak of 14.8 million bales in 2011-12.

The decline has been attributed to heat stress during the flowering season and water shortages in Sindh and southern Punjab, increasing dependence on imported cotton and raising concerns over the industry's competitiveness.

Meanwhile, value-added products continued to drive exports, with shipments under Chapters 61-63 rising 1.1% to $14.979 billion, accounting for 83.2% of total textile exports. Non-knit apparel exports increased 3.9%, while knitwear exports declined 0.7%.

The PTC has called for a national cotton strategy focusing on improved seed



quality, farmer digitisation and traceability, alongside measures to reduce energy and financing costs and improve export logistics. The report warns that declining domestic cotton production could pose a significant long-term challenge to Pakistan's textile industry

Bangladesh Govt moves to form RMG wage board amid Tk 30,000 wage demand



The government has asked owners and workers' organisations to nominate their respective representatives aiming to form wage board to review wages for the country's garment sector amid labour protests demanding Tk 30,000 as monthly wages. In this connection, the Department of Labour (DoL) has sent separate letters to the Bangladesh Employers' Federation and Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, asking them to nominate three representatives each and submit their photographs and National Identity (NID) card details.

When asked, Abdus Samad Al Azad, director general of DoL, confirmed DoL has asked them to nominate their representatives for the proposed wage board, paving the way for a fresh review of wages in the country's largest export-oriented industrial sector.

The move comes as garment workers have been demanding wage hikes amid rising inflation and living costs. Workers from some of the garment factories on Thursday morning took to the street for the second day in the Azampur and Rajlokkhi areas, bringing traffic to a standstill and causing immense suffering to commuters.

Labour leaders argue that the current minimum wage of Tk 12,500 set in November 2023 and effective December 2023 is insufficient against high inflation and soaring living costs. Recent amendments to the labour law reduced the wage revision cycle from five years to three years, making a review timely as the three-year mark approaches, they noted. The minimum wage for garment workers was Tk 1,662.50 in 2006, revised to Tk 3,000 in 2010, Tk 5,300 in 2013, Tk 8,000 in 2018, and Tk 12,500 in 2023

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India's textile industry targets US$ 350 billion by 2030 as exports recover

India's textile industry expanded to nearly Rs. 16.79 lakh crore (US$ 190 billion) in FY26 and aims to reach Rs. 33.27 lakh crore (US$ 350 billion) by 2030, driven by domestic demand, manufacturing investments and export opportunities, according to a report by Rubix Data Sciences. The sector remains a significant employment generator, while the Central Government is considering a five-year Textile Expansion and Employment (TEEM) Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 40,000 crore (US$ 4.21 billion) to modernise machinery, introduce advanced technologies and upgrade traditional textile clusters. Textile exports, including handicrafts, grew by 10.30% year-on-year during April–August 2026, following a 2.70% decline to Rs. 3.17 lakh crore (US$ 35.80 billion) in FY26. Imports increased by 17.10% to Rs. 84,835.2 crore (US$ 9.60 billion) in FY26, although exports remained nearly 3.7 times the value of imports. Readymade garments accounted for 44% of exports, while man-made fibre textiles contributed 15%.



Despite the recovery in exports, the industry faces rising input costs and international trade uncertainties. Cotton yarn prices increased by approximately 60% to Rs. 400 per kilogram in September 2026 from Rs. 250 per kilogram in early 2026, amid a decline in domestic cotton production to 290.91 lakh bales in the 2025-26 season. The government extended relief to mills through an exemption from the 11% cotton import duty until October 31, 2026. The United States remained India's largest textile export destination in FY26, accounting for 31% of shipments, followed by the European Union at nearly 16%. However, exports to the US declined by around 7%, while shipments to major European markets increased by 9%. Manufacturers are diversifying export destinations to reduce market concentration. Meanwhile, investment proposals under the seven approved PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks reached Rs. 68,590 crore (US$ 7.21 billion) by August 2026, supporting capacity expansion and modernisation

PM Modi inaugurates new garment manufacturing facility in Varanasi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a new garment manufacturing facility in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Following the inauguration, the Prime Minister interacted with workers and toured the manufacturing unit alongside the Chief Minister to review its facilities and operations. The two leaders also visited a product exhibition showcasing items manufactured at the facility.

According to an official statement, the new unit is aimed at strengthening the textile and apparel manufacturing sector while supporting industrial development in the region. The facility is expected to generate employment opportunities, particularly for women, and contribute to the local economy.

The statement said the facility, which serves a global customer base, would help take garments manufactured in Varanasi to international markets. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accompanied PM Modi during the inauguration. The inauguration also reflects efforts to expand manufacturing activities in Uttar Pradesh and promote investment in the textile and apparel sector

Gokaldas eyes doubling Europe exports share to cut US reliance

Indian apparel supplier Gokaldas Exports expects Europe to nearly double its share of exports as it benefits from a proposed trade deal, while diversifying beyond the US, a top executive told Reuters. Domestic garment exporters are looking beyond the United States as uncertainty over tariffs persists, while anticipating stronger demand from Europe as India secures better trade access.

"Europe accounts for around 15% of our exports. Over the next three to five years, we expect Europe's share to increase to approximately 25%-30%," said Sivaramakrishnan Ganapathi, Gokaldas' vice-chairman and managing director.

The European Union is expected to sign a landmark trade deal with India by the end of 2026, cutting tariffs on imports. Gokaldas is "actively holding discussions with major European retailers in preparation for duty-free trade," Ganapathi said without naming them, adding it is boosting capacity in India instead of moving production elsewhere. The exporter, whose top customers include brands such as Gap, Carhartt, and JCPenney, is investing 1.25 billion rupees ($13.2 million) in fiscal 2027 to expand overall capacity and upgrade facilities.

US apparel imports from across the globe fell 7% to $49.08 billion in January-August, government data showed. But Gokaldas' US spring and summer orders for 2027 were stronger than the 2026 holiday season, when its shipments from India rose 3%-4% from a year earlier, Ganapathi said. He added that holiday sales would provide an early indication of demand for next year

Gujarat Deputy CM invites Youngone Corporation to invest in textiles

As part of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit initiative, a high-level Gujarat delegation visited South Korea and held a meeting with leading global textile manufacturer Youngone Corporation in Daegu. The meeting included senior company officials, such as President Jae-young Park.

Youngone Corporation specialises in outdoor sportswear, performance apparel, and textile manufacturing, employing approximately 100,000 people worldwide. It is also a major producer of high-quality fabrics and synthetic materials.

During the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi invited Youngone Corporation to invest in Gujarat and establish joint ventures within the state. He noted that Gujarat contributes nearly one-third of India's man-made fibre production and provides a complete textile value chain, from cotton production to ready-made garments.

Sanghavi highlighted investment opportunities at the PM MITRA Textile Park, which is being developed on 1,142 acres in Navsari. He emphasised that Gujarat's industry-friendly policies, port infrastructure, and strong logistics connectivity offer significant advantages to investors. The Deputy Chief Minister also invited company representatives to attend the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit and visit Gujarat's textile clusters.

Prior to this, Sanghavi led the state government delegation to Japan on October 21, holding meetings in Tokyo. On that day, he addressed two large roundtables with a combined total of 129



Japanese companies. These included a luncheon roundtable with 57 industrialists from various sectors and an automobile supply chain roundtable with 72 Suzuki suppliers.

During his visit, Sanghavi met with Suzuki Motor Corporation President Toshihiro Suzuki, Japan's State Minister of Foreign Affairs Nakasone Yasutaka, and Governor of Iwate Prefecture Takuya Tasso. He also conducted individual meetings with 11 major Japanese companies, including Sumitomo Chemical, Furukawa Electric, Honda, Tokyo Electron, Kyowa Leather, JERA, MUFG Bank, Marubeni, Sanrio, Meiraku, and Moririn.

Reporting key outcomes from the meetings, Suzuki Motor Corporation announced that its current Gujarat production of 1 million cars annually is expected to double to 2 million cars in the coming years. Additionally, 24 new suppliers from Suzuki's supply chain expressed interest in establishing operations in Gujarat on a fast-track basis



Jockey makes it personal with its new women's innerwear campaign 'Feels Like Me'

Page Industries Ltd., the exclusive licensee of JOCKEY International Inc. (USA), has announced the launch of 'Feels Like Me,' a new campaign for its women's innerwear range. Built around the idea that no two days, outfits or occasions are the same, the campaign showcases a portfolio designed around the different ways women dress and move through their day.

A woman's day rarely stays in one gear; a busy morning at work, a flight to catch, plans with friends, or relaxing at home. 'Feels Like Me' connects Jockey's bras to real dressing choices, from seamless styles designed for fitted clothing to designs for different necklines, everyday comfort and support, and more dressed-up occasions.

Speaking about the campaign, Nihal Rajan, Chief Marketing Officer, Jockey India, said: "Today's woman is constantly evolving, and so are her expectations from what she wears. At Jockey, we believe that comfort is deeply personal, and no single style can define what feels right for every woman or every moment. With 'Feels Like Me', we celebrate this individuality while showcasing the breadth of our range, thoughtfully designed to bring together comfort, fit and style. Our endeavour is to be a trusted companion in her everyday journey, giving her the freedom and confidence to feel like herself, whatever the day brings."

The 'Feels Like Me' campaign brings this philosophy to life through relatable everyday moments, showcasing how different styles from Jockey's women's range fit naturally into a woman's wardrobe and lifestyle. It reinforces the brand's commitment to understanding her



evolving needs and making comfort an effortless part of her day.

The campaign will roll out across outdoor, digital, social and connected platforms, with influencer collaborations and lifestyle, fashion and product-led content. It connects specific styles and product benefits to everyday moments and individual preferences. The new Jockey Women's range is available at Jockey Exclusive Outlets, leading multi-brand retail stores, popular marketplaces and www.jockey.in across India

Thiagarajar Group & Euro Textile Germany start a new JV at Virudhunagar

A company of the Madurai-based Thiagarajar Group and German firm Euro Textiles will invest Rs.100 crore to set up a specialised fabric production unit at Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu.

The new joint venture plant that is expected to have 48 advanced air jet weaving machinery to produce three million metres of cotton jacquard fabric every year will initially be an export oriented unit. It will later explore opportunities in



the domestic market too, said K. Hari Thiagarajan, Managing Director of Thiagarajar Mills.

The unit in which the Thiagarajar Group will have majority stake will produce a niche product and export grey fabric to Germany. India's export of grey fabric to the European countries is relatively less. The India - EU FTA which is expected to be implemented in the next few months has opened up opportunities for the India fabric producers. Yarn for the fabric will be supplied by Thiagarajar Mill and production will commence in the next eight to 10 months, he added

Govt clears apparel cluster at Honda, Sattari, Goa



State govt has approved a proposal by Brighter Ideas Production and Supplies Pvt Ltd to set up an apparel manufacturing cluster at Honda to manufacture school uniforms, school bags, rainwear, safety apparel and other institutional textile products.

The project is expected to create more than 300 direct jobs, primarily for women, and will include skill development and training programmes. The company plans to supply uniforms and related products to govt departments and institutions, including schools, police, healthcare facilities and municipalities.

Earlier, the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board (Goa-IPB) recommended the project and proposed that an unused govt warehouse be leased to the company for its operations. Following the recommendation, the council of ministers approved leasing a 416.16sqm civil supplies godown at Honda, Sattari, to the company.

The civil supplies and consumer affairs department, which operates 19 godowns across the state to manage the public distribution system, examined the proposal and found that one of its two godowns at Honda could be spared as it is currently not required for operational purposes.

The proposal involved leasing a govt-owned property to the company on a nomination basis. The finance department advised that the matter be placed before the council of ministers for approval

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SITRA and TTRI sign MoU to advance textile research, innovation and sustainable technologies

The South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) and the Taiwan Textile Research Institute (TTRI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote research and technical cooperation in key areas of textile innovation and technology development.

The MoU was signed during the Taipei Innovative Textile Application Show (TITAS) 2026, held in Taiwan from October 6 to 8, 2026. Mr. G. Raj Kumar, Vice Chairman of SITRA, signed the agreement on behalf of SITRA, while Mr. Chiu Sheng-fu, Vice President of TTRI, signed on behalf of TTRI. Industry leaders from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) were present at the signing ceremony, underscoring the importance of international collaboration in advancing textile research and technical capabilities.

The collaboration will focus on the development of man-made fibres for speciality applications, medical textiles, and sustainable solutions for the textile processing industry. These priority areas offer opportunities to develop advanced textile products and resource-efficient processes that address emerging industrial and societal needs. The partnership brings together SITRA's strengths in textile research, testing, consultancy, training and industry support with TTRI's expertise in advanced textile technologies, applied research and innovation. It aims to translate shared knowledge and research capabilities into practical, scalable solutions for the textile industry.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. G. Raj Kumar, Vice Chairman, SITRA, said: "This MoU marks the beginning of a forward-looking partnership between two institutions committed to advancing textile technology, strengthening industrial competitiveness, and promoting a sustainable and innovation-driven textile sector."



The MoU envisages cooperation across three key areas: capacity building, collaborative research and technology development, and testing and standards. Proposed capacity-building activities include training programmes, expert lectures, workshops, researcher interactions, industrial visits and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Technical collaboration will explore sustainable processing, functional and technical textiles, advanced fibres, resource-efficient manufacturing, recycling, circularity, digitalisation and automation. Cooperation in testing and standards will focus on strengthening quality assurance, laboratory practices, method validation, proficiency comparisons and alignment with international requirements.

Emphasising the importance of translating the agreement into tangible outcomes, Mr. Raj Kumar added: "Its real value will be reflected in the projects we undertake, the expertise we exchange, the people we train and the industrial impact we create together."

The agreement marks an important step towards strengthening institutional ties between SITRA and TTRI and fostering closer cooperation between India and Taiwan in textile research and technological development. Through knowledge sharing, joint research and capability enhancement, the partnership seeks to support a more sustainable, innovative and globally competitive textile industry

Boldfit raises Rs 400 crore in funding from Bharat Value Fund



Homegrown sports and fitness brand Boldfit has raised Rs 400 crore from The Wealth Company Alternates' Bharat Value Fund in a Series B funding round, as it looks to scale its business across sportswear, footwear and fitness equipment.

Founded in 2018 by Pallav Bihani, the company plans to use the fresh capital to expand its retail footprint across India, strengthen manufacturing and product development, and pursue acquisitions to enter or deepen its presence in select categories. Boldfit has grown at a compound annual growth rate of over 80 percent in the past three years and serves more than 2 crore customers annually, the company said in a statement on October 12. The company is looking to build a broader sports business beyond its existing fitness products, with investments in physical retail and manufacturing forming a key part of its expansion strategy.

"We're building a deeply integrated sports business, investing in product innovation, manufacturing excellence and nationwide retail to create the scale and capabilities required to serve India's sporting ambitions," Bihani said.

The funding comes as brands look to tap demand for organised sports and fitness products in India. E-commerce, organised retail and quick-commerce platforms are also expanding the reach of these products beyond major cities, according to the firm.

Boldfit previously raised Rs 110 crore from Bessemer Venture Partners in a Series A round in 2024. Cricketer KL Rahul and tennis player Sania Mirza are also among its investors.

For Bharat Value Fund, the investment marks its fourth significant deal in the past 12 months, following investments in Zetwerk Manufacturing, Amnex Infotechnologies and Big Mishra. The fund said its four investments during the period averaged around Rs 400 crore each. Avendus Capital acted as the exclusive financial adviser to Boldfit and its shareholders on the transaction

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First NBA store in India to open in 2027

The National Basketball Association (NBA) and Suditi Sports Apparel Ltd. (Suditi), a long-time leader in apparel exports, today announced a multiyear expansion of their longstanding merchandising collaboration in India that will see Suditi open the first NBA Store in the country, operate the league's official local online store at NBAStore.in, and launch the widest assortment of officially licensed NBA fanwear ever in the market.

