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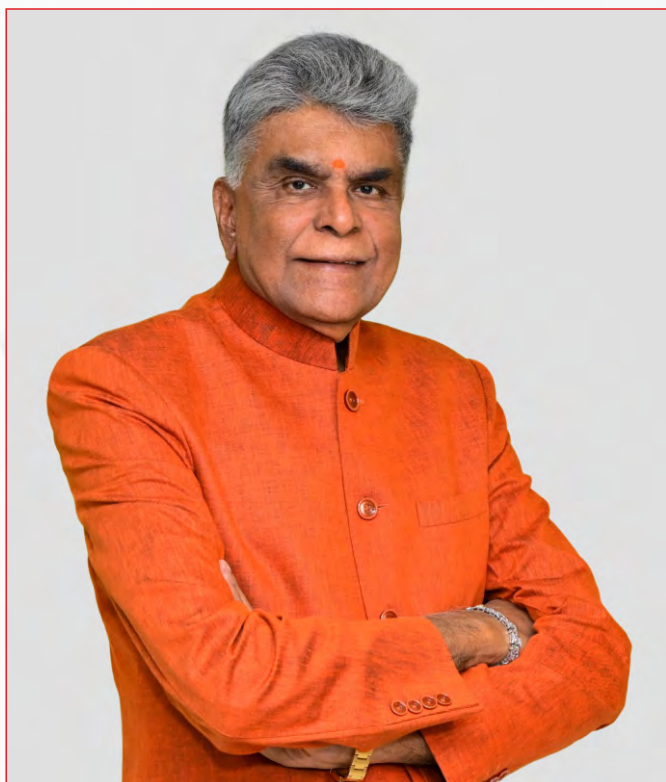
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

The Indian apparel industry is at a defining juncture in its growth journey. With expanding market access through strategic Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), growing global confidence in India's manufacturing capabilities, and a strong policy push from the Government, we are witnessing the emergence of a new era for apparel exports. The developments featured in this edition of Apparel India reaffirm that India is steadily strengthening its position as a preferred global sourcing destination.

The operationalisation of the **India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)** is undoubtedly one of the most significant milestones for our industry in recent years. By granting zero-duty access to the UK market, the agreement significantly enhances the competitiveness of Indian apparel exports and creates fresh opportunities for exporters across the country. More importantly, it reflects the deepening strategic partnership between India and the United Kingdom and underscores the growing trust in India's manufacturing excellence, quality standards and responsible production practices.

Having witnessed the evolution of Indo-UK apparel trade over the past four decades, I see this agreement as a transformational step that will unlock new avenues for exports, investment and employment. The India-UK CETA has the potential to redefine our engagement with one of our oldest trading partners while serving as a catalyst for future trade agreements with other major global markets. It is now our collective responsibility to fully utilise the opportunities that this landmark agreement presents.

While market access opens new doors, our ability to compete successfully will depend on the preparedness of the industry. India's apparel manufacturers have consistently demonstrated their commitment to quality, sustainability, innovation and compliance. However, strengthening the capabilities of our MSMEs remains central to our future growth. Targeted capacity-building initiatives, improved access to finance, technology upgradation, skill development and infrastructure support will empower thousands of exporters to compete more effectively in international markets and maximise the benefits of our expanding FTA network.

The remarkable success of **Bharat Tex 2026** further reinforced India's growing stature as a global textile and apparel powerhouse. The enthusiastic participation of thousands of buyers, global brands, policymakers, investors and business delegations from across the world reflected the confidence international markets have in India's integrated textile value chain. The event provided an outstanding platform to showcase India's strengths in manufacturing, sustainability, innovation, investment opportunities and product diversity.

AEPC is proud to have played a pivotal role in making Bharat Tex 2026 the most successful edition of the event so far. Through meaningful buyer engagement, strategic partnerships, investment promotion and knowledge-sharing initiatives, the Council contributed to creating new business opportunities for Indian exporters while reinforcing India's image as a reliable, competitive and future-ready sourcing destination. The overwhelming response from

global buyers is a clear endorsement of India's capabilities and our industry's resilience.

Equally significant is the Government's ambitious vision of achieving **USD 1 trillion in exports** during FY 2026-27. The apparel sector has both the capability and the responsibility to contribute meaningfully to this national mission. We welcome the Government's continued emphasis on export-led growth and its efforts to expand India's access to global markets through comprehensive trade agreements.

At the recent Board of Trade meeting, AEPC submitted a series of policy recommendations aimed at further strengthening the competitiveness of India's apparel sector. These include enhanced export credit support, continuation of key export promotion schemes, a dedicated Green Transformation Fund, simplification of export procedures, accelerated development of PM MITRA Parks with a greater focus on man-made fibre manufacturing, support for worker housing, and measures to strengthen the MSME ecosystem. These recommendations are intended to create a more enabling environment that encourages investment, sustainability, innovation and long-term export growth.

As global supply chains continue to diversify, India has a unique opportunity to emerge as the preferred partner for international brands seeking reliable, transparent and sustainable sourcing solutions. To realise this potential, we must continue investing in technology, product innovation, design excellence, sustainability, digital transformation and workforce development. Competitiveness today extends far beyond cost—it is defined by speed, quality, compliance, agility and responsible manufacturing.

The road ahead demands collective action. Government, industry, exporters and institutions must work together to create an ecosystem that supports entrepreneurship, encourages innovation and strengthens India's global competitiveness. With the right policy framework and industry commitment, I am

confident that the Indian apparel sector will not only achieve new export milestones but also generate quality employment and contribute significantly to India's economic development.

At AEPC, we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting our members, facilitating market access, advocating progressive policy reforms and building a globally competitive apparel industry. Together, we will continue to strengthen India's position as one of the world's most trusted apparel sourcing destinations.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Ministry of Textiles, our member exporters, industry partners and every stakeholder whose dedication continues to drive the growth of our sector. Let us seize the opportunities before us with confidence, collaborate with renewed purpose and work together towards building a stronger, more sustainable and globally competitive Indian apparel industry.

Warm Regards,

Dr. A. Sakthivel

Chairman

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Bharat Tex 2026 Sets New Benchmarks; AEPC Drives the Event's Biggest Success



Bharat Tex 2026 concluded on an exceptionally successful note, making it the most successful edition till date and reaffirming India's position as a preferred global textile and apparel sourcing destination. The four-day event was inaugurated by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh in the presence of Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, senior government officials, industry leaders and international delegates. The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) played a pivotal role in driving the apparel segment through global buyer engagement, strategic partnerships and policy initiatives.

The event attracted more than 6,000 buyers from over 130 countries and over 1.3 lakh trade visitors. Spread across 1.6

million square feet, the exhibition featured over 20,000 textile products. The event also saw participation from top CEOs and CXOs of leading European apparel companies, representatives of global apparel brands and official business delegations from Russia, Japan, Poland and Spain, creating one of the largest B2B sourcing platforms for the apparel industry.



AEPC facilitated one of the largest international buyer engagement programmes at Bharat Tex 2026, with 1,365 registered overseas buyers and 722 registered buying consultants. During the four-day event, overseas buyers from over 80 countries visited the apparel halls, resulting in extensive B2B meetings with Indian exporters and generating business worth USD 953 million. The event witnessed participation from several leading global retailers, brands and sourcing companies, including Primark, Mango, Adolfo Dominguez, LPP Group, Kohl's, Lulu Group, Apparel Group, Daiso Industries, Adastria, Oxford Products, Roberto Verino, Busana Apparel Group and IDKIDS Group, among others. Prominent buying consultants and sourcing organisations such as Levi Strauss & Co., Ralph Lauren, PVH India, PUMA, Triburg, PDS Ltd., Li & Fung India, JCPenney, Inditex, El Corte Inglés, Bestseller and Marubeni also participated, reaffirming the confidence of global brands and sourcing networks in India's apparel manufacturing capabilities.

Investment promotion remained a key focus during Bharat Tex 2026. The Ministry of Textiles organised a dedicated Trade



and Investment Session, presided over by the Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh and attended by the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, senior officials of the Ministry of Textiles, industry leaders and investors. The session highlighted India's growing attractiveness as a global textile and apparel investment destination, showcased investment opportunities across the textile and apparel value chain, and reinforced the Government's commitment to promoting domestic and global investments in the sector.



With the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) coming into force during Bharat Tex 2026, the landmark agreement remained one of the major highlights of the event. The session titled "India-UK CETA in Action: Shaping the Future of Textile Trade and Investment," jointly organised by ITPO and AEPC, was attended by the Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Chairman, ITPO, Shri Jawed Ashraf, and Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, along with senior government officials and industry leaders.

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) also signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Madhya Pradesh during Bharat Tex 2026, in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav.



The MoU will support the Invest Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2027 and strengthen collaboration to promote investment and export opportunities in the apparel sector.



The Tiruppur apparel cluster attracted strong interest from international buyers, while AEPC signed a strategic MoU with the Government of Madhya Pradesh to strengthen the state's apparel manufacturing ecosystem.

AEPC also participated in key conferences and knowledge sessions on sustainability, FTAs, investment, innovation and manufacturing competitiveness, reinforcing India's leadership in the global apparel sector.

Exhibitors reported strong business enquiries and productive buyer meetings, while international buyers appreciated India's manufacturing excellence, sustainability initiatives and reliable supply chain capabilities, with many expressing interest in expanding long-term sourcing partnerships.

Commenting on the event, Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, said:

"Bharat Tex 2026 has been the most successful edition of Bharat Tex so far. The overwhelming response from international buyers, premium global brands and sourcing leaders reflects growing confidence in India's manufacturing capabilities and reinforces our position as a trusted global sourcing destination."

"The operationalisation of the India-UK CETA, along with FTAs signed with 38 countries, opens unprecedented opportunities for Indian apparel exporters. Bharat Tex 2026 has further strengthened India's apparel ecosystem and will accelerate exports, investments and employment."

Dr. Sakthivel thanked the Ministry of Textiles, participating State Governments, Bharat Tex Organising Committee, international buyers, exhibitors and industry stakeholders for making Bharat Tex 2026 a resounding success. He also appreciated the excellent planning and execution by the Bharat Tex management team and reaffirmed AEPC's commitment to building on the momentum generated by the event to further strengthen India's position as a leading global apparel sourcing destination.



Bharat Tex 2026 Drives Global Business, Innovation and Investment Across the Textile Value Chain



Bharat Tex 2026 emerged as much more than an exhibition, it evolved into a global business and innovation platform that brought together manufacturers, buyers, policymakers, innovators, artisans and investors from across the world. With record participation, large-scale business engagements and a strong focus on sustainability and technology, the event underscored India's growing stature as a comprehensive textile and apparel powerhouse.



The four-day event witnessed exceptional business activity, attracting nearly 95,000 business visitors, including over 20,000 repeat visits, alongside 11,315 buyers, of whom 6,090

were international. More than 3,400 delegates from 138 countries participated in the event, while over 28,500 B2B meetings and 100-plus government-to-business and government-to-government interactions transformed Bharat Mandapam into one of the world's busiest textile business destinations. The event generated serious business enquiries estimated at USD 2.8 billion, reflecting strong global confidence in India's textile manufacturing ecosystem.

One of the biggest outcomes of Bharat Tex 2026 was the investment momentum it created across states. Textile investment commitments worth approximately ₹14,300 crore were announced through more than 30 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed by various state governments. Major investment proposals came from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, while global textile recycling company RE&UP announced an investment of ₹4,800 crore in India, signalling increasing international confidence in the country's textile sector.

The event also demonstrated India's expanding global engagement. Ministerial delegations from countries including New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Russia, Cambodia and Portugal attended Bharat Tex, alongside business delegations representing the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, South Korea, Australia and the



UAE. Their participation reinforced Bharat Tex's emergence as an important international platform for sourcing, partnerships and investment.

Knowledge sharing remained one of the defining features of the event. Nearly 100 conferences, panel discussions, roundtables and masterclasses brought together more than 600 policymakers, industry leaders, global experts, academicians and business executives to deliberate on issues ranging from global trade and sustainability to artificial intelligence, circularity, technical textiles and responsible sourcing. These discussions provided valuable insights into the future direction of the global textile and apparel industry.

Beyond large businesses, the event also focused on inclusive growth. More than 250 entrepreneurs and weavers from Aspirational Districts were invited for specialised exposure visits, enabling them to interact directly with buyers, understand international quality standards and explore export opportunities. At the same time, artisans, handloom cooperatives and MSMEs showcased India's diverse textile traditions, demonstrating how heritage craftsmanship can complement modern manufacturing and global markets.

Sustainability continued to be a central theme throughout the exhibition. Dedicated showcases on circular economy practices, recycling technologies and responsible manufacturing highlighted India's commitment to building a globally competitive yet environmentally responsible textile industry.



With its combination of business networking, policy dialogue, innovation, investment and cultural heritage, Bharat Tex 2026 reinforced India's position as a trusted partner in the global textile and apparel value chain. The event demonstrated that India's textile story today extends far beyond manufacturing, embracing technology, sustainability, entrepreneurship and international collaboration to shape the future of the industry.



India-UK CETA

Operationalised, Opening New Chapter for India's Apparel Exports

The operationalisation of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was marked at a programme held at Vanijya Bhawan, where Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal presented the Certificate of

Origin to Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), signifying the commencement of preferential apparel exports to the United Kingdom under the landmark agreement.



The programme was attended by UK High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron, senior officials of the Department of Commerce and industry representatives. Dr. A. Sakthivel congratulated Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal and High Commissioner Lindy Cameron on the operationalisation of the India-UK CETA and described it as a landmark achievement that would significantly strengthen bilateral trade and create new opportunities for India's apparel exporters.

Speaking at the event, Dr. A. Sakthivel said, "This is a truly historic moment for the Indian apparel industry. The UK has been one of our most valued and longstanding trading partners. I still remember making my first apparel shipment to the UK in 1982, and since then our relationship has only grown stronger. Today, India and the

UK share a deep partnership built on trust and mutual confidence. With the India-UK CETA now in force, I am confident our apparel exports to the UK will grow significantly, strengthening bilateral trade and creating new opportunities for both our industries."

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said the coming into force of the India-UK CETA marks a major milestone in India-UK economic relations and reflects the shared commitment of both countries to expanding trade, investment and economic cooperation. "The real success of this agreement will be seen in how effectively our industry utilises the opportunities it creates. We look forward to seeing Indian exporters make the best use of the India-UK CETA to expand their presence in the UK market," he said.



UK High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron said the implementation of the India-UK CETA reflects the strength of the India-UK partnership and will create new

opportunities for businesses in both countries by expanding market access, strengthening supply chains and deepening bilateral trade.

Dr. Sakthivel reaffirmed AEPC's commitment to working closely with the Government and all stakeholders to ensure that Indian apparel exporters fully leverage the opportunities created by the agreement and further strengthen India's position as a preferred global apparel sourcing destination.

The India-UK CETA provides zero-duty market access for Indian apparel exports to the UK, significantly enhancing India's competitiveness in one of its key export markets and opening new avenues for trade, investment and employment across the textile and apparel value chain.

AEPC Chairman Hails India–UK CETA as Historic Milestone; Calls for MSME Capacity Building to Maximise Export Gains

Speaking at the session titled "India–UK CETA in Action: Shaping the Future of Textile Trade and Investment," jointly organised by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, to mark the coming into force of the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, described the agreement as a transformational milestone for India's apparel industry that would usher in a new era of growth, competitiveness and employment.



The session was attended by Union Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Chairman, ITPO Shri Jawed Ashraf, and Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AEPC, along with senior government officials and industry leaders.

Dr. Sakthivel said the Indian apparel industry has been preparing over the past year to fully leverage the opportunities arising from duty-free access to the UK market. He noted that the UK has remained one of India's oldest and most trusted apparel export destinations, with sourcing relationships spanning several decades.

"The India–UK CETA is a historic moment for the Indian apparel industry. The UK has been one of our most important and longstanding export markets, and our industry is fully prepared to meet buyers' requirements with world-class quality, sustainability and compliance. This agreement will significantly enhance India's competitiveness and deepen our long-standing partnership with UK buyers," said Dr. Sakthivel.

Highlighting the industry's preparedness, he said Indian apparel manufacturers are committed to producing high-quality products while adhering to globally recognised sustainability and compliance standards. He added that the industry is actively collaborating with like-minded organisations to strengthen capacity building and enhance competitiveness.

Calling for continued government support, Dr. Sakthivel urged the Government to introduce a dedicated capacity-building scheme for MSME apparel exporters. Drawing a parallel with the transformational impact of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in other sectors, he said a similar initiative for apparel MSMEs would strengthen manufacturing capabilities, encourage new exporters and generate employment across the value chain.

"The Government has created a historic opportunity through the India–UK CETA. We now seek focused support for MSME capacity building so that the apparel industry can fully leverage the agreement, expand exports and create large-scale employment," Dr. Sakthivel said.

Describing the India–UK CETA as a gateway to future trade agreements, particularly with the European Union, Dr. Sakthivel expressed confidence that India's apparel sector would surpass the country's export ambitions with sustained policy support.

"The India–UK CETA is not merely a trade agreement; it is a gateway to India's next phase of export-led growth. With continued support from the Government, our industry is confident of achieving—and surpassing—the country's export aspirations," he added.

The India–UK CETA, which came into force on July 15, 2026, provides zero-duty market access for Indian apparel exports to the UK, significantly enhancing India's competitiveness in one of its key export markets while creating new opportunities for trade, investment and employment across the textile and apparel value chain.



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India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Textiles & Wearing Apparel update for India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of May in FY 2026-27

Month	Manufacture of Textiles		Growth Rate (In %)	Manufacture of Wearing Apparel		Growth Rate (In %)
	2025-26	2026-27	2026-27 over 2025-26	2025-26	2026-27	2026-27 over 2025-26
April	114.7	132.6	15.6	98.5	91.6	-7.0
May	120.9	136.2	12.7	103.6	94.5	-8.8
June	107.8		1.5	127.5		4.0
July	107.3		-1.6	112.7		0.9
August	107.7		-1.6	107.2		-4.7
September	110.7		1.3	100.6		-3.0
October	106.6		-2.4	89.6		-6.1
November	110.0		3.2	105.3		-14.4
December	111.1		-2.5	109.4		-8.1
January	109.7		-3.5	108.7		-10.2
February	107.0		0.3	100.7		-17.1
March	108.9		-3.6	123.6		-14.6
Cumulative Index (Apr-May)	108.9	136.0	14.4	100.7	92.8	-7.8

Source: CSO, 2026

*Figures for May 2026 are Quick Estimates. (Base: 2022-23)

• **Manufacture of Textiles Index** for the month of May 2026 stands at 136.2, recording a 12.7% growth over May 2025.

• **Manufacture of Textiles Index (Cumulative: April-May 2026)** stands at 136.0, registering a 14.4% growth over the corresponding period (April-May 2025).

• **Manufacture of Wearing Apparel Index** for the month of May 2026 stands at 94.5, recording a decline of 8.8% over May 2025.

• **Manufacture of Wearing Apparel Index (Cumulative: April-May 2026)** stands at 92.8, registering a decline of 7.8% over the corresponding period (April-May 2025).

• As per the Quick Estimates released by CSO, the Textiles Index continued to register robust growth during May 2026, reflecting sustained improvement in manufacturing activity compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. In contrast, the Wearing Apparel segment remained in contraction, indicating continued weakness in apparel manufacturing despite the positive performance of the overall textiles sector.