The first NBA Store in India will open in 2027 and mark the league's first-ever physical retail location in the country. Additional details, including the store's location, will be announced at a later date.

Beginning this month, Suditi will begin operating NBAStore.in, providing fans across India with access to a comprehensive selection of official NBA merchandise, including current and former player jerseys, apparel, headwear, performance and casual footwear, basketballs, accessories, and more from major brands such as Nike, New Era,



Mitchell & Ness, Wilson and NBA Fanwear by Suditi.

As part of the expanded fanwear collection, Suditi will introduce casual shirts and lifestyle footwear to its offering that already includes t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, pants, headwear, accessories and more. The entire collection will be available at NBAStore.in, Suditi's direct-to-consumer platform ShopTheArena.com, and select online and in-person retail channels across the country.

"Extending our longstanding relationship with Suditi marks a meaningful step in accelerating the NBA's retail growth in India," said NBA Head of India Sunny Malik. "Together, we are making it easier than ever for fans to represent their favorite teams and players through the most comprehensive selection of official NBA merchandise across NBAStore.in and Suditi's physical and online stores, alongside the historic opening of the first NBA Store in the country next year."

"Eight years ago, we began working with the NBA to bring officially licensed fanwear to India, and the business has grown significantly since," said Tanuj Agarwal, Co-founder of Suditi Sports Apparel Ltd. "We are excited to now extend our merchandising partnership by operating NBAStore.in and launching the first NBA Store in India. With an assortment of leading brands offering official NBA merchandise, we are making it easier than ever for fans to connect with the game of basketball"

India textile exports jump 17.5%, but apparel shipments lag

India's textile and apparel exports rose 17.5% year-on-year to $3.1 billion in September 2026, but weaker apparel shipments limited the sector's overall growth during the first half of FY27.

Quick estimates from the Union ministry of commerce and industry showed textile exports increasing 19.9% to $1.9 billion in September, while apparel exports rose 13.7% to $1.1 billion. Combined exports were valued at $2.6 billion in September 2025.

The September performance was supported by growth across textiles, cotton yarn and fabrics, manmade yarn and fabrics, ready-made garments and handicrafts. Crisil Ratings said labour-intensive exports strengthened sharply during the month, with textile and allied exports recording year-on-year improvement across key categories.

Despite the monthly rise, cumulative performance remained modest. Textile and apparel exports increased to $18.2 billion between April and September 2026, compared with $17.7 billion during the corresponding period a year earlier, representing growth of 2.4%.

Textiles accounted for most of the first-half increase. Textile exports grew 9.1% to $10.9 billion, while exports of cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups and handloom products rose 8.9% to $6.3 billion. Exports of manmade yarn, fabrics and made-ups increased 4.2% to $2.5 billion.

Handicrafts, excluding handmade carpets, recorded the strongest growth among the categories listed in the report, surging 32.54% to $1.13 billion. Carpet exports increased 4.1% to $764 million.



Apparel remained the main drag on the six-month numbers. Apparel exports declined 6.2% to $7.3 billion from $7.8 billion in the year-ago period, offsetting gains in textiles and handicrafts and keeping total sector growth at a relatively low level.

The trade figures also show a sharp increase in imports of cotton raw materials and waste. These imports surged 80.9% to $301 million in September and rose 63% to $1.1 billion during April-September 2026. Imports of textile yarn, fabrics and made-ups increased 6.5% to $252 million in September, although they fell 0.9% to $1.3 billion during the first half.

The latest figures therefore present a mixed picture for India's textile economy: strong monthly growth and gains in several upstream and allied segments, alongside a decline in cumulative apparel shipments. The next export updates will indicate whether the September improvement continues through the second half of FY27

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Tirupur dyeing units shut down over soaring raw material costs

Tirupur's dyeing industry came to a standstill as around 460 units shut operations to protest soaring prices of dyes and chemicals, resulting in an estimated production loss of Rs 16.8 crore. Even though the prices of dyes and chemicals had increased by more than 100 per cent, dyeing units continued to grapple with an acute shortage of essential raw materials.

"Shortage and unprecedented price escalation could be mainly attributed to the export of raw materials used in dye manufacturing from India to neighbouring countries. It has become difficult for dyeing units to complete the existing job work orders and accept new ones, thereby affecting both domestic and export-oriented textile businesses," said P Gandhirajan, president of Dyers Association of Tirupur (DAT).

The dyeing units have sought the intervention of the state and central government in imposing curbs on export of essential raw materials used by the dyeing industry to ensure adequate domestic availability and prevent further price escalation. The one-day strike was supported by the textile processing association in SIPCOT in Perundurai in Erode and units across Erode and Namakkal districts.

Eighteen common effluent treatment plants and private facilities in Tirupur also remained non-operational in view of



the strike. "Around 2,800 tonnes of fabric is dyed every day in the dyeing units, generating dyeing charges of about 16.8 crore a day. The shutdown also resulted in an estimated loss of Rs 84 lakh in GST revenue to the government. The units employ more than 50,000 workers," Gandhirajan

India and Jordan discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation in textiles sector

A high-level delegation from Jordan, led by Secretary-General of Jordan's Ministry of Investment Zaher Al Qatarneh met Textiles Secretary Neelam Shami Rao in New Delhi. The Ministry of Textiles said that the meeting was held to discuss avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the textiles and apparel sector. The Ministry added that the discussions focused on expanding bilateral trade, sourcing, investment and industry partnerships including Joint Ventures in the sector.

During the meeting, the two sides also explored opportunities for strengthening institutional and knowledge partnerships



between leading fashion, design and textile institutions in India and Jordan.

These included student and faculty exchanges, design innovation and cooperation in AI-enabled fashion forecasting. Both sides also discussed the possibility of reinvigorating the established institutional mechanism to facilitate structured and sustained engagement and follow-up on identified areas of cooperation in textiles and apparel.

Furthermore, the Indian side highlighted the potential for enhanced cooperation in apparels, fabrics, technical textiles, cotton textiles and made-ups, including opportunities for greater sourcing, investment and industry partnerships. The Ministry informed that the meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides agreeing to bilaterally engage and take forward the areas of cooperation identified during the discussions

Ministry of Textiles extends RoSCTL Scheme till 31 December 2026

The Ministry of Textiles extended the RoSCTL Scheme for exports of apparel/ garments and made-ups for a further period of three months, from 1 October to 31 December 2026, at the existing rates and under the prevailing guidelines.

Operational since 7 March 2019, the Scheme provides remission of eligible embedded State and Central taxes and levies that are not refunded through other mechanisms.

Anchored in the principle of zero-rating of exports, it seeks to ensure that such domestic tax incidences do not burden exported products, thereby strengthening the global competitiveness of India's apparel and made-ups sector.

During 2025-26, the Scheme benefited more than 15,400 exporters across over 444 districts, with the beneficiary base comprising predominantly MSMEs. Its wide geographical reach underscores the Scheme's role in supporting a dispersed manufacturing ecosystem and strengthening the participation of small and medium exporters in global markets.

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The extension will ensure policy continuity and predictability for exporters, while sustaining the competitiveness of India's labour-intensive and value-added apparel and made-ups sector in an increasingly competitive global trading environment

Karnataka unveils textile & apparel policy 4.0 with Rs.4,000 crore outlay

The Karnataka government has notified its Textile and Apparel Policy (4.0) 2026-31, allocating Rs 4,000 crore for its implementation with an aim to attract Rs 20,000 crore in investments and create five lakh new jobs over the next five years.

In line with Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's priority to promote textile and apparel industries beyond Bengaluru and ensure balanced regional industrial growth, the state government has identified 34 focused taluks for special attention, they said.

In a statement, the Department of Handlooms and Textiles claimed that for the first time in the history of the department that a financial support of Rs 4,000 crore has been approved for the implementation of the policy, which aims to attract Rs 20,000 crore in investments and generate five lakh new employment opportunities over the next five years.

According to an official statement, eligible new textile and apparel units established in these taluks will be entitled to additional incentives and concessions over and above the general benefits available under the policy.

A significant feature of the new policy is the inclusion of silk yarn production activities, including silk reeling and silk spinning, within the policy framework for the first time in the department's history, it said.

This initiative is expected to strengthen Karnataka's silk production value chain and create new opportunities for enterprises engaged in silk-related manufacturing activities, the department said.



To promote industrial investment and employment generation in the Kalyana Karnataka region, the new policy provides special incentives and concessions for eligible textile and apparel units established at the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) Park in Kalaburagi, it said.

Officials noted that the policy seeks to develop Karnataka into a globally competitive textile and apparel manufacturing hub by prioritising textile production, technical textiles, handlooms, silk, skill development, exports and sustainable manufacturing practices.

The new policy, along with its package of incentives and concessions, comes into effect from September 30, 2026, and will remain valid for five years or until the announcement of the next textile policy, whichever is earlier, they added



Bangladesh Govt Halts Knit Fabric Import for RMG; Exporters Fear Blow

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The ministry has not explained exactly why the decision to stop knit-fabric imports was taken. However, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir told The Business Standard that local industries have developed the capacity to meet most of the demand for knitwear raw materials. However, some specialised imports are still necessary.

"We will understand the issue better once we hold the meeting," he said.

Industry stakeholders, however, believe the government has moved to restrict imports as a measure to protect heavily invested local textile mills, which they say are capable of supplying the entire demand for knitwear.

The Import Policy Order recently issued by the commerce ministry states that knit fabrics will not be eligible for import.

However, it allows specialised knit fabrics based on specific buyer requirements – such as man-made fibre fabrics, sportswear fabrics, and functional or technical textiles that are not produced locally – to be imported subject to recommendations from the relevant exporters' association and certification from the lien bank.

Exporters fear orders could shift

Apparel industry owners say the restriction could hurt exports. They fear buyers may shift orders to other countries if they are unable to have their preferred yarn or fabric supplied.

Mohammad Hatem, president of BKMEA, told TBS, "We do not produce every type of knit fabric here. Some high-value-added knit fabrics need to be imported. In some cases, buyers also supply raw materials on a free-of-cost (FOC) basis. That is why these fabrics need to be imported."

He said imports are also necessary when imported materials are significantly cheaper than locally produced ones in order to remain competitive.

"Even if we can get the same raw material at a lower price from abroad than in the local market, we will not be able to import it. Then why would buyers place orders here?" he said.

Describing the decision as part of a "deep conspiracy" to put the country's export-oriented apparel sector in trouble, the Narayanganj-based knitwear exporter said it was urgent to identify those behind the decision.



He said the issue had previously been raised at the ministry, when exporters had protested and explained why imports were necessary. "Based on our arguments, the then acting secretary of the Commerce Ministry assured us at that meeting that the issue would not be included in the Import Policy Order. We need to know how it eventually made its way into the order," he said.

Industry stakeholders said around 80% of the yarn and fabric required by the country's knitwear sector is sourced from local mills, while the remainder is imported. In contrast, local textile mills can supply around half of the raw materials required by the woven garment sector.

Textile millers say local capacity is sufficient

Textile sector entrepreneurs, however, claim they are capable of meeting 100% of the knitwear sector's demand.

Showkat Aziz Russell, president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), told TBS, "We have more capacity than the amount of raw materials required for knitwear production. Bangladesh is now the king of knitwear."

He said buyers have traditionally dictated sourcing decisions, meaning that even when materials are imported, the benefits go to buyers rather than garment exporters.

"But buyers dictate the sourcing here. So even if imports take place, the benefits do not go to garment exporters; rather, the buyers get the benefit," he said. "As a result of the government's decision, buyers will no longer have the opportunity to dictate where raw materials are sourced." Bangladesh exports around $39 billion worth of apparel products annually, with more than half coming from knitwear


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India's Textile Sector Poised for Multi-Year Export Growth, But Shift Toward Man-Made Fibres Remains a Challenge

India's textile sector is entering a multi-year growth phase, with the global "China+1" sourcing shift creating significant export opportunities. However, the shift toward man-made fibres (MMF) remains a structural gap, according to a Jefferies report.

The report noted that the global textile and apparel market is currently valued at over USD 900 billion, with apparel accounting for around 60 per cent of total trade. As global brands diversify sourcing beyond China, India is well positioned to gain market share, supported by its integrated fibre-to-fashion ecosystem, an export base of around USD 37 billion, abundant raw materials, skilled workforce and supportive government policies.

For India, "Improving trade competitiveness & supply chain realignment provide a multi-year runway for export growth and market share gains," however, the country's "export mix remains skewed towards cotton-based products despite global demand increasingly favoring man-made fibres (MMF) apparel and technical textiles," Jefferies noted.

Within the broader textile opportunity, home textiles stand out as a structurally attractive niche, accounting for around "7-10 per cent of global textile and apparel trade." Demand is supported by housing growth, renovation spending, premiumisation and rising consumer focus on home aesthetics. "India already commands ~45-60% share in key US home textile categories such as bed linen and towels, but its share in the UK & EU remains relatively low at ~5-25%, providing significant headroom for gains," it noted.



At the same time, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are expected to accelerate India's. textile exports by improving tariff access to a large global market. The UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), effective July 2026, and a potential India-European Union FTA from 2027 could provide preferential access to a roughly USD 220 billion textile and apparel import market, where competitors such as Bangladesh previously enjoyed tariff advantages.

"Combined with China+1 sourcing, supplier consolidation, and Bangladesh's gradual loss of LDC-linked benefits, these agreements could drive meaningful market share gains for Indian exporters," it said.

The US, European Union (EU) and United Kingdom (UK) together account for more than USD 300 billion in apparel imports, offering a significant sourcing opportunity for global exporters. At the same time, cotton accounts for 43 per cent of EU apparel imports and a significant share of major apparel categories in the US. However, despite its integrated cotton value chain and strong manufacturing capabilities, India has only around 3 per cent share of EU apparel imports and 6 per cent of the UK market. India also trails Bangladesh and Vietnam across several major cotton apparel categories in the US, indicating substantial headroom for market share gains.

Jefferies noted that India has historically underperformed peers such as Bangladesh and Vietnam in global apparel exports.

The report cited, "limited FTA coverage, higher logistics and compliance costs, smaller scale garmenting capacity relative to competitors, and a product mix skewed toward cotton-based apparel," as major disadvantages.

It also highlighted that global demand is increasingly shifting towards man-made fibre (MMF) apparel, sportswear and athleisure, areas where India has relatively limited presence



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Circular Knitting Machines Advance at 3.4% CAGR Through 2034: Data Insights

The future growth period for circular knitting machines will span a decade. According to a report published by DataIntelo in the current sizing, the value of the market of the product is estimated to be worth $2.1 billion in 2025 while aiming to reach $2.9 billion in 2034 – with a compound annual growth rate of 3.4% during 2026-2034. However, beneath the figures is a market segment that is being impacted by automation, sustainability trends, source location changes, and an expanding application scope that goes beyond T-shirts and hosiery.



A circular knitting machine creates a seamless tube of fabric using the feeding of yarn into a rotating cylinder via needles, operating at high stitch speed with an enormous variety of gauge – from rugged gauge construction of outerwear garments to the fine gauge of hosiery. The cam or electronically actuated needle selection systems used enable the same basic machine design to produce jersey, rib, interlock, and jacquard fabrics – thus forming the heart of such a large portion of the knitted fabric supply chain.