INDIA'S READY-MADE GARMENT (RMG)

India's RMG Export to World

Month	(In USD million)			YoY Growth (%)	
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2025-26 over 2024-25	2026-27 over 2025-26
April	1198.4	1371.3	1211.5	14.4	-11.7
May	1357.4	1511.5	1297.2	11.4	-14.2
June	1293.9	1309.8	1162.3	1.2	-11.3
July	1278.0	1338.7		4.7	
August	1268.2	1234.6		-2.6	
September	1110.1	997.6		-10.1	
October	1227.6	1069.4		-12.9	
November	1121.1	1247.4		11.3	
December	1463.4	1509.3		3.1	
January	1606.4	1544.8		-3.8	
February	1534.9	1403.0		-8.6	
March	1531.3	1240.5		-19.0	
Total	15990.6	15777.7	3671.0	-1.3	-12.4

Note- 1) Data for the month of June 2026 is provisional data released on PIB by Ministry of Commerce on 13.07.2026

2) Sum of the value for (April-June) 2025-26 is USD 4192.5 Mn. and (Apr-June) 2026-27 is USD 3671.0 Mn.

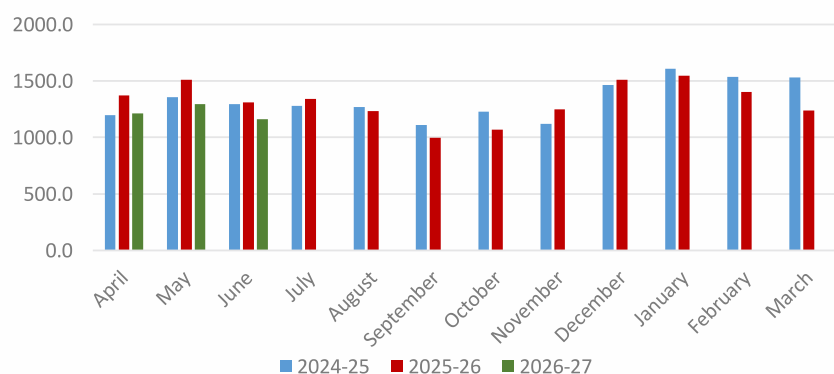
3) Source: DGCIS 2026

4) For 2026-27, values represent cumulative exports for April-June only and growth is calculated against the corresponding period of the previous year.

RMG exports for the month of June 2026 have declined by **11.3%** as compared to June 2025 and have also declined by **10.2%** as compared to June 2024.

Similarly, cumulative RMG exports for the period April-June 2026-27 is **USD 3671.0** million, showing a decline of **12.4%** over April-June 2025-26 (USD 4192.5 million).

India's RMG Export to World (In USD million)



India's RMG Export to World

	(In INR Crore)			YoY Growth (%)	
Month	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2025-26 over 2024-25	2026-27 over 2025-26
April	9995.4	11733.3	11333.3	17.4	-3.4
May	11319.9	12876.5	12401.2	13.8	-3.7
June	10800.2	11251.1	11036.0	4.2	-1.9
July	10683.3	11527.7		7.9	
August	10639.5	10804.7		1.6	
September	9304.0	8810.6		-5.3	
October	10315.3	9455.4		-8.3	
November	9457.8	11079.8		17.1	
December	12424.2	13550.6		9.1	
January	13857.9	14026.6		1.2	
February	13362.1	12729.1		-4.7	
March	13267.1	11507.0		-13.3	
Total	135426.6	139352.5	34769.78	2.9	-3.04

Note- 1) Data for the month of June 2026 is provisional data released on PIB by Ministry of Commerce on 13.07.2026

2) Sum of the value for (Apr-June) 2025-26 is Rs. 35860.3 Cr. and (Apr-June) 2026-27 is Rs. 34769.78 Cr.

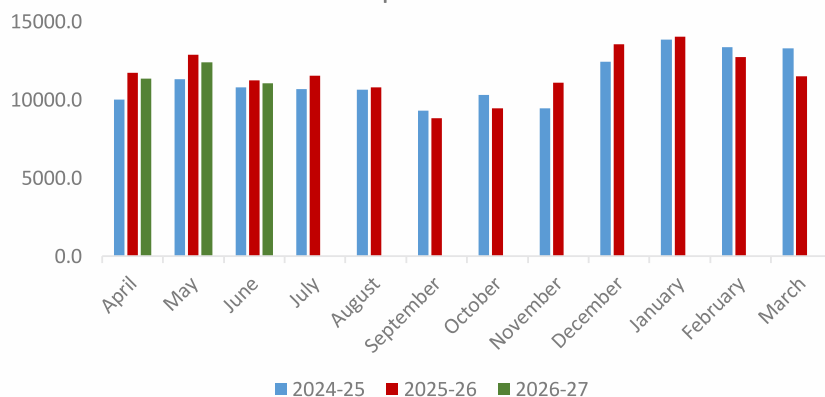
3) Source: DGCI&S 2026

4) For 2026-27, values represent cumulative exports for April-June only and growth is calculated against the corresponding period of the previous year.

RMG exports for the month of June 2026 have declined by **1.9%** as compared to June 2025 and have increased by **2.2%** as compared to June 2024.

Similarly, cumulative RMG exports for the period April-June 2026-27 are **Rs. 34,769.78 Crore**, showing a decline of **3.04%** over April-June 2025-26 (**Rs. 35,860.3 Crore**).

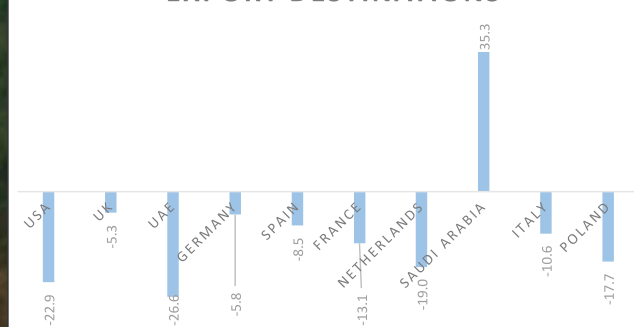
India's RMG Exports to World In INR Crore



India's Top 10 RMG Export Destinations

S. No.	Countries	Value in USD mn.		
		April 2025-26	April 2026-27	% Change
	Total RMG Export	1376.4	1214.9	-11.7
1	USA	467.9	360.5	-22.9
2	UK	128.2	121.4	-5.3
3	UAE	101.3	74.3	-26.6
4	Germany	74.6	70.3	-5.8
6	Spain	76.1	69.6	-8.5
7	France	61.1	53.1	-13.1
5	Netherlands	64.4	52.2	-19.0
9	Saudi Arabia	26.2	35.4	35.3
8	Italy	32.4	29.0	-10.6
10	POLAND	34.7	28.6	-17.7

% CHANGE IN INDIA'S TOP 10 RMG EXPORT DESTINATIONS

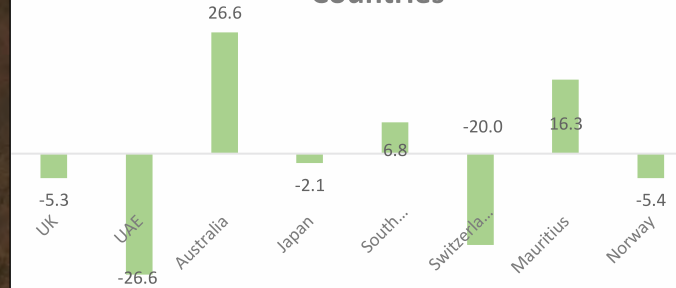


India's Trade with FTA Countries

S. No.	Countries	April 2025-26	April 2026-27	% Change
1	UK	128.2	121.4	-5.3
2	UAE	101.3	74.3	-26.6
3	Australia	17.7	22.5	26.6
4	Japan	25.5	25.0	-2.1
5	South Korea	4.5	4.8	6.8
6	Switzerland	3.4	2.7	-20.0
7	Mauritius	2.0	2.4	16.3
8	Norway	2.0	1.8	-5.4
9	Iceland	0.00360	0.04791	1230.2

Source: DGCI&S, 2026

% Change of India's Trade with FTA Countries



Note: Iceland is excluded from the graph as its unusually high growth rate (low base effect) distorts the chart scale and affects visual comparison.

AEPC Supports India's USD 1 Trillion Export Vision, Recommends Key Reforms to Boost Apparel Exports



Reinforcing its commitment to India's ambitious export growth agenda, the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has extended its full support to the Government's target of achieving **USD 1 trillion in exports during FY 2026-27**. The Council also submitted a comprehensive set of policy recommendations aimed at enhancing the global competitiveness of the Indian apparel sector during the Board of Trade (BoT) meeting held in New Delhi on July 3.

The high-level meeting, chaired by **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal**, brought together representatives from States and Union Territories, Export Promotion Councils, and leading industry bodies to deliberate on strategies for accelerating India's export growth and strengthening its position in global markets.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Piyush Goyal emphasised that India has concluded or operationalised **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with 38 countries**, providing preferential market access to nearly **65 per cent of the developed world**. He urged all stakeholders to leverage these opportunities and work collectively towards achieving the country's ambitious export target.

Welcoming the Government's vision, **AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel** reaffirmed the apparel industry's commitment to contributing significantly to India's export ambitions.

"We welcome the Hon'ble Commerce Minister's vision for India's exports. With expanded market access through FTAs and continued policy support, we are confident that the apparel sector will make a significant contribution towards achieving the USD 1 trillion export target. AEPC and the industry stand fully committed to working closely with the Government to deliver on

this national mission," said Dr. Sakthivel.

During the meeting, Dr. Sakthivel presented a series of policy proposals designed to strengthen the competitiveness, sustainability, and long-term growth of India's apparel exports. The recommendations focused on improving access to finance, simplifying export procedures, supporting green manufacturing, and strengthening manufacturing infrastructure.

Key Recommendations Submitted by AEPC

- Enhancement of the Interest Subvention Scheme from 2.75 per cent to 5 per cent, with coverage extended to all exporters and removal of the annual cap.
- Relaxation of Average Export Obligation requirements under the EPCG Scheme for exporters impacted by market disruptions, particularly those dependent on the US market.
- Continuation of the RoSCTL Scheme for at least the next three years, along with extension of benefits to exporters operating under Advance Authorisation, EOU, and SEZ schemes.
- Establishment of a dedicated Green Transformation Fund to provide long-term soft loans for sustainability initiatives and ESG compliance.
- Introduction of a Special Scheme for the Apparel Sector (SSAS) based on self-ratification of input-output norms to simplify duty-free fabric imports and improve ease of doing business.
- Enhanced government support for worker hostels and affordable housing in major apparel manufacturing clusters.
- Expedited implementation of PM MITRA Parks, with a dedicated focus on Man-Made Fibre (MMF) manufacturing.
- Mandatory Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) for availing export promotion schemes to strengthen institutional support and industry representation.

The proposals reflect AEPC's continued engagement with the Government in shaping a policy ecosystem that enables Indian apparel exporters to remain globally competitive. With stronger policy support, enhanced sustainability initiatives, and improved manufacturing infrastructure, the Council believes the apparel sector is well positioned to play a pivotal role in helping India achieve its USD 1 trillion export target.

AEPC Presents Roadmap to Accelerate Apparel Exports at EPC Review Meeting



A EPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel, accompanied by Secretary General Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, participated in the Export Promotion Councils' Review Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal. The meeting was held in the presence of Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal and senior officials from the Department of Commerce, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

India's apparel exports on a sustained high-growth trajectory.

AEPC highlighted several policy measures to enhance the global competitiveness of India's apparel sector. These included a stable and predictable policy regime, continuation of the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme, enhanced interest equalisation support, capital subsidy for automation and Industry 4.0 technologies in apparel manufacturing, and accelerated depreciation benefits on capital investments, among others.

Emphasising the importance of improving the industry's access to quality raw materials, AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel urged the Government to expedite the rollout of the proposed special scheme for the apparel sector to enable easier and more flexible import of fabrics for garment exporters. He noted that the measure would significantly strengthen the global competitiveness of Indian apparel manufacturers and help the industry respond more effectively to international market demand.

The meeting provided an important platform for constructive dialogue between the Government and Export Promotion Councils on strengthening India's export ecosystem and achieving the country's ambitious export growth objectives.



During the meeting, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur presented AEPC's roadmap for accelerating India's apparel exports as part of the Government's measurable and accountable KPI-driven Export Promotion Council framework. The presentation outlined the Council's short-, medium-, and long-term strategies aimed at placing





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PLI Scheme for Textiles Attracts ₹8,117 Crore Investment, Creates Over 33,000 Jobs

The Government's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles continues to strengthen India's textile manufacturing ecosystem, attracting significant investments and generating large-scale employment across the country. According to data shared by the Ministry of Textiles, the scheme has approved 170 companies, which together have invested ₹8,117.64 crore and created 33,427 new jobs as of March 31, 2026.

The PLI Scheme, launched to promote the production of Man-Made Fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics, and technical textiles, is aimed at enhancing India's global competitiveness by encouraging fresh investments, expanding manufacturing capacity, and creating employment opportunities.

Among the participating states, Gujarat has attracted the highest investment of ₹1,903.38 crore, with 46 approved companies generating 4,493 jobs. Karnataka follows with investments of ₹1,515.99 crore and employment for 5,611 people, while Goa has recorded investments of ₹1,355.87 crore. Tamil Nadu has emerged as the largest employment generator under the scheme, creating 7,930 jobs with investments of ₹1,277.16 crore.

Other states have also registered notable progress. Madhya Pradesh has attracted ₹658.45 crore in investments and generated 4,970 jobs, while Bihar, with investments of ₹237.28 crore, has created 3,465 jobs. Andhra Pradesh has generated 2,619 jobs, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli has added 1,310 jobs through investments under the scheme.

The broad geographical spread of approved projects reflects the government's focus on developing textile manufacturing hubs across multiple regions, while supporting industrial growth, employment generation, and export-oriented production.

The latest figures underline the growing industry response to the PLI Scheme and its role in strengthening India's position as a global sourcing and manufacturing destination for value-added textiles.

The data was shared by Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on July 21, 2026.



GREAT Scheme Accelerates Innovation in Technical Textiles Ecosystem



India's technical textiles sector is steadily emerging as a powerhouse of innovation, driven by focused policy interventions and a growing start-up ecosystem. At the forefront of this transformation is the Ministry of Textiles' GREAT (Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles) scheme, implemented under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) since 2023. Designed to bridge the gap between research and commercialization, the scheme is enabling young innovators, scientists, and start-ups to translate cutting-edge ideas into market-ready solutions.

Since its inception, the GREAT scheme has supported 31 start-ups across India, with a total project cost of ₹15.40 crore, including a Government of India contribution of ₹13.65 crore. The initiative offers financial assistance of up to ₹50 lakh per start-up, providing a crucial boost during the early and most vulnerable stages of innovation.

The geographical spread of approved projects reflects a broad-based national participation, with Maharashtra leading with seven start-ups, followed by Tamil Nadu (six), Delhi (five), and Gujarat (four). Other states such as Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand have also contributed to the growing innovation landscape, underscoring the scheme's pan-India reach.

Beyond numbers, the diversity of innovation supported under the scheme is particularly noteworthy. Start-ups are working across a wide spectrum of advanced and emerging domains, including smart and functional textiles, healthcare applications, sustainable materials, and high-performance industrial fabrics. Innovations such as temperature-

responsive and self-sanitizing textiles, graphene-enabled smart fabrics, energy-harvesting materials, and shape-memory wearables are redefining the future of apparel and industrial applications. Equally significant are sustainable solutions like hemp-based composites, biodegradable yarns, and algae-derived leather, aligning the sector with global sustainability goals.

The healthcare segment is also witnessing transformative developments, with innovations ranging from antimicrobial textiles to surgical simulation technologies. These advancements not only enhance product value but also open new avenues for India's textile exports in high-value global markets.

Complementing start-up support, the NTTM is also strengthening the academic backbone of the sector. A wide network of educational institutions across states—including Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Delhi—has been supported through dedicated grants to develop infrastructure, research capabilities, and specialized training in technical textiles. This academia-industry linkage is critical for sustaining long-term innovation and creating a skilled workforce.

To further amplify the impact, the Mission regularly organizes workshops, exhibitions, seminars, and outreach programmes, offering start-ups and researchers a platform to showcase innovations, connect with industry stakeholders, and explore commercialization opportunities. These initiatives play a vital role in integrating research outputs with market demand and scaling promising technologies.

The GREAT scheme exemplifies the government's commitment to fostering a robust innovation ecosystem in technical textiles—an area identified as a key growth driver for India's textile industry. By nurturing start-ups, strengthening institutional capabilities, and encouraging industry linkages, the initiative is laying the foundation for India to become a global leader in high-value, technology-driven textiles.

As the sector evolves, such targeted interventions will be instrumental in enhancing competitiveness, promoting sustainability, and unlocking new export opportunities for Indian textiles in the years ahead.

Bharat Tex Trade Federation and Première Vision Paris Join Hands to Strengthen India-EU Textile Collaboration

In a significant step towards strengthening India's engagement with the European textile and apparel industry, the **Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF)** and **Première Vision Paris** signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) during Bharat Tex 2026, paving the way for deeper collaboration in trade, innovation, sustainability and design excellence.

The LoI was signed by **Ms Florence Rousson, Chief Executive Officer, Fashion Division, Première Vision SA**, and **Shri Naren Goenka, Chairman, Bharat Tex Trade Federation**, in the presence of Union Minister of Textiles **Shri Giriraj Singh** during the inaugural session of Bharat Tex 2026.

The partnership is aimed at strengthening institutional cooperation between India and France across the textile and apparel value chain while creating greater market access for Indian manufacturers, exporters, MSMEs and emerging fashion brands in Europe. It comes at a strategically important time following the successful conclusion of negotiations on the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is expected to enhance the competitiveness of Indian textile and apparel exports.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of Textiles **Shri Giriraj Singh** said the collaboration reinforces Bharat Tex's emergence as a truly global sourcing platform.

"This partnership is another significant step in positioning Bharat Tex as a truly global platform. It will help Indian MSMEs, first-time exporters and manufacturers connect with leading European buyers, while showcasing India's strengths as a reliable, innovative and sustainable sourcing destination. It also reinforces India's growing role as a trusted partner in the global textile value chain," he said.

The signing ceremony was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Textiles, representatives of the Bharat Tex Trade Federation, exporters, international buyers, sourcing consultants and other stakeholders from across the textile value chain.

Recognised as one of the world's leading textile and fashion sourcing exhibitions, **Première Vision Paris** brings together global manufacturers, designers, brands and buyers to showcase the latest developments in textiles, fashion,

innovation and sustainability. Through this collaboration, Indian companies will gain greater access to a prestigious international platform to showcase premium textiles, apparel, accessories, technical textiles and sustainable materials before leading global fashion houses and buyers.

The partnership will also facilitate reciprocal participation in **Bharat Tex** and **Première Vision Paris**, strengthen buyer-seller interactions, promote the exchange of design and trend intelligence, and encourage long-term business collaborations between Indian and European textile stakeholders.

Highlighting the importance of the initiative, **Smt Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles**, said the collaboration reflects India's growing stature in the global textile industry.

"The world is choosing to partner with India. Bharat Tex collaborating with Première Vision is creating a structured platform to connect Indian enterprise with international markets, design leadership and emerging global trends. It also advances the Prime Minister's SF Vision by strengthening India's position as a sourcing and innovation partner for the global textile and apparel industry," she said.

The strategic alliance is expected to further strengthen India's position as a preferred global sourcing destination while opening new opportunities for exporters to tap high-value European markets through enhanced collaboration, innovation and sustainable business practices.



SUCCESS STORY

FROM TIRUPUR TO THE WORLD: *The KM Knitwear Growth Story*



In India's evolving apparel export landscape, where resilience and reinvention define success, K.M. Knitwear Private Limited stands out as a strong example of how vision, scale and sustainability can come together to create global impact.