Recent Developments Transforming the Segment

A few concrete shifts stand out from the last two to three years. Connected-machine platforms have moved from novelty to standard offering, with established European builders streaming production speed, yarn consumption, needle condition, and fabric-weight data to centralized dashboards, reportedly cutting unplanned downtime by 15–20% where deployed at scale. A Taiwan-based manufacturer's IoT machine-management software was adopted by more than 120 fabric mills globally within roughly a year of launch, signaling real appetite for digital retrofits rather than just new-machine bundling. Also, seamless knitting machines have earned their place in the market through the advantages they offer in intimate apparel, base layers, and medical compression wear – making up approximately 12% of global machine revenues. Also, electronics-controlled machines have comprised around 61% of global shipments compared to 47% in 2020 since pattern changeovers are much faster than traditional mechanical methods using cams. Moreover, Chinese and Taiwanese suppliers have been able to close the quality gap significantly compared to established European suppliers such as Germany and Italy while selling their products at much cheaper prices.

Outlook Through 2034

A 3.4% compounded annual growth rate may not seem very impressive when compared with other rapidly developing technologies, but compared to the rest of the mature capital equipment industry, it is a healthy growth rate. Moreover, replacement demand plays a more important role than any increase in capacity; there are over 800,000 semi-automatic and manual machines currently installed in the world. Premiumization is also lifting revenue faster than unit volumes fully automated, IoT-enabled machines can command price premiums of 25–40% over conventional models and higher-value categories such as jacquard-capable double jersey systems are tracking growth well above the segment average, near 4% or higher annually.

Growth Determinants

Athleisure and performance apparel remain the single biggest demand engine. Worldwide sportswear sales have crossed $400 billion in 2024 and are set to touch $600 billion by 2030, with the knitted fabric accounting for much of that fabric content. The fine gauge jersey

and jacquard constructions continue to be favored by compression sportswear and seamless sportswear manufacturers, and fabric mills catering to major sportswear manufacturers have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in one year alone.

The adoption of automation and Industry 4.0 technologies continues to gain momentum with rising labor costs and buyer demands for consistent quality and rapid changeovers. Larger textile groups are increasingly folding knitting hardware into broader manufacturing execution systems, and vendors are bundling proprietary software with machines - a shift that lifts average transaction values well beyond what unit counts alone suggest.

The capacity development aspect of developing countries is another significant motivator. Together, the five countries namely, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ethiopia, and Egypt have spent more than 85,000 knitting machines during 2020-2025. In a recent year, Bangladesh imported over $180 million worth of equipment as it builds its knitwear backward-integration efforts, while Vietnam's fabric forward trade agreement incentives are guiding investments towards knitting facilities.

Technical textiles and industrial textiles round off the list of applications. Circular knitting finds applications in medical compression stockings, filters, geotextiles, automotive upholstery, and aerospace pre-form composites, apart from apparel. The broader technical textiles category was valued near $230 billion in 2024 and is forecast to grow close to 5% annually through 2030, with medical compression wear tied to an aging population a particular bright spot.

Regional and Segment Patterns

Asia Pacific represents almost 52% of world revenue due to China's vast installed capacity (above 600,000 machines) and the textile industry incentive in India, along with its knitwear clusters of Tirupur, Ludhiana and Surat, which are boosted by high rates of installations in Vietnam and Bangladesh due to diversified sourcing. Europe comprises nearly one-fifth of global revenue due to its demand from Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, which is predominantly replacement-based. North America accounts for almost 14% of revenue and is dominated by technical, medical and protective-apparel uses, whereas Latin America and Middle East/Africa represent the rest of regions, with Brazil, Turkey, and Egypt as regional centers.

Single jersey machines continue dominating in terms of installed volume with nearly 38% share because of their flexibility and affordability. Double jersey machines hold roughly 28% and are growing faster than average as stretch-performance fabrics gain ground, while jacquard-capable variants are smaller in share but the fastest-growing category overall. By application, athletic fabric production is both the largest and fastest-growing use case, ahead of general apparel and industrial/technical textiles.

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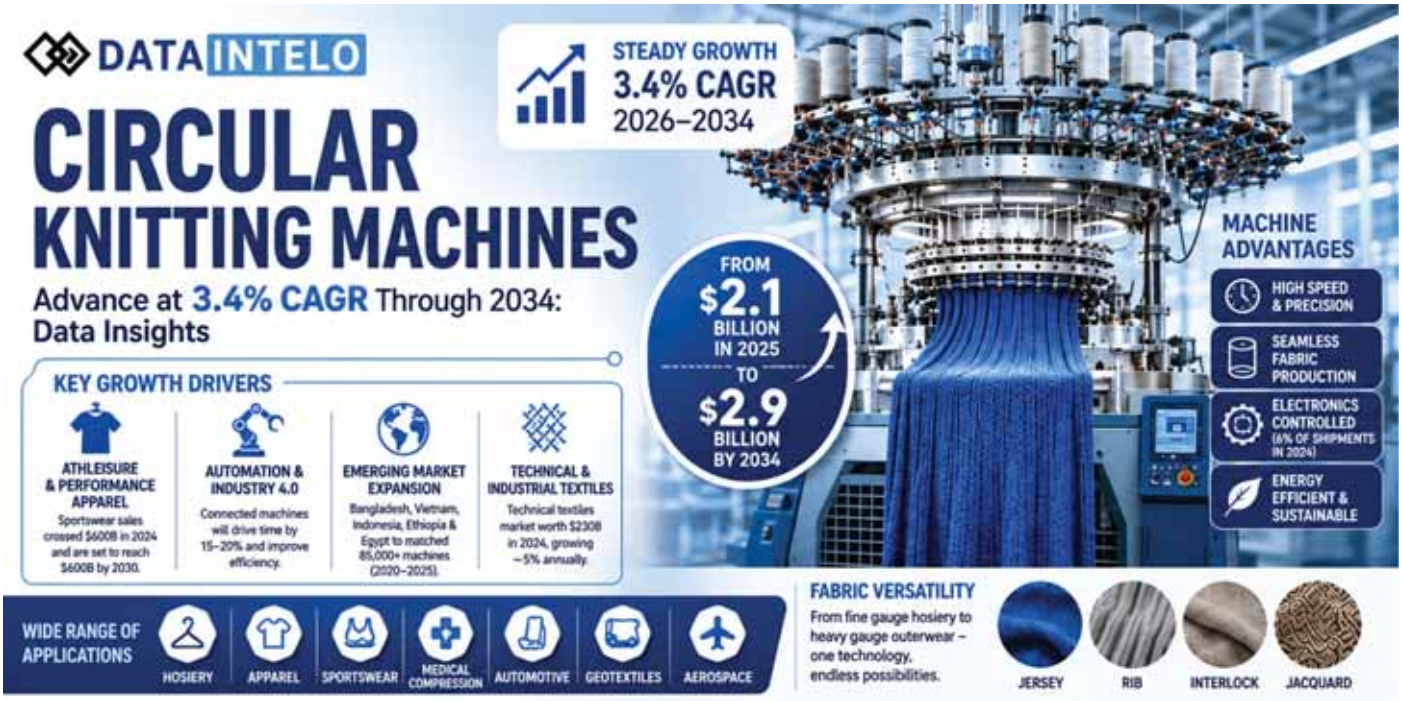
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Regulatory and Policy Factors

Regulation plays a bigger role here than often appreciated. Government-backed textile-park financing in China, and India's incentive program covering roughly INR 10,683 crore, have directly translated into new machine orders. Trade-agreement architecture matters too: Vietnam's fabric-forward rules of origin under its EU trade pact are pushing investment toward local knitting capacity. On the constraint side, tightening EU energy-efficiency standards for industrial machinery are pushing OEMs toward costlier re-engineering, and US-China trade friction introduces tariff uncertainty for cross-border machinery flows. Volatility of currency in both Bangladesh and India often constrains import budgets despite continued demand.

Competitive Landscape and Expert Opinions

The competition landscape is grouped into three segments: a European high-end construction brand competing on accuracy and service; a Taiwanese segment offering quality versus price and with regional services; and a Chinese segment competing on price and delivery times. The top five manufacturers hold an estimated 38–42% of global revenue, with a long tail of more than fifty producers taking the rest. Industry observers increasingly frame the next decade as a contest over the digital layer sitting on top of the hardware software, remote diagnostics, and data services rather than the machine itself. That view lines up with buyer behavior: large enterprises, roughly 62% of procurement value despite being a minority of buyers by count, are disproportionately adopting fully connected configurations.

Case snapshots: An Italian manufacturer's seamless circular platform has become a reference point for gradient compression garment production, eliminating seams that create pressure points. For instance, a machine management software developed by an entrepreneur from Taiwan and introduced in the year 2024 was used by more than 120 textile mills within a year. Likewise, there is an Indian textile incentive scheme that has received support via an allocation of over INR 10,683 crore, highlighting the influence that a particular instrument of policy can have on machinery purchases within an entire cluster.

Issues and Opportunities ahead

Friction is always a part of every story. The existence of an abundant stock of used and refurbished machinery in decommissioned factories in Europe and Japan provides a competing force for the sale of new machinery. There is shortage of skilled labor for the running of these advanced electronic machines. Cyclical apparel-sector spending also means equipment orders can swing more sharply than end-consumer demand for knitted goods would suggest.

In the future, the automation retrofit kit for the existing fleet of manual equipment presents a capital-light growth opportunity beyond sales of new units. Compatibility with recycled and bio-based fibers represents a true point of differentiation for brands moving forward on their sustainable fabric range. Smart textiles and e-textiles, including yarns suitable for knitting, represent a growing niche market. The lack of penetration of certain regions of the world, such as Sub-Saharan Africa within the African Continental Free Trade Area, represents a long-term opportunity as textile parks financed through development aid are developed.

Decision-Making Highlights

Three points matter most for procurement and strategy teams. The first aspect is that the pace of growth in the industry has become consistent, without the sudden spurt in the number of machines, and the focus is more on high-end products rather than sheer volume. The second aspect is that the geographic spread of the industry is undergoing change slowly and steadily, with countries like Vietnam, Bangladesh, and parts of Africa gaining traction in terms of installations alongside the dominant China market ▫

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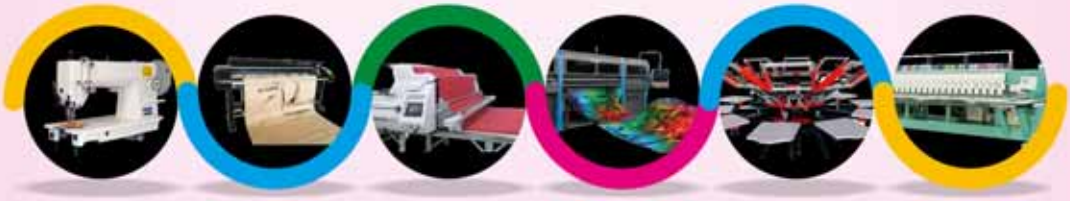
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PI Cottex Chooses Brückner Again for Reliable Quality and Efficiency

PI Cottex, based in Ludhiana in the Indian state of Punjab, has developed into a leading manufacturer of high-quality knitted fabrics in recent years. Thanks to consistent vertical integration, modern production technologies and a clear focus on quality, the company supplies renowned national and international clothing brands. In this interview, the team at PI Cottex talks to Brückner about its market strategy, future growth plans and its long-standing partnership with the German premium machinery manufacturer.



Thomas Wiget, General Manager Brückner Textile India Pvt. Ltd. with Jasdeep Singh, Managing Director PI Cottex Pvt. Ltd. (L-R)

Could you briefly introduce PI Cottex to us?

PI Cottex is a vertically integrated manufacturer of knitted fabrics with a wide-ranging product portfolio. The company produces various fabric types, including single jersey, piqué, terry, fleece, rib, interlock and waffle fabrics, as well as high-quality activewear fabrics, mostly made from cotton or cotton-elastane blends. In addition, PI Cottex develops bespoke solutions in terms of weight, width, fabric blend, colour and finish. Its customers include well-known national and international fashion brands from the fashion, casualwear, sportswear and athleisure sectors, including, amongst others, Benetton, Tommy Hilfiger, Skechers, Levi's, Puma, Vero Moda and Jack & Jones.

Which markets are particularly important for your company?

The international market plays a key role for PI Cottex and currently accounts for around 70 to 75 % of its business. Export markets place high demands on product quality, process stability and sustainability, whilst at the same time offering attractive growth opportunities. The Indian domestic market is also becoming increasingly important. In particular, organized retail chains, sportswear manufacturers and fast-growing fashion brands are driving rising demand for high-quality fabrics.

What sets PI Cottex apart?

One of PI Cottex's greatest strengths is its consistent vertical integration. All processes – knitting, dyeing and finishing – are carried out in-house. This enables the company to maintain control at all times over key quality parameters such as colour shade, weight, width, shrinkage values and hand feel. At the same time, the integrated structure allows for a high degree of flexibility, short response times and the development of bespoke customer solutions.

What does your machinery consist of?

PI Cottex currently operates four stenter frames: one 6-chamber stenter frame, one 8-chamber stenter frame and two 10-chamber machines. Two of these machines are from Brückner: the 6-chamber and the 10-chamber stenter frames. The experience with Brückner has been very positive, which is why further investments are already being considered.

Why did you choose Brückner?

The decision to choose Brückner was based on the positive experience with the systems already installed. In particular, the reliable performance, high process reliability and consistently high quality of the finishing results convinced the company. The machines consistently delivered high-quality results and supported stable and efficient production. This fostered the confidence to invest in Brückner technology once again.

What specific advantages do you see in Brückner machines?

The main advantages lie in Brückner's dryer design, which makes it possible to carry out the same process using less chambers – whilst maintaining the same results. Furthermore, the systems offer very high production output, consistent heat-setting results, better shrinkage control and significantly higher energy efficiency than other machines. Ultimately, this leads to consistently high fabric quality and high-quality end products. At the same time, the machines ensure high operational reliability, reduce process fluctuations and support cost-effective production, which made the investment decision much easier.

What makes the collaboration with Brückner so special?

PI Cottex particularly values the fact that Brückner is far more than just a machine supplier. The company has a deep understanding of textile finishing processes and supports its customers in efficiently meeting demanding quality requirements. The combination of technological expertise, high-quality equipment and long-term reliability forms the basis for this successful partnership.

What are PI Cottex's objectives for the coming years?

PI Cottex is pursuing an ambitious growth strategy. Over the next two to five years, production capacity is set to increase from the current level of around 600 tons to approximately 1,000 tons per month. At the same time, the company is planning to invest further in automation, modern technologies and enhanced quality assurance systems. In addition, opportunities for diversification into related business areas such as yarns or fabrics are being explored.

What challenges is the industry currently facing?

Like many companies in the textile industry, PI Cottex is also facing a challenging market environment. Among the greatest challenges are fluctuating raw material prices, geopolitical uncertainties, delays in international trade and, in some cases, subdued demand in export markets. Against this backdrop, efficiency, cost control, high quality and short lead times are becoming increasingly important.

Figures, Data and Sustainability

PI Cottex currently generates an annual turnover of around 200 crore INR and employs approximately 500 staff. The company is growing at a rate of around 20 per cent per year and has evolved from a traditional contract finisher into a fully integrated manufacturing company.

Sustainability is firmly embedded in the company's strategy. Among other things, PI Cottex relies on agro-based fuels for steam generation, modern wastewater treatment systems and various programs to raise awareness and provide training for its staff. Furthermore, the company holds key certifications such as OEKO-TEX®, BCI, GOTS, GRS and SEDEX, thereby meeting the requirements of international brands for sustainable and responsible production.

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India's US$ 96 bn Apparel Market Enters A New Growth Era, Set to Reach US$ 146 bn By 2029

India's domestic apparel market is entering a new phase of sustained growth, with the market projected to rise from US$ 95.7 billion (approximately INR 8 lakh crore) in CY2025 to US$ 146.3 billion (about INR 12 lakh crore) by CY2029, representing a 9% CAGR, according to the Indian Apparel Market Size: A Consumer Research Report 2025, released by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) in association with 1Lattice, a leading market research consulting organization.

The study shows India is now the fourth-largest apparel market globally and reveals a consumer landscape undergoing significant transformation. Rising casualisation, evolving lifestyles, stronger demand from women and children, increasing preference for comfort and functionality, and the continued importance of physical stores are reshaping how Indians discover, purchase and consume apparel.

India's apparel market has already demonstrated a strong post-pandemic recovery, expanding from US$ 49.3 billion in CY2020 to US$ 95.7 billion in CY2025, equivalent to an 18% CAGR over the period.

The findings of the 2025 consumption survey are further reinforced by the annual business and market intelligence reported by leading listed apparel companies in India, including Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail Ltd., Arvind Fashions, Raymond, Page Industries, Kewal Kiran Clothing, Vedant Fashions, Gokaldas Exports, Cantabil Retail, TCNS Clothing and others. The convergence of consumer-level survey findings with the annual performance trends and business indicators of these leading listed companies provides a broader and more robust perspective on the evolving Indian apparel market, consumer demand and consumption dynamics.

Commenting on the study, Santosh Katariya, President, CMAI, said "The next phase of growth for India's apparel industry will increasingly come from markets beyond the metros. Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are already contributing significantly to apparel consumption, while rising aspirations are creating demand for a wider choice of brands, formats and fashion. The opportunity now is to build propositions that are contemporary, relevant and accessible to the emerging Indian consumer, while deepening distribution and retail presence across these markets."

The findings point to an apparel market where consumers are becoming more diverse in their preferences, with demand spanning everyday casualwear, traditional and occasion-led clothing, formalwear, athleisure and functional apparel. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, CMAI, said "One of the most significant shifts in India's apparel consumption is the blurring of traditional category boundaries. Men's wear is becoming more casual, comfortable and versatile, with consumers seeking styles that can transition seamlessly between work, leisure and social



occasions. At the same time, women's wear remains deeply rooted in ethnic wear while evolving through new silhouettes, Indo-Western styling and greater versatility. These shifts reflect an Indian consumer adapting apparel choices to a more contemporary and dynamic lifestyle."

Indian market is growing at a CAGR of 9% which is much higher than the other larger markets like USA, China and EU-27

Country	Global Apparel Market		CAGR (2025-29)
	2025 (US$ B)	2029 (US$ B)	
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	394	412	1%
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	96	146	9%
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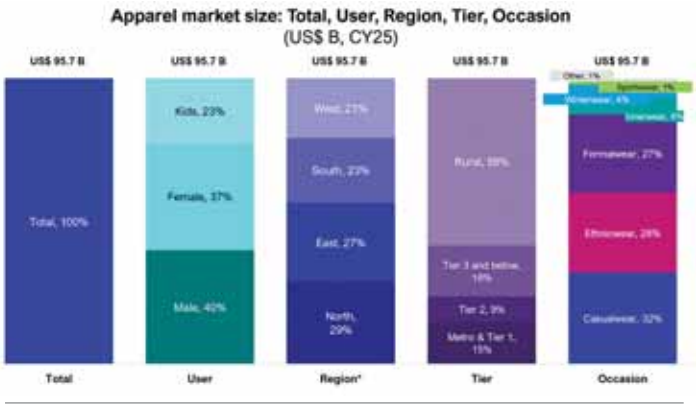
Six Trends Reshaping India's Apparel Market

1. Rural India is the Biggest Consumption Engine

One of the most striking findings is the geographic composition of the market. Of the approximately US$ 95.7 billion apparel market in CY2025, US$ 55.9 billion came from rural India, representing roughly 58% of total apparel consumption. Metro & Tier-1 markets together accounted for only US$ 14.2 billion, while Tier-2 contributed US$ 8.5 billion, Tier-3 & below US$ 17.1 billion.

This fundamentally changes the conventional perception of India's apparel market. The growth opportunity is not confined to Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru or other major urban centres. The next billion-dollar opportunities are increasingly emerging from smaller towns and rural markets. For apparel brands & manufacturers, this means that distribution, pricing, product assortment and localised merchandising could become as important as brand building.





2. Casualisation is becoming a defining Consumption Trend

Casualwear has emerged as the largest apparel occasion in India, accounting for 31% of the market, followed by ethnic wear at 27% and formalwear at 26%. Consumers are increasingly prioritising comfort, versatility and clothing that can be worn across multiple occasions. In menswear, this is translating into strong demand for sub-categories like denims and T-shirts, while womenswear and kidswear are also seeing greater adoption of versatile, easy-to-wear styles.

3. Lifestyle, Comfort and Functionality are driving new Demand

Changing lifestyles are increasingly influencing apparel choices, with fitness, comfort and functionality emerging as important demand drivers. In menswear, Athleisure is gaining momentum, supported by demand for quick-dry T-shirts, stretchable joggers and moisture-wicking polos. In kidswear, growing parental focus on health and activity is driving interest in sportswear and activity-specific clothing, while breathable and easy-to-wear garments are supporting casualwear demand.

4. Womenswear and Kidswear are gaining Momentum

Menswear remains India's largest apparel segment at US$ 38.5 billion in CY2025, followed by womenswear at US$ 35.6 billion and kidswear at US$ 21.6 billion.

However, the growth trajectory is shifting. Between CY2025 and CY2029:

- Kidswear is projected to grow at 9.4% CAGR
- Womenswear is projected to grow at 8.9% CAGR
- Menswear is projected to grow at 8.5% CAGR

Kidswear is expected to reach approximately US$ 34 billion by CY2029, while womenswear is projected to reach approximately US$ 55 billion.

Womenswear growth is being supported by increasing workforce participation, rising demand for Athleisure and the growing popularity of Indo-Western styles. The study also identifies increasing consumer interest in sustainable and ethical fashion choices.

5. Traditional and occasion-led apparel remains a powerful Consumption engine

The rise of casualwear is taking place alongside continued demand for traditional and occasion-led clothing.

Ethnicwear accounts for 27% of India's overall apparel market, and approximately 60% of womenswear, with sarees and salwar suits among the largest segments.

In menswear, weddings and other celebrations continue to support demand for ethnic & occasion-led apparel, including sherwanis, bandhgalas and Indo-Western outfits.

This coexistence of everyday casualwear and traditional occasion-led consumption highlights the breadth and diversity of India's apparel market.

6. India is becoming Omnichannel, but Offline Retail remains Central

India's apparel consumer is increasingly engaging with both digital and physical channels. However, offline retail continues to dominate, accounting for 83% of apparel sales in CY2025, compared with 17% online.

Offline apparel sales were estimated at US$ 79.4 billion, with Exclusive Brand Outlets accounting for approximately 50% of offline sales.

Online apparel sales stood at US$ 16.3 billion, with marketplaces contributing approximately 80% of online sales, compared with 20% through D2C websites.

The research shows that digital adoption is expanding the consumer journey rather than replacing physical retail, reinforcing the importance of an omnichannel approach for brands and retailers seeking to capture India's next wave of apparel growth.



Demand Outlook remains broad-based

At the category level, menswear stood at US$ 38.5 billion in CY2025, followed by womenswear at US$ 35.6 billion and kidswear at US$ 21.6 billion.

Within menswear, formalwear was the largest category at US$ 17.1 billion, followed by casualwear at US$ 15.5 billion.

Within womenswear, ethnic wear remained the dominant category at US$ 21.2 billion.

In Kidswear, casualwear stood at US$ 9.4 billion, ahead of formalwear at US$ 7 billion.

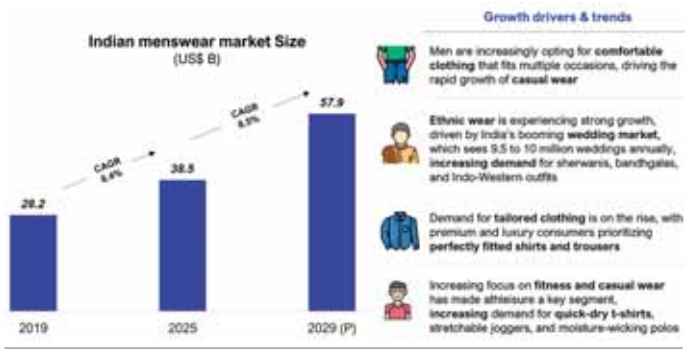
Taken together, the findings point to a market where growth is being driven not by a single category or consumer cohort, but by the convergence of rising incomes, changing lifestyles, expanding aspirations, category innovation and greater access to brands and retail formats.

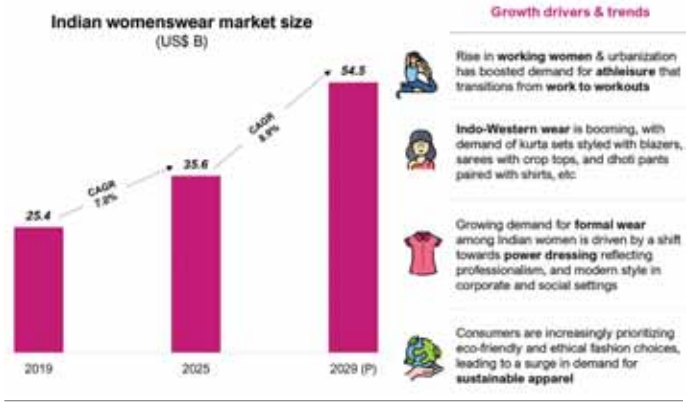
The Consumption Pyramid is Broader than the Organised Market

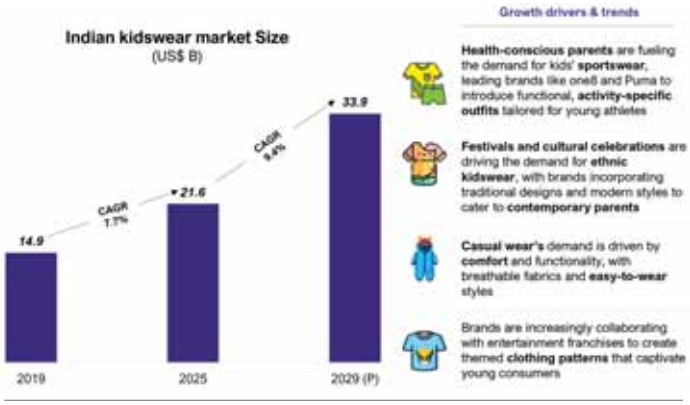
The sheer scale of rural and non-metro consumption also highlights the continuing importance of the fragmented apparel ecosystem. The market's future expansion will not come exclusively from premium branded consumers.

A large portion of growth will come from first-time branded consumers, upgrading consumers and consumers moving from unorganised to organised retail. This makes value-for-money positioning particularly important. The opportunity is therefore not simply premiumisation. It is aspirationalisation across price points.

The report suggests that India's next phase of apparel growth will be defined by greater consumer diversity, faster-changing preferences and a more dynamic retail landscape. For manufacturers, this means greater flexibility and faster product cycles. For brands, it calls for sharper segmentation and stronger consumer insight. For retailers, it creates an imperative for regionalised assortments and seamless omnichannel integration. Together, these shifts point to a market that is becoming more dynamic, diverse and consumer-led, creating significant opportunities across the apparel value chain as India enters its next phase of growth









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Global Fashion Coalition Launched to Tackle Textile Waste

The Apparel Recovery Coalition (ARC), a new global initiative involving four major fashion companies, has been launched at the Kantamanto Market in Accra to explore ways of addressing the environmental and social impacts of the global second-hand clothing trade.

The coalition, co-founded by H&M Group, Inditex, Bestseller, Adidas and The Or Foundation, with Circle Economy serving as an independent facilitator, seeks to develop systems through which fashion producers contribute to reuse, upcycling, recycling and responsible textile waste management in countries such as Ghana, which receive large volumes of second-hand clothing.

Ghana will serve as the coalition's first demonstration project, with ARC exploring how producer responsibility contributions could support the country's existing circular textile economy.

Under the project, The Or Foundation will continue initiatives in Accra, including improvements to infrastructure at Kantamanto, environmental remediation and training programmes.

The broader objective is to demonstrate how financial contributions from fashion producers could support reuse, recycling and responsible waste disposal in countries that receive exported second-hand clothing.

Representatives of the fashion companies joined members of the Kantamanto Obroniwawu Businesses Association (KOBA) and other stakeholders at the market for the launch.

Global community

Speaking on behalf of the Chief of Staff at the Office of the President, Dr Julius Debrah, the Deputy Presidential Spokesperson, Shamima Muslim, said the location of the launch was significant because it brought global fashion companies directly to the community affected by the international second-hand clothing trade.

"I thank the Kantamanto Obroniwawu Businesses Association, KOBA, and The Or Foundation for inviting the Presidency to this market, not a hotel conference room, but here, where the real work happens," she said.

She described the launch as a major step towards recognising the contribution of communities such as Kantamanto to keeping the global fashion industry circular.

"For the first time, big brands are coming to Kantamanto not to take pictures but to acknowledge that communities such as Kantamanto have kept global fashion circular and that they must pay their fair share," she said.



Traders' remark

The President of KOBA, Rev. Opoku Afreh, said the association expected the initiative to build on the knowledge and skills developed by traders and workers at Kantamanto over several decades.

He said the association wanted members to have access to infrastructure, investment and opportunities to expand their businesses, improve their livelihoods and strengthen sustainable practices within the market.

The Secretary of the Kantamanto Women's Association, Mrs Gifty Anderson, said decisions concerning the fashion industry had traditionally been made by companies outside Ghana, while communities such as Kantamanto were left to deal with the consequences.

She described the engagement as "a small but important step" towards addressing the concerns of the market community.

The coalition said existing producer responsibility systems were largely linked to markets where products were initially sold, despite the fact that used textiles often cross borders before reaching their final destination.

Textile export

According to the European Environment Agency, about 1.4 million tonnes of used textiles are exported from the European Union every year, mainly to countries in Africa and Asia.

Over the next two years, ARC will develop and test a producer responsibility blueprint designed to reflect the international movement of used clothing

Bci's First Global Impact Report in Five Years Reveals Measurable Progress at Scale

The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) has today published its first Global Impact Report in five years, revealing measurable progress for cotton farmers after they adopted the BCI Standard and providing a candid assessment of the challenges that remain.

Released on World Cotton Day, the report draws on nine years of field-level data from BCI, the world's largest cotton sustainability programme representing nearly a quarter of global cotton production. The findings offer valuable insight into how environmental and livelihood outcomes evolve over time, showing both the potential for progress and the complexity of achieving it consistently.

Key findings from BCI Farmers since joining the programme include:

- 69% reduced synthetic nitrogen use per kilogram of cotton;
- 65% reduced their synthetic pesticide use per hectare;
- 54% lowered their carbon footprint;
- 59% improved their net income from cotton;
- 52% reduced water applied per kilogram of cotton on fully irrigated farms

The 2026 Global Impact Report also shows significant progress in women's participation, with women now accounting for 17% of field facilitation and producer unit management roles globally, up from 9% five years ago.

In his message introducing the report, Nick Weatherill, Better Cotton Initiative's CEO, says: "Data and evidence represent the most important currency with which we operate and form the foundation for all aspects of our work – enabling us to strengthen our impact at field level and building the trust and confidence of the market and stakeholders in BCI cotton. It also is essential for us to deliver on our core mission and drive advancement of the cotton sector towards a more sustainable future."