Founded in 1993 by K.M. Subramanian with a modest capital of just ₹1 lakh, the company has grown into a vertically integrated knitwear enterprise based in Tirupur, one of India's most important garment export hubs. Today, with a group turnover of around ₹1,600 crore and a workforce of more than 7,500 people, KM Knitwear reflects the strength and competitiveness of India's apparel sector.

Building from the Ground Up

The foundation of KM Knitwear lies in identifying early opportunities in the rising demand for knitted garments in global markets. What began as a small venture gradually evolved into a large export focused business.

A defining moment in its journey came when the company moved from basic textile operations to value added knitwear manufacturing. This shift helped the company move up the value chain and significantly improve its margins, laying the groundwork for sustained growth.

Over time, KM Knitwear earned recognition as a government certified 3 star export house, strengthening its credibility in international markets.

Scale, Capacity and Global Reach

KM group of companies today operates at significant scale. The company produces around 40 lakh garments per month across more than 10 manufacturing units in and around Tirupur, supported by over 6,000 sewing machines and a workforce of 7,500 employees.

Its key export markets include Europe, Australia and the United States, where it supplies leading international retailers and brands including Primark, C&A, Varner, Weird Fish, Burt's Bees Baby (BBB), Woolworths, Cubus, and Tesco.

The company operates a fully vertically integrated manufacturing ecosystem, sourcing raw cotton and carrying out every stage of





production from fibre to fashion under one roof. With nearly 7,500 machines across its manufacturing facilities, this integrated model provides greater control over quality, efficiency, lead times and product innovation.

Growth Momentum Backed by Performance

KM Knitwear has demonstrated strong growth in recent years. Its exports rose to ₹281 crore in FY 2024 to 2025, marking a 43 per cent increase over the previous year. The company also recorded a significant rise in overall turnover, growing from ₹603 crore to ₹833 crore during the same period.

Jeyavishnu Clothing Private Limited (KM group of companies')



established a state-of-the-art modern dyeing house in 2007, with a 60-ton fabric processing capacity and fully imported machinery. The dyeing division has received the Green Award for its best environmental practices, including a zero liquid discharge

facility and the use of reverse technology.

The company is also engaged in garment exports under the name Jeyavishnu Clothing Private Limited, with a turnover of approximately ₹160 crores.

The company has also emerged as a significant player in India's performance textile segment. Today, approximately 40% of India's top performance Active wear brand 'Techno Sport' Garments are manufactured by KM Group of Companies.

Strategic investments have supported this growth. The company has commissioned a new spinning division with a total capacity of 72,000 spindles and expanded its processing capacity by 40 tonnes per day.

In addition, it has established a 20-tonnes-per-day, 100% MMF processing facility and also operates an integrated knitting division.

These strategic investments reflect the company's continued focus on enhancing capacity, strengthening backward integration, and delivering high-performance textiles to domestic and global markets.

Embedding Sustainability into Growth

Sustainability has become an integral part of KM group of companies' business model. The company uses certified materials including GOTS, BCI, GRS and OCS certified yarns, along with blended fibres such as cotton / polyester, viscose and modal.



Its manufacturing facilities follow global standards, supported by certifications such as ISO 9001:2015, HIGG FEM, SEDEX, OEKO Tex and WRAP.



The Apparel Export Promotion Council has played a meaningful role in KM Knitwear's growth journey. Through participation in trade fairs, buyer

seller meets and international exhibitions, the company has been able to expand its global reach and strengthen its market presence.

This support has helped the company connect with international buyers and stay aligned with global industry trends.



The company has also partnered with Green Story to measure its carbon footprint, while several of its units are recognised as Platinum rated green buildings by IGBC. These initiatives underline its commitment to environmentally responsible production.

The company is also progressing towards operating as a carbon-neutral manufacturing enterprise, with sustainability embedded across its operations through renewable energy, resource-efficient production processes and environmentally responsible manufacturing practices.

Quality as a Core Strength



ISO 9001:2015 / 14001:2015 & 45001:2018

Quality remains central to KM Knitwear's operations. The company follows ISO based quality management systems and has implemented checks at every stage of production to ensure consistency and reliability.

By adhering to strict international standards, the company has been able to maintain strong relationships with global buyers and meet the expectations of demanding export markets.

Navigating Challenges with Resilience

The company has also navigated external challenges, including disruptions caused by United States tariff changes that affected supply chains.

In response, KM Knitwear adapted its strategy and is now focusing on diversifying its export markets. With tariffs easing, it is actively exploring opportunities in Europe, particularly in the context of upcoming trade agreements.

Leadership Driving Growth and Impact

The journey of KM Knitwear is closely linked with the vision of its founder, K.M. Subramanian. From building the company from a small scale unit to leading a large export enterprise, his leadership reflects a deep understanding of both industry and community.

He has also been actively involved in industry bodies and social initiatives, contributing to the development of Tirupur as a key textile hub.

Commitment Beyond Business

KM Knitwear's approach extends beyond business performance to community development. The company has undertaken several initiatives, including the development of infrastructure in a government school in Koduvai and contributions towards public facilities such as a gas crematorium.

It has also supported environmental efforts through plantation drives, including the planting and maintenance of over 11,000 saplings.

These initiatives reflect a broader commitment to inclusive and sustainable growth.

The Road Ahead

Looking ahead, KM Knitwear plans to expand its renewable energy capacity beyond its current 40 MW and further scale its garment manufacturing operations. The company is also exploring new markets and strengthening its presence in existing ones.

Its long term vision is centred on sustainable growth, environmental responsibility and continued global expansion.

A Story that Reflects India's Export Strength

KM Knitwear's journey highlights how Indian apparel

AEPC Support in Global Expansion



The AEPC Excellence Honours 2023-24-25 was held on 20 December 2023 at ITC Maurya, New Delhi, with Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice President of India, as the Chief Guest. Jeyarishnu Clothing Private Limited received the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Award. The award was received by our Chairman, Shri K. M. Subramanian, and our Director, Smt. S. Maheswari.



exporters are evolving with changing global demands. From a small beginning to a large integrated enterprise, the company represents the potential of India's textile sector to compete and grow on the world stage.

With a strong foundation, forward looking strategy and commitment to sustainability, KM Knitwear continues to build a future ready export business.



Leadership & Legacy: The People Behind KM Knitwear



K.S. Karthic Prabu
Executive Director



K.S. Vishnu Prabu
Joint Managing Director



Mr K.M. Subramanian and Mrs S. Maheshwari

Founder



K.M. Subramanian

Founder and Chairman, KM Knitwear Group, EC member and Chairman (EP), AEPC and President, Tiruppur Exporters Association.

K.M. Subramanian founded KM Knitwear in 1993 with a clear vision to tap into the growing global demand for knitted garments. A mechanical engineering graduate from PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, he transformed a small-scale unit into a large, export-driven enterprise through disciplined execution and strategic expansion.

Beyond business, he plays an active role in industry leadership as President of the Tiruppur Exporters' Association and is associated with key national and regional trade bodies. His journey reflects both entrepreneurial resilience and a commitment to strengthening India's apparel export ecosystem.

Next Generation Leadership

K.S. Vishnu Prabu

Joint Managing Director

K.S. Karthic Prabu

Executive Director

The next generation of leadership is actively driving KM group of Companies' growth and modernisation. With a focus on scaling operations, strengthening global partnerships and adopting sustainable practices, they are building on the strong foundation laid by the founder while steering the company towards future ready manufacturing and international expansion.

Family & Support System

K.M. Subramanian's journey has been strongly supported by his family. His wife, **S. Maheshwari**, and his sons, who are now part of the leadership team, have played an important role in the company's growth and continuity.

This blend of family values and professional management has helped KM group of companies evolve into a stable, growth oriented organisation with a long term vision.



Uttar Pradesh Showcases Ambitious Textile Vision to AEPC Leadership

Shri Anil Kumar Sagar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh (Handloom & Textile, Khadi & Gramodyog and Public Enterprises), presented the state's roadmap for transforming Uttar Pradesh into one of India's leading textile and apparel manufacturing destinations during an interaction with the leadership of the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) in Ayodhya on July 21.

The presentation, made before AEPC Chairman Dr. A. Sakthivel, and EC members of AEPC, highlighted Uttar Pradesh's competitive strengths in infrastructure, skilled workforce, policy support, export performance and investment-ready textile ecosystems. It also outlined the state's vision of attracting large-scale investments across the textile value chain while strengthening its position as a major

apparel manufacturing and export hub.

A Strong Foundation for Textile Investments

The presentation underscored Uttar Pradesh's emergence as one of India's fastest-growing industrial destinations. With an economy of nearly ₹30 lakh crore, a consumer base of around 250 million people and the country's largest working-age population, the state offers a vast domestic market and abundant human resources for textile and apparel manufacturing. The state is also home to more than 96 lakh MSMEs and has introduced over 33 sector-specific policies backed by attractive fiscal incentives for investors.

Connectivity and Ease of Doing Business



A key focus of the presentation was Uttar Pradesh's extensive logistics network, which provides seamless connectivity across eastern, western and central India. The state accounts for 55 per cent of India's expressway network, has the country's largest rail, road and air connectivity system, and hosts five international airports at Lucknow, Varanasi, Kushinagar, Ayodhya and Noida (Jewar). It is also served by the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors and multimodal transport infrastructure, strengthening its attractiveness for export-oriented manufacturing.

On the governance front, officials highlighted reforms aimed at simplifying investments through the Nivesh Mitra 3.0 single-window clearance system covering over 43 departments. More than 1.7 million applications have been processed while over 4,500 compliances have been rationalised. The state also offers a dedicated investor facilitation mechanism with defined timelines for project support.

Rich Textile Heritage Meets Modern Manufacturing

The presentation showcased Uttar Pradesh's extensive textile ecosystem spread across more than 35 districts. The state is home to globally recognised textile clusters and GI-tagged products, including Banarasi brocade and silk sarees, Lucknow Chikankari, Bhadohi handmade carpets, Zari-Zardozi embroidery, Farrukhabad hand-block prints and Agra durries.