Alongside long-term trends, the report also provides insights into the recent 2024-25 season. In that period, farmers continued



to record progress in reducing the use of nitrogen, pesticide active ingredient, irrigation water, and their overall carbon footprint compared with the previous season.

At the same time, the report highlights the realities of driving change across diverse farming contexts. Crop protection remains one area where progress is uneven, with important gains in many smallholder settings not yet consistently identified across large farm contexts.

Iain Gardiner, BCI's Senior Director of Impact and Development, said: "BCI is committed to rigorous impact reporting, which gives confidence through diligently collected, interpreted, and disseminated findings drawn from reliable and complete data. Working closely with farming communities and partners, we have strived for optimised data collection and advanced contextual analysis of the more than 20 million data points we collect each year. This report is an unprecedented and transformative exercise by BCI, as it creates a first step for future programme delivery and deepened impact, with evidence that supports better informed data-driven decisions and scalable actions" ▫



India Steps up Push for Sustainable, Higher Productivity Cotton at 5th Global Cotton Conference

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), in association with the Union Ministry of Textiles and the Cotton Corporation of India, organised the 5th Global Cotton Conference in New Delhi on October 7, bringing together stakeholders across the cotton value chain, including women farmers, to deliberate on building a robust, resilient and sustainable cotton ecosystem in India.

Supported by Kasturi Cotton, CITI-CDRA and Sharda University, the Conference coincided with World Cotton Day 2026 and was themed "Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership". Discussions focused on sustainability, traceability and transparency across the cotton value chain; recognising and empowering women cotton farmers during the 'International Year of the Woman Farmer'; unlocking the value of organic cotton; harnessing technology to improve productivity; and managing market, credit and operational risks.

Several MoUs were exchanged at the inaugural function, including MoUs between the CITI-Cotton Development and Research Association (CITI-CDRA) and German development agency GIZ on Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, MoUs between CITI and CottonConnect, and CITI and Fair Labor Association (FLA), as well as those involving the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL).

The announcement of Initiatives connected with Kasturi Cotton Bharat and the release of the CITI-CDRA video showcasing its activities also formed part of the inaugural function.

Speakers underscored the importance of technology, innovation, better farm practices and a greater focus on quality, traceability and transparency. They noted that a sustainable and productive cotton value chain can help farmers prosper, enable manufacturers to scale responsibly, strengthen exporters and enhance India's position in the global textiles and apparel market.

Industry representatives called for stable, long-term policies on cotton pricing and availability, alongside measures to improve productivity.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Cotton Corporation of India Chairman-cum-Managing Director Shri Lalit Kumar Gupta said a greater focus on quality, sustainability and traceability was the need of the hour for the growth of the Indian cotton textile sector.

Echoing this sentiment, Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman of CITI and CITI-CDRA, emphasised that Indian cotton's



quality matters more than quantity. He also called for closer collaboration among stakeholders to strengthen India's cotton textile ecosystem.

CITI Vice Chairman Shri Shreyaskar Chaudhary and TEXPROCIL Vice-Chairman Shri Dharmendra Goyal also addressed the gathering. Textile Commissioner Ms Vrunda Manohar Desai chaired the session titled "From Farm to Luxury: Unlocking the Value of Organic Cotton".

In 2021, the United Nations General Assembly officially designated October 7 as World Cotton Day, recognising cotton's vital role in society.

Cotton is the backbone of rural economies and supports millions of livelihoods across India's textile value chain. Although India is among the world's largest cotton growers, its productivity trails that of several peer countries, affecting export competitiveness. The productivity challenge is especially significant because cotton remains the primary raw material for most of India's textile exports.

In May 2026, the Union Cabinet approved ?5,659.22 crore for the Mission for Cotton Productivity, to be implemented from 2026–27 to 2030–31, to address bottlenecks, declining growth and quality concerns in India's cotton sector.

The textile and apparel sector is India's second-biggest employer and a major contributor to GDP and exports. During April-August 2026, India's textile exports rose 6.94% in US dollar terms, while apparel exports declined 9.10%, leaving cumulative textile and apparel exports marginally lower by 0.24% year-on-year. India aims to build a $350 billion textile and apparel industry by 2030, including $100 billion in exports ◘


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FAHI-Q INNOVATION Brings Digital Technology to Round-Type Screen Printing

At recently held Knit Show 2026, FAHI-Q INNOVATION showcased its latest digital machine synchronised with an automatic octopus-type screen printing machine. The technology offers manufacturers the possibility of integrating digital printing into existing round-type machines. Mohamed Ansar discusses their export plans and the increasing demand for digital / hybrid printing solutions with Arvind Kumar, Editor, Apparel Views.

What is the new technology you have launched at the show 2026?

At Knit Show 2026, we have introduced digital machines synchronised with automatic octopus-type machines. Normally, we have seen digital machines synchronised with oval machines. This time, however, we have introduced a digital machine that is synchronised with a round-type, or octopus-type, screen printing machine.

Why is it difficult to have this kind of attachment with a round machine?

It is not difficult to have this machine with a round machine. Earlier, there were comparatively more oval machines, but today there are a greater number of round machines installed in the industry. Therefore, if a customer has any brand of round-type machine, we are ready to synchronise our digital machine with that machine. This means manufacturers can add this facility to their existing machines.

What is the print head used in this machine and the cost.

The machine running behind us is based on a complete head of RICO GEN6. The cost is around Rs.24 lac. This makes it easy and economical for a customer to install the digital machine on an existing round machine.

FAHI-Q is one of the few companies manufacturing machines in India. How has your experience been competing with Chinese companies?

We are very proud to be a Made-in-India machine manufacturer. The market today has a large number of Chinese machines, but we are not particularly concerned about that because customers who are looking for quality are choosing FAHI-Q. The arrival of Chinese machines has therefore not had much impact on FAHI-Q.

When you compare the pricing of Chinese machines with FAHI-Q, it is almost equal.However, when you compare the quality, our machines are built to European-standard quality. Chinese machines are generally manufactured using Chinese products, whereas FAHI-Q machines use international-standard products, including drives and pneumatic parts. Everything we use in our machines is sourced from various countries and consists of international-standard products.

Could you tell us about your installations in India and exports?

FAHI-Q has been making and selling machines for the past eight years. So far, we have sold more than 550 machines across India. Three months ago, we also exported a machine to Bangladesh. Going forward, we are planning to export machines to Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Dubai and other markets.

Particularly in printing, what trends are you seeing in India and other markets?

The major trend this year is digital machines. Digital machines started making a significant impact in the printing industry from last year onwards, but this year the shift towards digital has become much stronger. Digital technology is becoming an important trend in screen printing and hybrid printing. This is creating demand for machines that can add a digital component to existing printing systems.



Therefore, we displayed two machines - oval with digital and round with digital. Most of the customers were very interested to see these machines at the exhibition. There are more innovations that we are looking forward to. We will be updating the market soon with further developments.

How has the market performed over the last one year? How do you see the next three to four years?

We expect the market to perform well. The market has been somewhat slow over the last two to three months due war-related reasons and other factors. Hopefully, with India signing many FTA's we will receive a good response in the coming years. We are looking forward to the opportunities ahead

India's Carbon Credit Scheme Gets UK Recognition Eligible Exports can Claim CBAM Relief

The UK has recognised India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) as a qualifying carbon pricing mechanism under its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), as per The Moneycontrol news report. The decision could lower the carbon-related liability on eligible Indian goods entering the UK.

CCTS gets UK recognition

UK HM Treasury confirmed the decision in a communication to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power. The CCTS has been included in the UK's indicative list of overseas carbon pricing schemes that qualify for carbon price relief under its CBAM rules. The Commerce Ministry had been pursuing the matter with the UK. The recognition follows technical discussions between the two governments on the design and implementation of the CCTS.

Relief on carbon cost

UK importers of eligible Indian goods covered under CBAM can seek relief for the effective carbon price already paid on those goods under India's CCTS. The claim will be subject to the evidence and verification requirements under UK law.

The amount of relief will depend on the effective carbon price paid on the emissions linked to the imported goods. This arrangement is aimed at avoiding a situation where a carbon cost is applied in both India and the UK.

CBAM to begin in 2027

The UK decided in December 2023 to introduce CBAM from January 1, 2027. The mechanism will impose a carbon-related charge on certain imported goods based on their embedded emissions. Products covered include aluminium, cement, fertiliser, hydrogen, and iron and steel. The UK had earlier indicated that imports of such carbon-intensive products would be subject to the new mechanism.

India's Carbon Credit Scheme

India notified the CCTS to reduce, remove or avoid greenhouse gas emissions by putting a price on emissions through the trading of Carbon Credit Certificates. The scheme's implementation will be funded by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency through fees and charges collected from entities covered by the scheme, along with its own resources.

India-UK trade

India and the UK implemented their comprehensive economic and trade partnership on July 15, 2026. Merchandise trade between the two countries was $25.1 billion in 2025-26, while bilateral services trade stood at $35.4 billion in 2024.



The two countries will continue discussions on carbon pricing and the interaction between the CCTS and UK CBAM rules through the UK-India Energy Memorandum of Understanding and the Partnership for Market Implementation.

Conclusion

The recognition means eligible carbon costs paid in India can be taken into account when calculating the UK CBAM liability on covered Indian imports ▫

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Tajima Seminar in Tirupur Showcases the AI Technology of Embroidery Machines



Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited (UMPESL), Textile Machinery Division, in association with leading embroidery technology provider TAJIMA Industries Limited, Japan, successfully organized an exclusive technology seminar in Tirupur, bringing together garment manufacturers, embroidery specialists, exporters, and key industry stakeholders to explore the latest advancements in embroidery automation and smart manufacturing. The seminar was supported by the local Tirupur team and witnessed enthusiastic participation from industry leaders and technology experts.

The event served as a dynamic knowledge-sharing platform, offering valuable insights into emerging trends in embroidery technology, automation, digitalization, productivity enhancement, and sustainable manufacturing. Participants gained a deeper understanding of how advanced embroidery solutions can help businesses improve product quality, optimize operational efficiency, reduce manufacturing costs, and enhance competitiveness in global markets.

The seminar commenced with a welcome address by Mr Pradip Roy, Head of Textile Machinery Division, who emphasized the critical role of technology adoption and innovation in strengthening India's textile and apparel industry. This was followed by a presentation on UMPESL's Textile Machinery Division by Mr Karamveer Rathore, highlighting the division's comprehensive portfolio, nationwide presence, and commitment to delivering world-class textile machinery solutions and customer support across India.

A key highlight of the event was the TAJIMA Technology Presentation by Mr Washimi Hiroki, who showcased the AI advancements in embroidery machinery, software integration, automation capabilities, and productivity-





enhancing technologies designed to address the evolving needs of the apparel and fashion industry. Participants were introduced to innovative solutions that offer superior precision, higher productivity, enhanced operational flexibility, and improved manufacturing efficiency.

The seminar also featured a specialized session by the Coats team, which showcased innovative thread technologies and solutions that complement modern embroidery applications. The session demonstrated how the synergy between

UMPESL, in association with Japan-based TAJIMA Industries Limited, organized a technology seminar in Tirupur, showcasing the latest AI-powered embroidery machines, automation and smart manufacturing solutions. The event brought together industry professionals to explore innovations aimed at improving productivity, precision and operational efficiency.

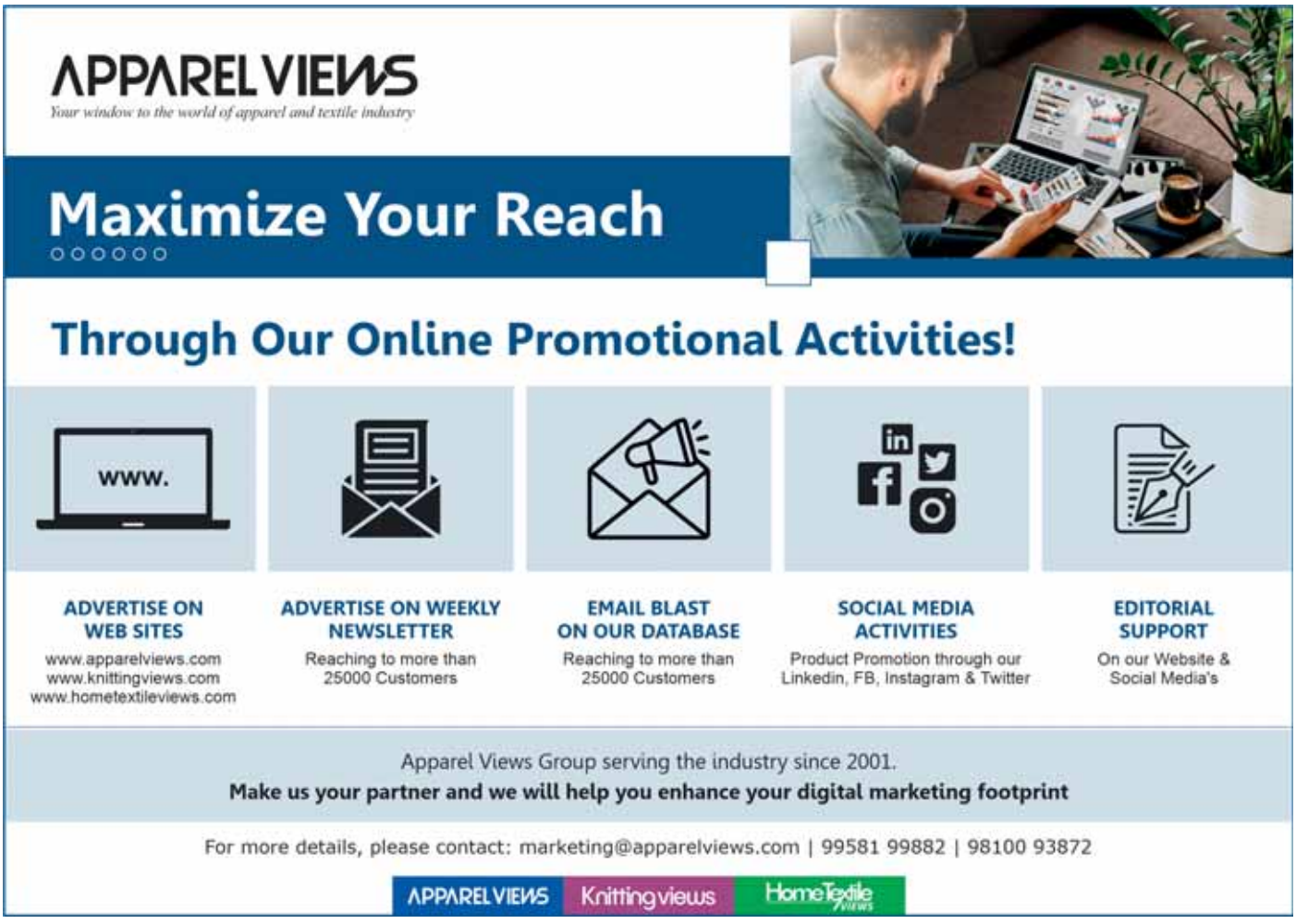


advanced machine technology and high-performance thread solutions can significantly enhance product quality while improving operational performance and consistency.

Further strengthening customer engagement, Mr S. Kasi introduced the Tirupur team and reaffirmed the company's commitment to providing localized support, technical expertise, and responsive after-sales service to customers in the region.

The event witnessed active participation from leading garment and embroidery manufacturers, creating valuable opportunities for interaction, knowledge exchange, and discussions on current market challenges, emerging opportunities, and the future direction of the embroidery industry. The seminar reinforced TAJIMA's position as a trusted technology partner while highlighting the collective efforts of TAJIMA, UMPESL, and industry partners in driving innovation, productivity, and operational excellence.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr B. Saikumar, who expressed appreciation to customers, partners, speakers, and the organizing team for their valuable contributions in making the seminar a resounding success



Why it's Difficult to Match Pantone Colors in Digital Printing

A client hands over a Pantone reference and expects to see it reproduced exactly on fabric. It's a reasonable request, but one that can't always be technically guaranteed, and explaining why is one of the most common conversations for anyone who handles color approval on a daily basis.

This article summarizes what our team regularly explains to clients and partners on this topic, and forms the basis of a more complete technical guide we've put together on color management in digital textile printing.

The problem starts with the logic of each system

Pantone was created as a reference color system, what the industry calls a spot color: a fixed, pre-defined color, originally designed for direct-mix inks.

Digital printing works differently. It builds each color from a combination of process inks, within a color gamut that is always limited by the equipment and inks being used. When a Pantone color falls outside that gamut, there's no way to reproduce it exactly. What exists instead is an approximation, chosen by the RIP or the color management software, within the color space the machine can actually produce.

This difference in logic, a fixed reference versus a limited color space, is the root of nearly every question about color approval.

The file is only part of the equation

A common mistake is assuming the final result depends only on the file sent to print. In practice, it depends on a set of variables that interact with one another: the type and color of the fabric, the thickness of the white base, the pre-treatment applied, the maintenance condition of the printheads, the ICC profile used, the resolution and print mode, the lighting under which the sample is evaluated, and even the washing, curing, and finishing processes the piece goes through after printing.

The same file can produce visibly different results if just one of these variables changes. That's why two seemingly identical production runs can come out with slightly different tones, with no actual error in the process.

A structured approach reduces the margin of error

It isn't possible to eliminate variation entirely, but it is possible to control it. The process we recommend follows five steps: precisely define the Pantone reference and the material it will be printed on, prepare the file with consistent color management, select the ICC profile suited to the fabric, ink, and production mode, print samples and validate visually or through measurement whenever possible, and fine-tune color substitutions, curves, and profiles directly in the RIP.



Tools like Photoshop and NeoStampa come into play at different stages of this process. Photoshop controls file preparation, artwork conversion, and previewing approximations before production. NeoStampa controls how that color is translated to the machine, through specific ICC profiles and color mapping adjusted to the fabric and ink being used. Consistency only exists when both stages work from the same criteria.

The right conversation with the client

How this difference is communicated protects the client relationship just as much as the technical process itself. In digital printing, a Pantone color is a reference, not an absolute guarantee. The right approach isn't to promise a match the color system itself can't deliver, but to validate samples, control the process, and approve the best possible approximation within criteria defined in advance.

Without the correct profile, without testing, and without process control, there is no consistent color precision. This is the foundation of any honest conversation about color approval, and the starting point for a more predictable production process, for both the producer and the approver.

Where to go deeper

We've put together a more detailed technical guide on this topic, applying the same principles to digital textile production workflows like ROQ NOW and ROQ HYBRID PRO+. It's available for download in Portuguese, English, Spanish, French, and German, through the link in the comments ▫

(Source: ROQ)

A Safe Garment Starts with a Safe Factory Tackling Chemical Exposure in Textile Production

Testing a finished garment reveals little about the chemicals workers may have been exposed to while making it, bluesign advises. During textile dyeing, finishing and coating, workers may encounter hazardous substances that can create serious health risks if exposure is not properly controlled.

Worker health is an essential part of textile sustainability, yet attention often focuses more heavily on product attributes and environmental impacts such as carbon emissions, water use and waste. Chemical exposure during production can be less visible, even though it may have consequences for workers' health and wellbeing.

bluesign, an SGS company, supports a systems-based approach to chemical management and facility performance. Through the bluesign System, facilities can assess chemical risks alongside worker safety, environmental performance, resource productivity, emergency preparedness and social responsibility.

Drawing on recurring issues identified during facility assessments, bluesign highlights five areas that deserve particular attention: inadequate ventilation and air-quality monitoring; unsafe handling of solvents, adhesives and other chemicals; gaps in hazard assessments and occupational health monitoring; insufficient training; and inappropriate chemical storage, including inadequate labelling, segregation or secondary containment.

Effective management requires more than written procedures. Facilities need to establish whether controls are implemented consistently and are working in practice. The widely used S.T.O.P. hierarchy prioritizes substitution of hazardous substances, followed by technical controls such as enclosed systems and local exhaust ventilation, organizational measures such as procedures and training, and personal protective equipment as a final layer of protection.

Although manufacturers are responsible for providing safe working conditions, brands also need meaningful visibility into occupational health and safety risks across their supply chains. International frameworks, including the UN Guiding Principles on



Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines, provide an important reference for identifying and addressing adverse impacts. Legal requirements vary and continue to evolve, but effective risk assessment and remediation remain important elements of responsible supply-chain management.

bluesign solutions

bluesign supports apparel brands and manufacturers with solutions designed to help identify, manage and reduce occupational health risks through comprehensive chemical management and facility performance assessment. By evaluating worker safety alongside environmental performance, resource productivity, emergency preparedness and social responsibility, bluesign helps organizations strengthen responsible manufacturing practices across the textile value chain.

Through initiatives such as the bluesign CMR Solvent Phaseout Program, manufacturers can reduce reliance on higher-risk substances while supporting safer workplaces and more responsible chemical management practices. bluesign also helps organizations gain greater visibility into how chemical risks are managed in practice, supporting worker health, regulatory compliance and supply-chain transparency ◻



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The New MULTIPLY BX Makes its Debut at the KARL MAYER (China) Product Show During ITMA ASIA 2026

At ITMA ASIA 2026, KARL MAYER will showcase a new composite machine at its Chinese location that is specifically tailored to the needs of the wind power industry. Its high speed and maximum efficiency make this new machine particularly attractive for growth markets such as China.

Specialist in high-performance wind power textiles

With the MULTIPLY BX, KARL MAYER is expanding its composite portfolio to include a machine with a clear focus: the highly efficient production of biaxial non-crimp fabrics for rotor blades. The new machine processes glass fibers with a non course-oriented weft-insertion into reinforcing textiles with a high proportion of filler yarns, light weft yarns, and long stitch lengths – materials that are in extremely high demand for the unidirectional reinforcement of wind turbine blades.

This consistent specialization is paying off: The MULTIPLY BX combines a design focused on wind turbine-specific products with outstanding productivity.

“When developing the MULTIPLY BX, we consistently focused on the needs of our wind power customers. The starting point was a special fibre reinforcement fabric; the result is a highly efficient machine in its field. We look forward to presenting it during our Product Show at KARL MAYER (China) during ITMA ASIA 2026 and to a wide-ranging discussion about it,” says Dr. Jürgen Tröltzsch, Product Specialist for Composite Machines, KARL MAYER Technical Textiles.

Up to 25% increase in productivity

With production speeds ranging from 1,600 to 2,200 min?¹, depending on the stitch length, the MULTIPLY BX achieves an output of up to 500 m/h. This makes it 20 to 25% more productive than the MAX GLASS ECO, which has also established itself in the wind power market.

The machine reaches its full performance potential at large stitch lengths of 4 to 5 mm, which are typical for products established in this market. The combination of filler threads with a yarn count of up to 2,400 tex and light weft yarns ranging from 100 to 200 tex for transverse stabilization serves to prioritize fiber reinforcement in the longitudinal direction. The weight ratio of filler to weft yarns in the finished fabric is typically 6:1.

Proven technology plus targeted enhancements

The high efficiency of the MULTIPLY BX is based on a well-thought-out design that combines proven solutions with targeted technical enhancements. The operating concept, selected technological components, and the basic structure of the laying system were adopted from the MAX GLASS ECO.

The changes primarily affected the weft insertion width and the warp knitting area. To increase output, the width of the weft





carriage was expanded from 8“ on the MAX GLASS ECO to 12” for parallel weft insertion and to 16" for cross weft insertion. In the warp knitting zone, an adjusted needle lift movement reduces the formation of so-called “fish eyes,” which occur when the knitting needles pierce the laid fabric. The fish eyes reduce as hole-shaped quality defects the mechanical performance of the fiber-reinforced semi-finished products.

In addition, the lever movement has been optimized to minimize vibration during high-speed operation. The result: smooth machine operation, less wear, and a comfortable working environment for operators.

Greater Working Width for Optimal Material Utilization

The MULTIPLY BX is also consistently designed to meet the requirements of rotor blade manufacturers when it comes to working width. The increase from 101 to 103” enables better material utilization in the production of narrow strips, into which the wind turbine textiles are cut for further processing.

As a result, the MULTIPLY BX combines high production output with material efficiency tailored to the specific application – positioning itself as a specialized solution for the cost-effective production of high-performance reinforcement textiles for rotor blades.

The MULTIPLY BX will demonstrate its capabilities live during the Product Show at KARL MAYER (China) in Changzhou from November 19 to 21, as well as on November 23, 2026

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Groz-Beckert at ITMA ASIA 2026

Groz-Beckert will be presenting its highlights and innovations across the various product areas – Knitting, Weaving, Nonwovens, Sewing, Tufting and Spinning – in Hall 4.1, Booth D41 at the ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026.

Knitting: In the Circular Knitting segment, the energy-saving needles take center stage - the LCmax™. With their innovative, wave-shaped shank geometry, they deliver energy efficiency, reduced friction, and exceptionally easy handling – ensuring maximum performance with minimal energy consumption.

In Flat Knitting, two special-application needles are in the spotlight. The SAN™ TT has been specially designed for knitting particularly tight loops and is ideal for use in technical and medical textiles. The new SAN™ FY is engineered for processing uneven effect yarns and ensures flawless fabric appearance, even with demanding materials and intricate designs.

In cooperation with SINOTEX, Groz-Beckert demonstrates the production possibilities offered by its fine-gauge technology with a jointly presented knitted collar. Equipped with the spring-loaded latch needle Vosa Spec. 89.50-45 G016, the application showcases the production of finer fabrics and tighter stitch loops, making it ideal for high-quality collars and sweater components.

The Legwear product group presents its exceptionally durable dur™ needles for use in sock and fine hosiery machines, where the highest levels of precision and load resistance are required.

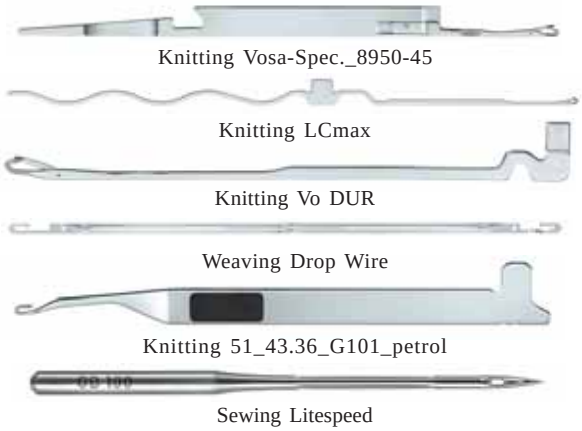
In the Warp Knitting segment, Groz-Beckert presents the patented compound needle Spec. 51/43.36 G 101 for fine-gauge elastic fabrics. The reinforced plastic part provides enhanced stability, while minimal tolerances support the production of uniform, high-quality fabrics with excellent knitting performance.

In addition to its product innovations, Groz-Beckert will introduce a new AI-powered WeChat chatbot for Knitting customers in China. The digital service enables customers to access product information and make product and price enquiries directly through WeChat. Using natural language interaction, the chatbot provides quick and relevant responses, simplifying everyday enquiries and offering customers a convenient new way to interact with Groz-Beckert.

Weaving: From the first yarn to the fabric, the Weaving product area will showcase solutions designed for demanding applications – with a special focus on PCB and glass fiber weaving. As finer yarns and increasingly sophisticated electronic fabrics push process stability and fabric quality to new levels, Groz-Beckert is presenting new solutions for these challenges. Visitors can discover a comprehensive portfolio ranging from weaving preparation equipment to yarn-guiding elements such as drop wires, healds and reeds – all designed to help unlock reliable performance in tomorrow's weaving applications.

Nonwovens: In the Nonwovens product area, Groz-Beckert will present its latest innovations. One of the highlights is the advanced Litespeed™ felting needle designed to significantly reduce insertion and removal times, thereby simplifying handling and increasing operational efficiency. Furthermore, the newly developed CB-Barb felting needle will be part of the showcase.

For the Nonwovens Carding segment, Groz-Beckert will introduce its specialized Mounting Service. The portfolio is complemented by the innovative SiroLock™ plus wires from the Groz-Beckert InLine card clothing family. These products are designed to deliver high levels of precision, performance and reliability throughout the carding process.



Sewing: The Sewing product area showcases products and solutions for the sewing industry. At the exhibition, the focus will be on its special application needles SAN™, which have been developed specifically for demanding sewing operations. With its enhanced stability and reliable loop pick-up, SAN™ 5.2 is particularly well suited for technical textiles such as airbags. SAN™ 6 ensures high process reliability when sewing woven fabrics such as denim. Both needle variants feature the GEBEDUR™ coating, which provides effective protection against wear, particularly in the point area. The slim yet dimensionally stable SAN™ 10 and the even slimmer SAN™ 10 XS are designed for extremely fine materials and offer maximum protection against material damage.

The product area will also present its latest innovation, the Litespeed™ needle. Designed for heat-intensive sewing applications, such as high sewing speeds or sewing dense or multi-layer materials, its special geometry helps ensure a stable sewing process.

In addition, Groz-Beckert will showcase the "Groz-Beckert Sewing" video series and the "Needle Finder". In concise explanatory videos, Groz-Beckert experts share practical, application-focused knowledge about industrial sewing and sewing machine needles. Available in the Sewing Customer Portal, the interactive Needle Finder recommends suitable needles for various seams and applications based on specific product examples.

Tufting: For the production of tufted floor coverings such as carpets, bath mats and artificial turf, the Tufting product sector will be presenting its proven Gauge Part system. The coordinated combination of the various materials of the individual parts and the functional interaction ensure a convincing result in the production process.

Spinning: For customers in the spinning industry, Groz-Beckert is introducing a new energy-saving maintenance-free cylinder wire with increased service life, higher card output and lower maintenance costs. In addition, further developments of the stationary flats and revolving tops will be presented. The high PPSI revolving tops have been specifically designed for processing fine yarns and a special tops technology has been developed to cater for the latest card models in the market, while the stationary flats have been provided with a new profile and wire designs aiming to boost the overall carding performance ◘

CHTC Fong to Participate in ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026 Textile Machinery Exhibition

November 20-24th, China International Textile Machinery Exhibition ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026 will be held at Shanghai National Exhibition Center. CHTC Fong's will make an appearance at booth C37 in Hall 7, presenting a dual-layer intelligent booth and delivering a brand-new "digital and intelligent dyeing and finishing" business card to the world.

We extend a sincere invitation to global new and old customers. We invite you to visit our booth and witness how CHTC Fong's uses digital twin and AI technology, combined with the entire process of dyeing and finishing equipment, to create a "One-Stop" intelligent dyeing and finishing solutions for you.

Digital Twin + AI, Bringing Dyeing Factories a "Digital Brain"

At the exhibition site, CHTC Fong's will present the latest digital twin system and transform our booth into a digital twin platform, which is connected in real time with the exhibition machines. Customers can view the operation data of the equipment online, intuitively experience the charm of transparent management, and test the feasibility of "remote control" of the digital dyeing factory.