Supporting this ecosystem is a strong skill development network comprising NIFT Raebareli, the UP Textile Technology Institute in Kanpur, the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology in Varanasi, over 3,000 ITIs, and industry-academia skilling initiatives under the SAMARTH Scheme and UPSDM.

Export Momentum Continues

According to the presentation, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as India's fifth-largest textile exporting state, accounting for 9.9 per cent of the country's textile and apparel exports. The state exports to nearly 190 countries and registered textile and apparel exports worth ₹34,829 crore in FY 2025-26, representing a 9.51 per cent year-on-year growth and a 28 per cent increase compared to FY 2021-22.

Attractive Incentives for Manufacturers

To encourage fresh investments, the Uttar Pradesh Textile

& Garmenting Policy 2022 offers a comprehensive incentive package that includes land cost subsidies, 100 per cent stamp duty exemption, capital subsidy of up to 35 per cent, interest subsidy, infrastructure support, electricity duty exemption, employment incentives and freight reimbursement for garmenting units.

The presentation also highlighted additional benefits available to units established within the PM MITRA Park, including turnover-linked incentives and power tariff subsidies over and above existing state incentives.

PM MITRA Park Anchors Future Growth

A major highlight of the presentation was the proposed 1,000-acre PM MITRA Park at Lucknow, envisioned as an integrated, plug-and-play textile and apparel manufacturing hub covering the complete fibre-to-fashion value chain. The project is expected to attract investments of around ₹10,000 crore, generate more than one lakh direct jobs and two lakh indirect employment opportunities, and has already secured 95 Memorandums of Understanding with textile and apparel manufacturing units.

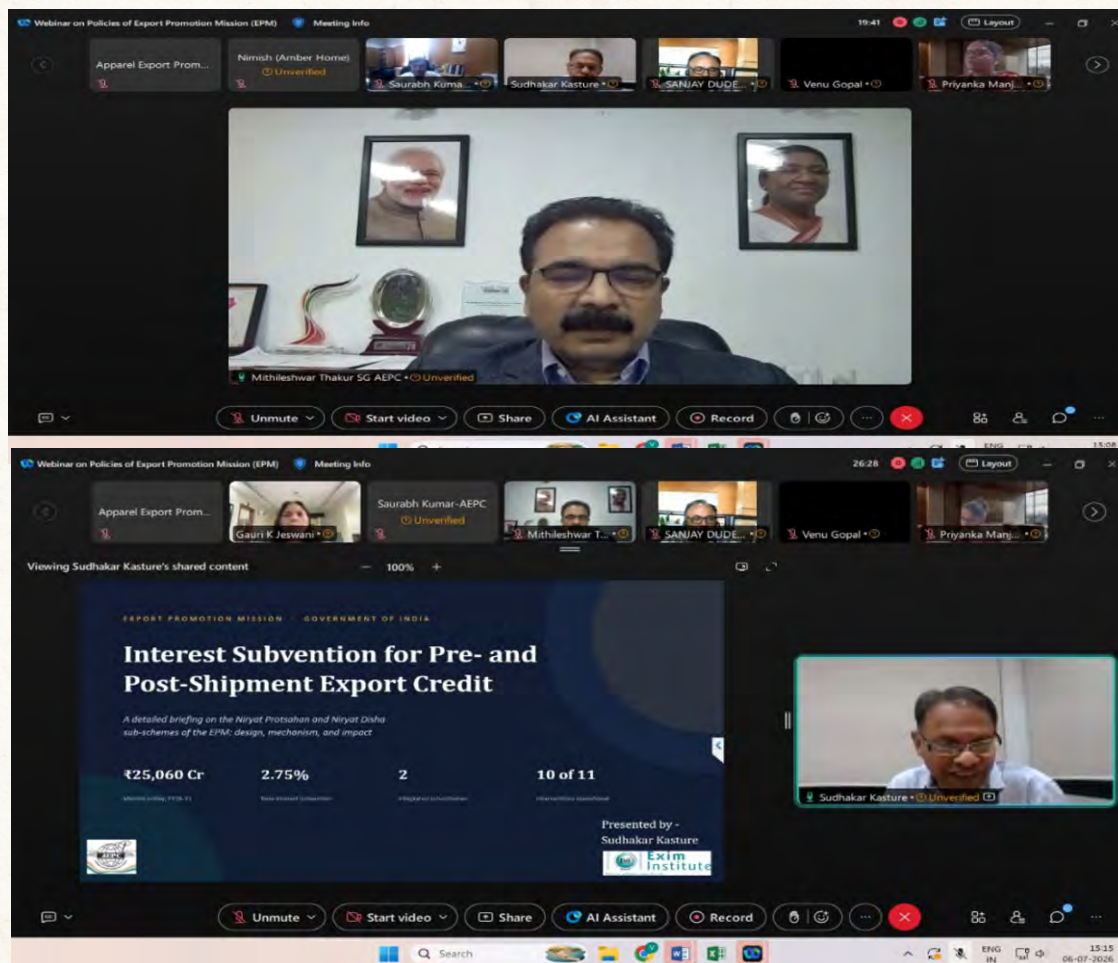
The park will feature common processing infrastructure, testing laboratories, incubation and design centres, logistics facilities and worker housing, while benefiting from strategic connectivity to airports, highways and freight corridors.

Multiple Investment Opportunities Across the State

Beyond the PM MITRA Park, the state presented a network of Sant Kabir Textile & Apparel Parks located at Ramna (Varanasi), Amroha, Baheri (Bareilly), Maghar (Sant Kabir Nagar) and Nagina (Bijnor), together covering around 327 acres. In addition, Uttar Pradesh Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) has nearly 1,446 acres of ready-to-move industrial land and over 13,700 acres of greenfield land available for future industrial development, offering investors options suited to projects of different scales.

The presentation reflected Uttar Pradesh's strategy of leveraging its traditional textile strengths alongside modern industrial infrastructure and policy support to position the state as a preferred destination for textile and apparel investments. For the AEPC leadership, the interaction provided valuable insights into the state's ongoing initiatives to strengthen India's apparel manufacturing ecosystem and expand export-oriented production.

AEPC Conducts Webinar on Export Promotion Mission Policies for Apparel Exporters



As part of its continued efforts to strengthen the knowledge base of India's apparel exporting community, the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), in collaboration with Exim Institute, organised a webinar on "Policies of Export Promotion Mission (EPM)" on July 6, 2026 through a virtual platform.

The webinar aimed to familiarise apparel exporters with the policy framework, implementation procedures and benefits available under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), enabling them to make better use of government initiatives designed to enhance export competitiveness.

Welcoming the participants, Shri Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, AEPC, underlined the importance of staying informed about evolving trade policies and leveraging government support mechanisms. He noted that the Export Promotion Mission has been designed to improve market access, strengthen export capabilities and help exporters effectively navigate the changing global trade landscape.

The technical session was led by Mr. Sudhakar Kature, Director, Exim Institute, who presented a detailed overview of the Export Promotion Mission. His presentation covered the mission's objectives, key policy provisions, implementation procedures, eligibility criteria and the various benefits available to exporters. The interactive session also addressed participants' queries, providing practical insights into the effective utilisation of the scheme.

The webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation from apparel exporters across the country, reflecting the industry's keen interest in understanding policy developments and export facilitation measures.

Through such knowledge-sharing initiatives, AEPC continues to support the apparel export sector by enhancing industry awareness, building capacity and enabling exporters to effectively leverage government policies for sustained growth in international markets.



AEPC Showcases India's Apparel Excellence at India Apparel & Accessories Fair 2026 in Tokyo

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) marked a significant presence at the India Apparel & Accessories Fair (IA&AF) 2026, reinforcing India's position as a trusted sourcing destination for high-quality apparel and fashion products in the Japanese market. The three-day exhibition, held from 29–31 July 2026 at the Shinjuku Sumitomo Building, Triangle Square, Tokyo, brought together leading Indian exporters and Japanese buyers on a common platform to explore new business opportunities and strengthen bilateral trade ties.



The fair was inaugurated by H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan, in the presence of Shri K. M. Subramanian, Chairman (EP), AEPC, Shri Lalit Thukral, Executive Committee Member, AEPC, Shri Dilip Trivedi, Executive Committee Member, AEPC, representatives of the Japan India Industry Association (JIIPA), members of the organising team, and distinguished guests from Japan's apparel and retail industry. The inauguration ceremony witnessed participation from leading apparel brands, retail chains, exhibitors, and key industry stakeholders, reflecting the

growing interest in Indian apparel among Japanese buyers.

AEPC facilitated an impressive showcase with 159 stalls representing 156 Indian exhibitors, presenting a comprehensive range of garments and fashion accessories. The India Pavilion highlighted the country's strengths in quality manufacturing, design innovation, sustainability, value-added products, and reliable supply chain capabilities. From casualwear and formalwear to fashion accessories and contemporary collections, exhibitors demonstrated the diversity and global competitiveness of India's apparel industry.

Following the inauguration, Ambassador H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, accompanied by the AEPC Executive Committee members, toured the India Pavilion and interacted extensively with participating exporters. During the visit, exhibitors shared insights into evolving buyer preferences, product trends, and opportunities in the Japanese market. Discussions also centred on enhancing India's competitiveness, expanding market access, and strengthening long-term trade partnerships between Indian manufacturers and Japanese importers.

The interactions reflected growing confidence in India's ability to meet Japan's demand for quality, innovation, compliance, and timely delivery. Participating exporters expressed optimism about forging new business relationships and expanding their footprint in one of Asia's most discerning apparel markets.

AEPC's participation at IA&AF 2026 reaffirmed its commitment to promoting Indian apparel exports globally by creating meaningful business platforms and connecting exporters with international buyers. The fair once again served as an important gateway for Indian companies to deepen engagement with Japan and further strengthen the longstanding economic partnership between the two countries.