Meantime, you can interact with our "AI Assistant" to have conversations about textile processing knowledge. We will also present to you in greater detail the AI processes and small models such as AI formulation, demonstrating how they can effectively shorten the processing cycle and reduce energy consumption. In the One-Stop service platform experience area, customers can experience the convenience of remote equipment operation through tablets or mobile phones, and feel the service upgrade from "passive response" to "active anticipation".



The Hardcore Equipment Firmly Establishes the Foundation of "One-Stop" Manufacturing

In addition to the AI intelligent control system, CHTC Fong's will present a powerful exhibits consisting of 3 physical machines and 3 high-precision models, covering the entire production process of pre-treatment, dyeing and finishing. With over 60 years of manufacturing experience, we present to our customers the core strength of the entire chain intelligent dyeing and finishing equipment. Each piece of equipment embodies CHTC Fong's profound thinking on high-quality dyeing and finishing industry. We sincerely invite you to visit our booth!

November 20-24th, at booth C37 in Hall 7 of Shanghai National Exhibition Center, we are looking forward to jointly opening the door to the wisdom of the future dyeing factory with you, exploring new paths for digital transformation, discussing new opportunities for industrial cooperation, and jointly achieving a brand new future of high-quality development in the dyeing and finishing industry!



Santoni to Showcase Knitting Innovations, AI Solutions at ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026

Santoni China Group will exhibit at ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026, scheduled for Nov. 20-24 at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai.

Under the theme "Machines Evolved • Intelligence Delivered," the group will showcase circular and seamless knitting technologies, textile applications, its SWS 3D AI-assisted design platform and integrated digital solutions from brands including Santoni, Jingmei and Terrot. The company will exhibit in Hall 4.1, Booth C39.

Founded in Brescia, Italy, in 1919, Santoni established a manufacturing presence in China in 2005. Today, Santoni China Group brings together six equipment and component brands, four integrated engineering, research and development and manufacturing hubs, and a digital ecosystem focused on intelligent manufacturing.

The group's exhibition will highlight advances in knitting machinery, fabric development and digital technologies designed to improve manufacturing efficiency and expand product development capabilities.

Advancing circular knitting technology

Santoni China Group will present five circular knitting machines demonstrating advances in production efficiency, fabric structures and machine control.



The Santoni INNOTAS-HS Single Jersey Open-Width (30-inch, E28, F90) combines the SJ7 intelligent platform with an electronically controlled fabric take-down system. Designed to maintain stable fabric tension and consistent fabric quality at high production speeds, the machine also features a self-cleaning design to reduce maintenance requirements. Applications include T-shirts, underwear, sportswear and lightweight apparel.

The Terrot UCC 672-ME Mattress Double Electronic Jacquard (38-inch, E20, F88) features electronic three-way needle selection



in both the cylinder and dial. The technology enables intricate double-sided jacquard patterns, three-dimensional textures and engineered ventilation zones. A specialized mattress fabric concept will be displayed.

The Jingmei JTB-P Double Jersey Open-Width (34-inch, E36, F84) combines precise stitch-density adjustment with an efficient yarn-feeding system. Designed for fine-gauge double jersey production, the machine supports interlock, Ponte Roma and related fabric structures.

The Jingmei JXPFH Intelligent Single Jersey Compound-Needle (34-inch, E28, F108) introduces a compound-needle system with redesigned sinkers and a ceramic cylinder. The technology offers additional flexibility for producing fabric structures that can be challenging to achieve with conventional latch needles.

The Jingmei JHG Computerized Jacquard Rib Transfer (34-inch, E28, F84) combines fine-gauge knitting, rib transfer technology and computerized jacquard capabilities. An electronic yarn-feeding system with automatic tension adjustment supports the development of complex rib and jacquard fabrics for womenswear, underwear, loungewear and babywear.

Seamless knitting innovations

Santoni will also showcase three seamless knitting technologies designed to expand applications in sportswear, swimwear, activewear and body-shaping garments.

The Santoni TOP2 ST (Selective Terry), a 16-inch E28 machine, provides needle-by-needle control of selective terry structures, allowing manufacturers to position terry loops in specific areas of a garment. The technology supports cushioning, ventilation, thermal comfort and three-dimensional textures for performance apparel.

The Santoni SM8 TR1S (Transfer), a 15-inch E24 machine, enables patented run-resistant mesh structures that combine structural stability with design flexibility. Engineered mesh areas can provide targeted ventilation while incorporating decorative patterns and functional details directly into the fabric.

The Santoni TOP2 FAST (Fine Gauge), a 15-inch E40 machine, demonstrates fine-gauge seamless knitting for lightweight, smooth and soft fabrics. A collection of E40 seamless swimwear will highlight applications in premium swimwear, underwear and other next-to-skin garments.

Textile applications and product development



Beyond machinery, Santoni China Group will display fabrics and finished garments developed using circular and seamless knitting technologies.

The exhibition will feature four application categories: performance, outdoor and training, intimate apparel, and sustainable design.

Performance applications will demonstrate engineered compression zones, mesh structures and advanced knitting techniques that integrate support, breathability and comfort into sportswear.

Outdoor and training applications will highlight lightweight construction, breathable fabrics, selective terry and engineered knitting structures that provide cushioning, thermal comfort and localized support.

Intimate apparel applications will feature fine-gauge fabrics, engineered compression and mesh structures designed to balance fit, softness and breathability.

Sustainable design applications will demonstrate how structural engineering and integrated textile design can incorporate functional and decorative elements directly into knitted fabrics and garments, potentially reducing material waste and unnecessary processing.

SWS 3D: AI-assisted seamless design

Santoni China Group will introduce its SWS 3D platform, an AI-assisted design solution developed to improve seamless product development.



The platform uses three-dimensional digital visualization to help designers and technical teams communicate garment concepts, evaluate structures and coordinate the transition from design to manufacturing.

According to the company, SWS 3D is designed to accelerate development iterations, improve collaboration between creative and technical teams, expand design flexibility and reduce unnecessary revisions.

The technology reflects Santoni China Group's broader efforts to connect creative design, technical development and manufacturing through digital tools.

Building a connected digital ecosystem

The company will also highlight digital initiatives designed to connect knitting equipment, software, data and industry resources.

These include machine connectivity and industrial Internet of Things applications that improve production visibility and coordination; AI-assisted design and information processing; industry-specific manufacturing solutions; and digital platforms supporting design sharing and collaboration.



Additional initiatives address customer services, spare parts, customized manufacturing and broader supply-chain resources.

By integrating machinery technologies, digital tools and technical expertise, Santoni China Group aims to improve collaboration across product design, development, manufacturing and service operations.

Visitors can explore the company's technologies and applications at ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026, Nov. 20-24, in Hall 4.1, Booth C39, at the National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai ◻

Mayer & Cie. Global Gears up tor ITMA Asia 2026

Mayer & Cie. Global will focus on mattress fabric production at ITMA Asia, taking place in Shanghai from 20 to 24 November 2026. The company will showcase one of its flagship models for this application: the OVJA 2.4 EM. Joining the mattress fabric specialist will be an OV 3.2 QCe, presented at ITMA Asia in a configuration for knitting double-face fabrics in E40. This gives the OV 3.2 QCe a combination of capabilities rarely found in the market. The German textile machinery manufacturer will also introduce its new portfolio strategy and share updates from its development team at its Albstadt headquarters.

OVJA 2.4 EM: A star performer in mattress fabric production

"Around 70 per cent of the world's mattress fabric production takes place in China," explains Alton Xu, CEO of Mayer & Cie. Global. "Our OVJA family offers excellent solutions for this application. The OVJA 2.4 EM in particular combines maximum output with extensive patterning options."

Producing up to 30 kilograms of fabric per hour, the OVJA 2.4 EM has proven to be one of the most productive machines in its class. Its high output is achieved in part through its high feeder density of 2.4 feeders per inch.

The OVJA 2.4 EM also stands out for its ease of use and extensive patterning options. The horizontal weft yarn guide on each cylinder segment ensures smooth, straightforward operation, short changeover times and high reliability. Thanks to the improved yarn guidance and the pneumatic cross-flow nozzle, yarn tension remains constant even at high speeds. This minimizes yarn vibration and ensures that the yarn is fed reliably to the needles. Electronic individual needle selection in the cylinder enables a wide range of designs and rapid pattern changes.

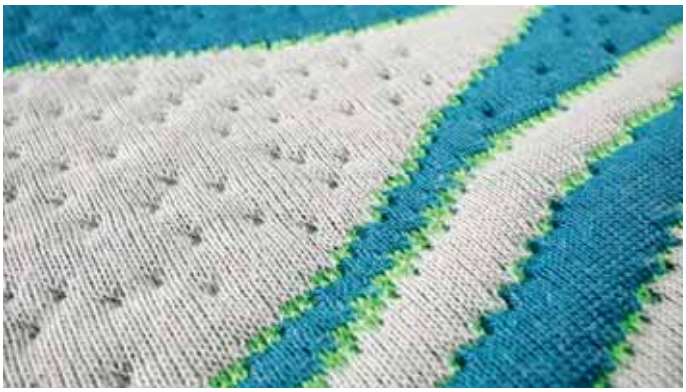
Mayer & Cie.: Pioneering circular knitting in the mattress market

Mayer & Cie. pioneered the use of circular-knitted mattress ticking. By developing an electronically controlled knitting machine in 1997, the predecessor Mayer & Cie. company paved the way for knitted fabrics to enter a market previously dominated by woven materials. Their high elasticity allows knitted covers to adapt closely to flexible mattresses that respond precisely to localised pressure. With its OVJA family of circular knitting machines, designed specifically for this application, Mayer & Cie. Global continues to provide the technology for producing high-quality mattress ticking in a wide variety of patterns.

OV 3.2 QCe: A distinctive combination of capabilities

The OV 3.2 QCe exhibited at ITMA Asia will knit double-face fabric in E40 using all needles. The machine reliably processes both filament and staple fiber yarns. Axel Brünner, Head of Product Management at Mayer & Cie. Global, says: "In this configuration,





the OV 3.2 QCe stands out in the market. The ability to knit double-face fabric at this fine gauge is an exceptionally rare capability that very few manufacturers can offer."

As a circular knitting machine for interlock fabrics and interlock-based structures, the OV 3.2 QCe has long been one of Mayer & Cie.'s best-selling models.

News from the development team

A new addition to the OV family, OV 2.5 QCe, is currently being developed at the company's Albstadt headquarters. With 2.5 feeders per inch at 34'', the machine offers high productivity in the manufacture of interlock fabrics and interlock-based structures, including 8-lock. A conversion kit also enables it to produce rib and spacer fabrics, as well as fabrics in very fine gauges.

Strong foundations and new momentum

At the exhibition, Mayer & Cie. Global will also introduce its new portfolio strategy, designed to offer customers solutions tailored to their requirements and budgets.

Mayer & Cie. Global builds on decades of experience in circular knitting machinery and a deep understanding of textile applications. Development and engineering at its Albstadt headquarters remain core strengths. At the same time, the company prioritises close dialogue with customers and sales representatives, swift decision-making and rapid implementation. Its ambition is to translate market requirements into targeted solutions that deliver measurable value in customers' production operations ◻

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The Benninger solutions combine superior dyeing quality with efficient processing

In every dyehouse there are articles that ask more of the machine than the rest: fabrics that mark easily, qualities that will not hold an even shade, goods that can be produced only slowly. Fashion cycles continue to shorten and product diversity is increasing – and it is increasingly these demanding articles, rather than the standard qualities, that determine which Indian mills win export business. They must also be produced with less water, less energy and fewer chemicals than before.

For more than 165 years, Benninger has been supporting textile manufacturers worldwide in meeting these challenges. Drawing on Swiss engineering expertise and decades of process know-how, the company develops technologies for both continuous and discontinuous textile finishing that help mills improve quality, optimise production and reduce operating costs. With a long-standing presence in the Indian market, Benninger combines global engineering excellence with deep local market knowledge and application expertise. From everyday apparel to demanding technical textiles, its solutions deliver reliable, reproducible results while making more efficient use of valuable resources.

Benninger FabricMaster: rope-mark-free dyeing, from sportswear to heavy jersey



Benninger FabricMaster – fastest and most versatile jet of the industry

One area where these challenges become particularly evident is discontinuous dyeing. Textile processors are expected to handle an increasingly diverse range of fabrics while reducing cycle times, lowering water consumption and maintaining exceptional colour consistency. For many Indian mills supplying both domestic and international customers, the ability to switch quickly between fabric qualities without losing dyeing reliability has become a decisive competitive advantage. And the hardest test is never the standard quality – it is the article that shows every mark the machine leaves behind.

Benninger addresses these requirements with the FabricMaster jet dyeing machine. It produces woven and knitted fabrics rope-mark-free – including articles that are difficult or impossible to run on other machines: heat-set polyester sportswear, smooth viscose-elastane blends and heavy 20's cotton jersey. Intelligent liquor circulation, efficient liquor penetration, high rope speeds and gentle fabric transport enable significantly shorter process times while reducing water and energy consumption, so flexibility does not come at the cost of productivity.

Benninger SynthMaster: compression-mark-free for the most sensitive articles



Benninger SynthMaster – for the most gentle treatment of sensitive fabrics

Developed on the same engineering principles, the Benninger SynthMaster extends these advantages to fabrics that will not tolerate compression at any point in the process. Nylon-elastane blends, high-value viscose-wool blends for underwear and non-heat-set polyester – knitted or woven – carry every compression through into the finished piece. The horizontal jet dyeing concept of the SynthMaster provides smooth, tension-free fabric movement while maintaining consistent process conditions throughout the machine, so the goods leave the machine compression-mark free.

Its innovative nozzle technology and optimised chamber design enable operation at low liquor ratios, helping reduce both water and energy consumption. The SynthMaster also offers an exceptionally compact footprint, allowing mills to make efficient use of valuable production space – particularly valuable in India, where maximising capacity within existing facilities is often just as important as investing in new equipment. Because it shares key components with the FabricMaster, customers also benefit from simplified maintenance, operational familiarity and high compatibility across both machine platforms.

Benninger CPB Knit: salt-free dyeing for knitted goods



Benninger CPB Knit – gentle and sustainable dyeing of knitted goods

The Benninger Cold-Pad-Batch (CPB) dyeing station offers salt-free dyeing for knitted goods with water consumption of less than one litre per kilogram. It provides tension-free, non-curling fabric transport, requires no biopolishing and achieves maximum dyestuff yield.

At the heart of the system is a padding mangle with two Küsters S-rolls. Their nip profiles are adapted to the fabric and process requirements, delivering 100% level dyeing results with no listing or tailing. The compact design includes a dyeing trough that swivels downwards and backwards, improving accessibility and operator safety.

Benninger in textile finishing: continuous and discontinuous

Benninger's expertise is not limited to discontinuous dyeing. Across continuous and discontinuous finishing alike, the company integrates technologies that reduce the consumption of water, energy and chemicals while improving process stability: automated liquid dispensing, powder dissolving and distribution systems, wastewater heat recovery, and caustic soda recovery for mercerising ranges.

With more than 165 years of experience in textile machinery, Benninger remains committed to technologies that answer the real problems on the dyehouse floor. By combining Swiss engineering, process expertise and close collaboration with customers – supported by a strong presence in India –the company continues to help textile manufacturers transform fabrics into high-value products, efficiently, sustainably and with consistently outstanding quality ◘



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Mahlo Present its System Portfolio for the Textile Industry at ITMA Asia 2026

From November 20 to 24, 2026, Mahlo GmbH + Co. KG will present its system portfolio for the textile industry at ITMA Asia in Shanghai. Together with its local sales and service partner Kuantex and Mahlo China, the Bavarian technology specialist will demonstrate at Booth C22 in Hall 7.1 how intelligent measurement and control technology can improve the quality and efficiency of textile production processes. The spotlight will be on the new Orthopac RVMC-20 plus, which combines highly precise weft straightening with fully integrated process control.