Rahul Mishra's 'Devi' Collection Shines at Paris Haute Couture Week 2026



Indian couturier **Rahul Mishra** showcased his latest haute couture collection, "**Devi: The Eternal Muse**," at **Paris Haute Couture Week 2026**, presenting a powerful celebration of India's artistic heritage, craftsmanship and contemporary design excellence on one of fashion's most prestigious global platforms.

Inspired by India's rich cultural legacy, the collection drew from the country's ancient temple architecture, sculptures and classical art traditions. Describing the collection as "almost like time travel," Mishra transformed centuries-old artistic motifs into modern couture through sculptural silhouettes, intricate embroidery and fluid drapery, highlighting the timeless appeal of Indian craftsmanship.

The collection explored the concept of the **divine feminine**, portraying women as embodiments of strength, beauty and creativity. Signature handcrafted embroidery and

architectural detailing reflected the remarkable skills of Indian artisans, reaffirming the country's reputation for exceptional textile and embroidery traditions.

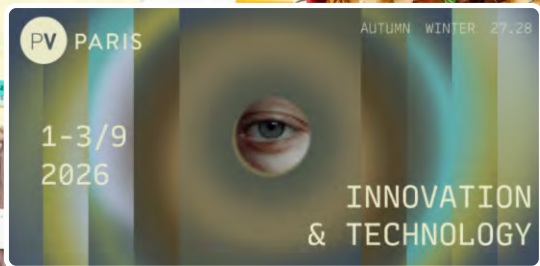


The runway presentation attracted an illustrious audience, including **business leader and philanthropist Isha Ambani** and global music icon **Cardi B**, both of whom attended the show from the front row. Their presence underscored the growing international appeal of Indian couture and Rahul Mishra's rising stature in the global luxury fashion industry.

Ahead of the show, Rahul Mishra also offered a behind-the-scenes glimpse of his **karigars** putting the final finishing touches on the garments, highlighting the dedication, precision and craftsmanship that define every couture creation. The showcase stood as a tribute to India's skilled artisans whose expertise continues to shape globally acclaimed luxury fashion.

With "**Devi: The Eternal Muse**," Rahul Mishra once again demonstrated how India's centuries-old craft traditions can be seamlessly reinterpreted for contemporary global audiences. The showcase reinforced India's growing influence in haute couture while celebrating the country's unparalleled heritage of hand embroidery, textile artistry and design innovation.

As Indian designers continue to gain prominence on international runways, Rahul Mishra's presentation at Paris Haute Couture Week further strengthened India's position as a leading source of luxury fashion, craftsmanship and creative excellence.



PREMIÈRE VISION PARIS 2026: Trends Shaping the Future of Fashion



As the global fashion industry prepares for the Autumn/Winter 2027–28 season, Première Vision Paris, to be held from 1–3 September 2026 at Paris Nord Villepinte, will once again serve as a key platform for unveiling emerging trends in textiles, materials, colours and fashion innovation. Bringing together around 900 exhibitors from across the world, the event offers an early look at the ideas expected to influence global collections in the seasons ahead.

A Season Inspired by 'Living Matter'

The central theme for the Autumn/Winter 2027–28 season is "Living Matter", which explores the relationship between nature, innovation and craftsmanship. Rather than focusing solely on aesthetics, the concept encourages designers and manufacturers to rethink the role of materials in fashion.

The season places emphasis on textiles that reflect natural textures, organic forms and regenerative processes. Designers are increasingly looking towards biomaterials, recycled fibres and responsible manufacturing techniques to create products that combine creativity with sustainability. The theme also highlights how technology can support material innovation while maintaining a connection with traditional craftsmanship.

Colour Stories Rooted in Nature

The colour direction for the season reflects a shift towards calm, balanced palettes inspired by natural landscapes and mineral elements. Earthy browns, muted greens, weathered blues, stone greys and soft neutrals dominate the forecast, complemented by



deeper accent shades that add richness without overwhelming the palette.

Texture also plays an important role. Fabrics with washed finishes, irregular surfaces, tactile weaves and handcrafted details are expected to gain prominence as consumers continue to seek authenticity and longevity in fashion products.



Material Innovation Takes Centre Stage

Innovation remains one of the defining features of Première Vision Paris. Alongside traditional textile sourcing, the exhibition showcases developments in recycled fibres, bio-based materials, digital manufacturing and circular production solutions.

The 2026 edition will feature technologies focused on textile recycling, material traceability and sustainable product development. These innovations reflect the industry's broader transition towards reducing environmental impact while improving efficiency across the supply chain.

Artificial intelligence is also becoming increasingly relevant in fashion design and sourcing. From trend forecasting and product development to supply chain planning, digital tools are helping brands respond more quickly to changing consumer preferences.

Sustainability as a Business Priority

Sustainability is no longer viewed as a niche segment but as an integral part of product development. Exhibitors are expected to present collections that incorporate certified fibres, low-impact dyeing processes, recycled materials and transparent sourcing practices.

With international brands placing greater emphasis on environmental and social compliance, the exhibition provides

a platform for manufacturers to showcase solutions that meet evolving global expectations.

Opportunities for Indian Manufacturers

India continues to strengthen its position as a sourcing destination for global fashion brands, supported by its expertise in natural fibres, craftsmanship and increasingly sustainable manufacturing practices.

The trends presented at Première Vision Paris offer valuable insights for Indian exporters looking to align future collections with international demand. As buyers seek suppliers capable of delivering innovation alongside quality and compliance, the exhibition serves as an important reference point for product development and market positioning.

The growing global focus on traceability, circularity and responsible sourcing also presents opportunities for Indian manufacturers investing in sustainable production, recycled materials and value-added textiles.

Looking Ahead

Première Vision Paris remains one of the industry's most influential trend forecasting and sourcing events. Beyond showcasing fabrics and accessories, it provides a comprehensive view of the colours, materials, technologies and consumer preferences expected to shape future fashion markets.

For apparel manufacturers, designers and exporters, the exhibition offers valuable direction for collection planning and product innovation, while reinforcing the industry's shift towards sustainability, material intelligence and responsible growth.



Summer 2026 Fashion Embraces Bold Colours and Optimistic Styling

The Spring/Summer 2026 season is bringing a vibrant shift in global fashion, with designers and brands embracing mood-boosting colours that balance bold expression with timeless elegance. From vivid blues and sunshine yellows to soft blush pinks and versatile neutrals, the latest colour trends reflect a growing consumer appetite for optimism, individuality and wearable sophistication.

Runway collections presented across New York, London, Milan and Paris have played a key role in shaping the season's palette. Leading luxury brands including Tory Burch, Dior, Burberry, Fendi, Prada, Chanel, Stella McCartney, Loewe and Zimmermann have showcased colour-forward collections, signalling a trend that is now filtering into mainstream retail and global apparel markets.



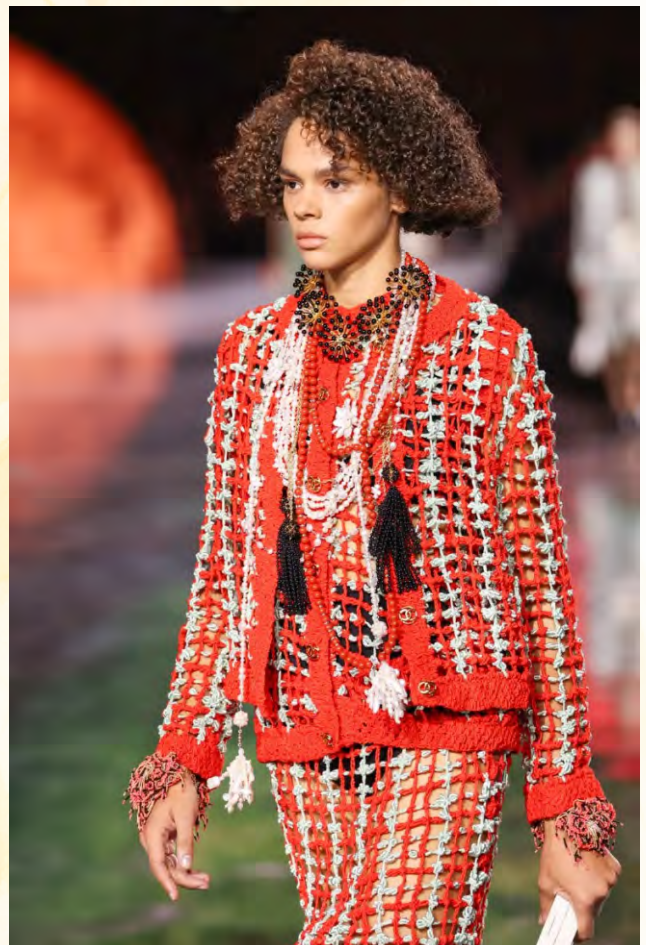
Among the standout shades for the season is **blush pink**, emerging as a versatile and universally flattering colour for dresses, jackets and knitwear. Fashion experts recommend pairing the feminine hue with soft pastel tones or denim for effortless summer styling.



Cerulean blue, inspired by Mediterranean waters, has become another defining trend, with designers presenting everything from turquoise to deeper cobalt shades. The colour works particularly well in lightweight fabrics such as satin and seersucker, while styling recommendations favour combinations with white, tan and earthy neutrals.



Replacing the softer butter yellow trend of recent seasons, **sunshine yellow** has emerged as one of the brightest fashion statements of 2026. Designers are using the vibrant hue across dresses, skirts and casual separates, highlighting its versatility either as a full outfit or as an accent through accessories.



Bold dressing continues with **fire engine red**, which has returned to the runway as a confidence-driven statement colour. Stylists suggest balancing the vibrant shade with minimalist silhouettes or neutral tones, while pairing red with blush pink has become one of the season's most fashionable colour combinations.