With the Orthopac RVMC-20 plus, Mahlo has further advanced its proven technology for fully automatic distortion correction and introduced a more cost-effective alternative to its flagship model, the Orthopac RXVMC-20. Like the RXVMC-20, the new system combines two scanning units at the fabric infeed and outfeed with AI-supported control technology. While the feed-forward control system detects distortions before the straightening rollers, the closed-loop control system monitors the results at the outfeed and provides direct feedback to the controller, enabling perfect real-time weft corrections.

The interaction of both control loops ensures highly uniform fabric quality even under changing distortion conditions and at high production speeds, while significantly reducing waste during batch changes.

Process Control for Greater Efficiency and Sustainability

The straightening technology is complemented by integrated process control via the Optipac VMC-15. Mahlo's VMC-15 continuously monitors all relevant parameters online, including dwell time, weft density, residual moisture, and exhaust air humidity, directly on the moving fabric web, thereby increasing transparency throughout the production process.

Continuous monitoring helps detect deviations at an early stage and enables more targeted use of resources. For example, it helps prevent unnecessary energy consumption caused by overdrying, enables exhaust air optimization, reduces fabric discoloration resulting from excessive dwell times, and minimizes inconsistencies within the fabric web. At the same time, waste and raw material consumption are reduced. The combination of Mahlo's straightening system and process control therefore makes a sustainable contribution to more efficient, economical, and resource-saving textile finishing.

The Right Solution for Different Requirements

With the Orthopac RVMC-20 plus, Mahlo expands its family of straightening machines with another high-performance solution. The portfolio ranges from the Orthopac RVMC-15 as a standard weft straightener, to the Plus version featuring additional scanning



Orthopac RVMC-20 plus



Optipac VMC-15

at the fabric infeed, and up to the Orthopac RXVMC-20 as a high-end system with two independent straightening modules. This enables Mahlo to offer solutions for a wide variety of production requirements, sustainability objectives, and quality standards.

Requirements in textile production are highly diverse. Our broad portfolio enables us to provide the right solution for different applications, tailored to both the technical requirements and the economic objectives of our customers.

Asia as a Key Market

Asia has long been an important market for Mahlo, thanks to its diverse textile industry. The varied requirements of regional manufacturers are well aligned with the company's broad product portfolio. ITMA Asia provides an important opportunity to present new technologies and strengthen exchanges with customers and industry partners. On site, Ralph Greenwood-Mahlo, Owner and Managing Director, Thomas Höpfl, Head of Sales, and Clemens Kaplan, Textile Product Manager, together with local partner Kuantex, will be available for discussions

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Knitwear

Japanese flat knitting machine manufacturer Shima Seiki will showcase its latest knitting technologies and digital solutions at ITMA Asia + CITME 2026, taking place from 20-24 November at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (NECC) in Shanghai, China.

Exhibiting under its continuing 'Shima Seiki Reborn' concept, the Wakayama-based company will present its latest R-generation machines, including a new, more economical version of its SES-R computerised flat knitting machine, which will make its debut at the exhibition.

The Reborn concept reflects Shima Seiki's renewed commitment to innovation, combining advances in flat knitting technology with integrated digital solutions designed to support more efficient, flexible and sustainable textile manufacturing.

A central attraction will be the SES-R, which builds on the legacy of the company's pioneering SES series. Featuring a newly developed sinker system, the machine offers enhanced three-dimensional shaping capabilities, enabling efficient production of complex knitted structures and patterns for applications across multiple industries.

Alongside the existing SES-R model, Shima Seiki will introduce a more cost-effective SES-R Standard version, extending the technology's accessibility to a broader range of manufacturers. The company will demonstrate the SES-R in 14-gauge and the SES-R Standard in 16-gauge configurations.

Also on display will be the N.SSR132 computerised flat knitting machine, introduced at ITMA Asia + CITME 2025 in Singapore. The machine attracted particular interest from manufacturers in South and Southeast Asia, where its competitive economics and versatility were well received.

Featuring a 52-inch (132 cm) knitting width, the N.SSR132 provides flexibility for producing larger garment sizes and will be demonstrated in a 7-gauge configuration.

Shima Seiki's established WHOLE GARMENT seamless knitting technology will be represented by two machines, highlighting the versatility of complete garment manufacturing for both fashion and technical textile applications.

The MACH2XS153, featuring four needle beds and the company's proprietary SlideNeedle technology, enables the production of high-quality, fine-gauge WHOLEGARMENT knitwear using all needles. The machine will be demonstrated in an 8-gauge configuration.

Meanwhile, the compact SWG061N2 Mini, exhibited in 15-gauge, offers opportunities for seamless knitting across a wide range of products, including technical knitted structures. Its compact design and economical operation make it particularly relevant for manufacturers exploring specialised applications and smaller-scale production.

Digital solutions

Shima Seiki will complement its machinery demonstrations with a comprehensive range of digital solutions covering design, development and production.

These include SDS KnitPaint-Online knitting software and APEXFiz 3D design software, which provides realistic fabric simulation and virtual sampling capabilities. The company will also

demonstrate services available through its Shima Seiki Online Services platform.

The integration of virtual sampling with advanced knitting technology is an important element of the company's strategy to reduce development times, minimise physical sampling and improve production efficiency.

By enabling manufacturers to evaluate designs and knitted structures digitally before production, APEXFiz can help reduce material consumption, development costs and unnecessary inventory while supporting more responsive, demand-driven manufacturing.

Shima Seiki has pioneered complete garment knitting since the commercial introduction of its WHOLEGARMENT technology in 1995. The technology enables an entire garment to be knitted directly on the machine without subsequent linking or sewing, offering opportunities to streamline manufacturing and reduce material waste.



Founded in 1962, the company has developed an integrated approach to textile production, encompassing computerised flat knitting machines, design systems, virtual sampling and associated manufacturing technologies.

At ITMA Asia + CITME 2026, Shima Seiki aims to demonstrate how these technologies can work together to support smart, speedy and sustainable production while addressing changing requirements across the global knitting and textile industries.

Visitors can find Shima Seiki in Hall 4.1, Booth D11, at the NECC in Shanghai from 20-24 November 2026

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Innovation in Knitting Technology
Lonati at THE LOOP Knitting Technology Summit

The first edition of the THE LOOP Knitting Technology Summit brought together around 160 participants from 20 countries in Albstadt. Lonati S.p.A. took part in the event as a speaker, presenting its GE525H EVO, a machine designed to produce medical hosiery.

On October 7 and 8, 2026, Lonati S.p.A. participated in the first edition of the THE LOOP Knitting Technology Summit, a new international event dedicated to technological innovation, knowledge sharing and dialogue among professionals in the textile industry.

Organized by Groz-Beckert, the event brought together companies, universities and industry experts. The guiding principle, "Connected by precision. Driven by innovation," highlighted the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing in the development of new technological solutions.



Lonati Technology for Medical Applications

The first edition of the summit focused on medical textiles, a sector in which advances in materials and technologies are opening up new application opportunities.

As part of the programme, Lonati contributed as a speaker, presenting the GE525H EVO, a 288-needle, single-cylinder machine, equipped with the device for automatic toe closing, designed to produce medical and sports compression products.The presentation provided an opportunity to share Lonati's expertise in the design and manufacture of circular knitting machines for hosiery with an international audience, with a particular focus on medical applications.

The presentation was part of a programme exploring technologies and future developments in the sector, covering topics such as textile robotics, artificial intelligence in product development, digital development processes and modern yarn feeding systems.

Driving Dialogue and Innovation in the Future of Knitting

Alongside the technical presentations, the THE LOOP Knitting Technology Summit offered opportunities for in-depth discussions, live technology demonstrations and exchanges among the different players across the industry.

For Lonati, participation in the event is part of an ongoing commitment to innovation and dialogue with the market, sharing expertise and experience while responding to customers' application needs.

The first edition of THE LOOP has laid the foundations for an international platform dedicated to fostering dialogue on technologies, applications and future perspectives within the knitting industry. Lonati thus reaffirms its commitment to developing technological solutions for hosiery manufacturing, contributing to the international discussion on the evolution of knitting machinery and medical applications



Forthcoming Trade Events...

INTERNATIONAL

TEXTECH MOROCCO INTL. EXPO
03 – 05, November 2026
Venue: Foire International de Casablanca Expo Center, Casablanca – Morocco
Organizer: Conference & Exhibition Management Services Ltd.
Tel: +1-516-240-8077

ADVANCED TEXTILES EXPO
03 – 05, November 2026
Venue: Orlando, FL USA
Organizer: Advanced Textiles Association
Tel: +1 651 222 2508, 800 225 4324

ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026
20 – 24, November 2026
Venue: National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai, China
Organizer: ITMA Services Pte Ltd.
Tel: +65 6849 9368

INTERFILIERE PARIS
16 – 18, January 2027
Venue: Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles, Paris
Organizer: WSN Developpement Premiere Classe
Tel.: +33 1 47 56 32 32

PREMIERE VISION NEW YORK
19 – 20, January 2027
Venue: Tribeca 360, New York
Organizer: Premiere Vision SA
Tel: +33 (0)6 85 80 67 33

PREMIERE VISION PARIS
26 – 28, January 2027
Venue: Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Center in France
Organizer: Premiere Vision SA
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DHAKA INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE & GARMENT MACHINERY EXHIBITION
28 – 31, January 2027
Venue: International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), Dhaka, Bangladesh
Organizer: Chan Chao International Co., Ltd.
Tel: +886-2-2659-6000

TEXWORLD NEW YORK CITY 2027
29 – 31, January 2027
Venue: Javits Center, Manhattan, New York, U.S.A.
Organiser: Messe Frankfurt
Tel.: +1 678.564.6310

YARN EXPO SPRING
10 – 12, March 2027
Venue: National Exhibition and Convention Center in Shanghai, China
Organizer: Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd
Tel.: +852 2238 9983

INTERTEXTILE SHANGHAI APPAREL FABRICS
10 – 12, March 2027
Venue: National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai, China
Organizer: Messe Frankfurt GmbH
Tel: +4969 7575-5869

39 INTL. FASHION EXHIBITION
14 - 16 March, 2027
Venue: Atakent International Exhibition, Kazakhstan
Organizer: Catexpo
Tel: +7(727) 339-06-90, 352-70-75

INTL. ISTANBUL YARN FAIR
17 – 19 March 2027
Venue: TÜYAP Fair and Congress Center, Turkey
Organizer: Tüyap Trade Fairs Inc.
Tel: +90 (212) 867 11 00

MOROCCO FASHION STYLE & TEX
01 - 04 April 2027
Venue: Casablanca Intl. Fairground, Casablanca, Morocco
Organizer: Pyramids Group
Tel.: +90 545 678 83 27

VIETNAM SAIGON TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY EXPO (SAIGONTEX 2027)
7 - 10 April 2027
Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), Vietnam
Organizer: CP EXHIBITION LTD
Tel: +852-25117427

CHINA INTL DYE INDUSTRY, PIGMENTS & TEXTILE CHEMICALS
14 – 16, April 2027
Venue: Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Center, China
Organizer: Shanghai Intl. Exhibition Management Co.
Tel: +86-21-62792828

ASIAN INTL. YARN AND FABRIC SOURCING SHOW
17 – 19, June 2027
Venue: Impact Exhibition Center, Bangkok - Thailand
Organizer: CEMS Global
Tel: +1-516-240-8077

DOMESTIC

GARFAB-TX
25 – 27, December 2026
Venue: Entertainment Paradise, Jawahar Circle, Jaipur
Organizer: Vardaan Events Pvt. Ltd.
Tel: +91 9821170104, 9341444727

INDIA ITME GREATER NOIDA
04 – 09, December 2026
Venue: India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida
Organizer: India ITME Society
Tel: +91 - 22 4972 4603 / 2202 0032

F&A SHOW / YARNEX/ ASF
09 – 11, December 2026
Venue: New Delhi
Organizer: SS Textile Media Pvt. Ltd.
Tel: +91 8884564643, 9035263008

KNITTO-TEXT EXPO (KTE)
19 – 21, December 2026
Venue: Dana Mandi, Bahadur Ke Road, Jalandhar Bye-pass, Ludhiana
Organizer: SR Exposition And Services
Tel.: +91 9318415461, 9313891660

INTIMASIA
22 – 24, December 2026
Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center
Organiser: Peppermint Communications P. Ltd.
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22 – 24, December 2026
Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center
Organiser: Peppermint Communications P. Ltd.
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SURAT INTL TEXTILE & MACHINERY EXPO
08 – 11, January 2027
Venue: Surat Intl Exhibition & Convention Centre, Sarsana, Surat, Gujarat
Organizer: SGCCI
Tel.: +91 261 2291111, 7211173116

SCREENPRINTING & GRAPHICS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
21 – 23, January 2027
Venue: CIDCO Exhibition & Convention Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai
Organizer: Screenprinting & Graphics Association of India
Tel.: +91 99207 25257

GMMSA EXPO
05 – 08, February 2027
Venue: Dana Mandi, Bahadur Ke Road, Nr. Jalandhar Bye Pass Ludhiana
Organizer: Gmmsa Expo
Tel.: +91-98158-23182, 99885-18082

YARN, FABRIC & ACCESSORIES TRADE SHOW - YFA
18 – 20, February 2027
Venue: Anaaj Mandi Complex, Panipat
Organizer: Vision Communications
Tel.: +91-9212707924, 9810872914

YARN, FABRIC & ACCESSORIES TRADE SHOW - YFA
11 – 13, March 2027
Venue: IKF Complex, Tirupur
Organizer: Vision Communications
Tel.: +91-9212707924, 9810872914

GARMENT TECHNOLOGY EXPO (DELHI-NCR)
26 – 29, March 2027
Venue: India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida
Organizer: Garment Technology Expo P. Ltd.
Tel: +91-7428499699, +91-11-41601663

BHARAT TEX 2027
31 March – 3, April 2027
Venue: Bharat Mandapam, (Pragati Maiadan) New Delhi
Organizer: Bharat Tex Trade Federation
Tel.: +91 9818373737, 81300 73178

GARTEX TEXPROCESS - MUMBAI
06 – 08, May 2027
Venue: Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai
Organizer: MEX Exhibitions & Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd.
Tel: 9873993950, 91-22-61445990

FABRICS & TRIMS SHOW 2027
6 – 8 May 2027
Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center, Mumbai
Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt. Ltd.
Tel.: +91 22 6144 5900

GARMENT TECHNOLOGY EXPO (COIMBATORE)
24 – 26, June 2027
Venue: Codissia Intec Technology Centre, Coimbatore
Organizer: Garment Technology Expo P. Ltd.
Tel: +91-7428499699, +91-11-41601663

GARTEX TEXPROCESS - DELHI
05 – 07, August 2027
Venue: Bharat Mandapam, (Pragati Maidan), New Delhi
Organizer: MEX Exhibitions & Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd.
Tel: 9873993950, 91-22-61445990

DENIM SHOW - DELHI
05 – 07, August 2027
Venue: Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan), New Delhi
Organizer: MEX Exhibitions & Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India Pvt Ltd.
Tel: 9873993950, 91-22-61445990

GARMENT TECHNOLOGY EXPO (KOLKATA)
27 – 29, November 2027
Venue: Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata
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