The season also celebrates **feel-good greens**, ranging from chartreuse to rich emerald, alongside **Cloud Dancer White**, Pantone's Colour of the Year, which reinforces the continued popularity of soft neutrals in premium fashion collections. Fresh greens are recommended for both workwear and occasion dressing, while whites remain a timeless summer staple that complements brighter seasonal colours.



Completing the palette is **chocolate brown**, which continues its strong presence from autumn into summer collections. Rather than fading during warmer months, earthy browns are being paired with icy blues, creams and golds to create sophisticated seasonal looks that offer an alternative to black.

Industry observers note that beyond individual colours, Spring/Summer 2026 is defined by bold colour combinations that blend vibrant brights with understated neutrals. Pairings such as cobalt blue and white, orange with fuchsia pink, and chocolate brown with icy blue are expected to influence both designer collections and commercial apparel assortments throughout the season.

For apparel manufacturers and exporters, these evolving colour preferences present opportunities to align product development with international fashion demand, particularly in categories such as dresses, coordinated separates, lightweight tailoring and accessories, where colour remains a key driver of consumer purchasing decisions.

FOCUS COUNTRY JAPAN

• Economic Overview:

Japan is a high-income, advanced and export-oriented economy; strong manufacturing base supported by automobiles, electronics, machinery and high-technology industries; recovery in domestic demand, tourism and exports supporting economic activity; member of major regional trade agreements including CPTPP and RCEP facilitating international trade and global value chain integration; ageing population and labour shortages remain key structural challenges for long-term growth.

• Economic Indicators:

Indicators	Value (in USD)
GDP, 2025	4.44 trillion
GDP per capita, 2025	35,951.10
GDP growth (annual), 2025	1.2%
Inflation, consumer prices (annual), 2025	3.2%

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators (accessed July 2026)

• Average Tariff for India:

0% (India-Japan (CEPA))

India and Japan are partners under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which facilitates bilateral trade through tariff liberalization and improved market access across several sectors including textiles and apparel.

• Exchange Rate:

Indicators	Value (in USD)
Indian Rupees (INR) per Japanese Yen (JPY)	0.58
Japanese Yen (JPY) per US Dollar (USD)	161.98

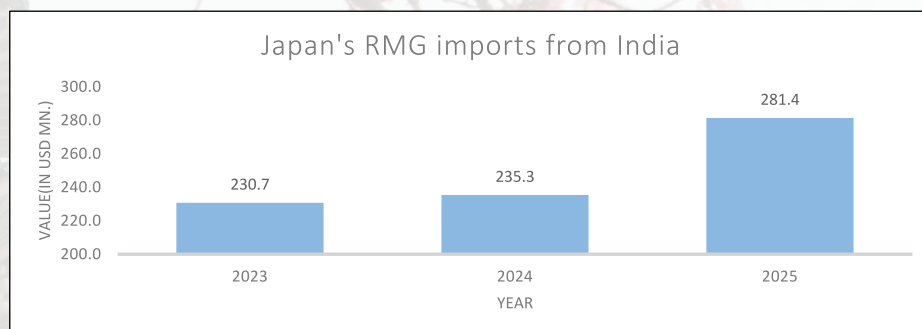
Source: X-Rates (Monthly average as on 21 July 2026)

• Japan's RMG Trade

JAPAN'S RMG IMPORT FROM WORLD AND INDIA (In USD mn)

Year	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2025 over 2024
Japan's RMG imports from World	23825.0	22858.8	24313.1	6.4
Japan's RMG imports from India	230.7	235.3	281.4	19.6
India's Share in Japan's total RMG imports from World, %	0.9	1.0	1.2	

Source: UN Comtrade, 2026



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The above table and graph depict the trend in Japan's RMG imports from the World and India during 2023–2025. Japan's total RMG imports from the World increased to USD 24313.1 million in 2025, registering a growth of 6.4 % over 2024. India's RMG exports to Japan also witnessed a notable upward trend, rising from USD 235.3 million in 2024 to USD 281.4 million in 2025, thereby recording a strong growth of 19.6 %. The graph further illustrates the steady increase in Japan's RMG imports from India over the last three years. India's share in Japan's total RMG imports from the World stood at 1.2 % in 2025, indicating growing opportunities for Indian apparel exports in the Japanese market.

• Top RMG Supplier to Japan:

Japan's RMG import market continues to be dominated by Asian suppliers, with China maintaining its position as the largest supplier in 2025 with a market share of 47.3 %. Viet Nam and Cambodia were the other major suppliers with shares of 19.3 % and 6.0 % respectively. India ranked as the 9th largest supplier of RMG to Japan with exports valued at USD 281.4 million, accounting for 1.2 % share in Japan's total RMG imports in 2025.

TOP RMG SUPPLIER TO JAPAN AND INDIA'S POSITION

Position	Countries	Imported value in 2025 (in USD Mn.)	% Share
	World	24313.1	100.0
1	China	11495.4	47.3
2	Viet Nam	4690.2	19.3
3	Cambodia	1455.4	6.0
4	Bangladesh	1368.6	5.6
5	Myanmar	1318.4	5.4
6	Italy	1016.7	4.2
7	Indonesia	734.0	3.0
8	Thailand	362.1	1.5
9	India	281.4	1.2
10	Romania	170.9	0.7

Source: UN Comtrade, 2026

• Japan's top 10 RMG Products Import from World vs India's share:

TOP 10 RMG PRODUCTS IMPORTED BY JAPAN FROM WORLD (in USD Mn.)

S. No.	HS Code	Product label	Imported from World in 2025	Imported from India in 2025	India's Share in %
		Total RMG	24313.1	281.4	1.2
		Sum of Top 10	10789.3	78.6	0.7
1	611030	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	2443.8	2.5	0.1
2	610910	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or crocheted	1542.5	16.3	1.1
3	611020	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, of cotton, knitted or crocheted	1409.6	12.0	0.9
4	610990	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of textile materials, knitted or crocheted	1093.6	0.6	0.1
5	620343	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of synthetic fibres	872.1	2.0	0.2
6	620240	Women's or girls' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks, incl. ski jackets, wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, of man-made fibres	769.8	0.9	0.1
7	620140	Men's or boys' overcoats, car-coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks, incl. ski jackets, wind-cheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, of man-made fibres	736.0	0.6	0.1
8	620462	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of cotton	664.9	15.5	2.3
9	620463	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of synthetic fibres	662.9	1.5	0.2
10	620342	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts, of cotton	594.0	26.6	4.5

Source: UN Comtrade, 2026

The above table shows Japan's top 10 RMG products imported from the World vis-à-vis from India and India's % share in those top 10 products. The top 10 products imported from the World were to the tune of USD 10789.3 million in

2025 and imports from India of these top 10 products were to the tune of USD 78.6 million. India accounted for 0.7 % share in Japan's top 10 products import from the World.

The top products imported by Japan from the World include



(i) Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted; (ii) T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or

crocheted; and (iii) Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles of cotton, knitted or crocheted.

• **Japan's top 10 RMG products import from India:**

TOP 10 RMG PRODUCTS: INDIA'S EXPORT TO JAPAN (in USD Mn.)

S.No.	HS Code	Product label	Export from India, 2025	% Share in 2025
		Total RMG	281.4	100.0
		Sum of Top 10	172.2	61.2
1	620630	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted and vests)	36.1	12.8
2	620342	Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts, of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted, underpants and swimwear)	26.6	9.5
3	620442	Women's or girls' dresses of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted and petticoats)	23.8	8.5
4	610910	T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or crocheted	16.3	5.8
5	620462	Women's or girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted, panties and swimwear)	15.5	5.5
6	610711	Men's or boys' underpants and briefs of cotton, knitted or crocheted	14.7	5.2
7	611020	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, of cotton, knitted or crocheted (excl. wadded waistcoats)	12.0	4.3
8	620520	Men's or boys' shirts of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted, nightshirts, singlets and other vests)	10.6	3.8
9	621142	Women's or girls' tracksuits and other garments, n.e.s. of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted)	8.9	3.2
10	620452	Women's or girls' skirts and divided skirts of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted and petticoats)	7.6	2.7

Source: UN Comtrade, 2026

The above table shows Japan's top 10 RMG products imported from India in 2025. The top 10 products exported from India to Japan were valued at USD 172.2 million, accounting for 61.2 % share in India's total RMG exports to Japan.

The major products exported from India to Japan include

(i) Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses of cotton; (ii) Men's or boys' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts of cotton; and (iii) Women's or girls' dresses of cotton. These product categories continue to contribute significantly to India's apparel exports to the Japanese market.

AEPC EXTENDS WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS ADDED IN THIS QUARTER

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US Imposes 10% Forced Labour Tariff on Indian Imports



The United States has imposed a 10 per cent tariff on imports from India under a Section 301 investigation into forced labour practices, placing India among 17 countries facing the lower tariff tier. The move comes after Washington acknowledged New Delhi's recent policy amendment prohibiting the import of goods produced using forced labour, reducing the proposed tariff from 12.5 per cent.

The tariffs, announced by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), apply to 60 economies that the US says have not adequately prohibited or enforced restrictions on goods made with forced labour. The measure replaces the temporary universal 10 per cent tariff introduced earlier this year and is expected to remain in force until modified through future policy action.

India now shares the 10 per cent tariff rate with countries including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Canada and the United Kingdom, while 43 other economies, including China, Japan and several others lacking comparable import prohibitions, will face a higher tariff of 12.5 per cent.

The lower tariff reflects Washington's recognition of India's decision to amend its Foreign Trade Policy in June 2026 to prohibit imports produced through forced labour. The US administration said the revised rate is intended to encourage continued enforcement of such measures while addressing

what it described as unfair trade practices linked to forced labour.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said the action aims to address both human rights concerns and trade distortions arising from forced labour practices worldwide. Certain raw materials and products critical to US supply chains have been exempted from the tariffs to prevent domestic shortages and economic disruption.

For India's export sector, the decision carries mixed implications. While the reduction from the initially proposed 12.5 per cent tariff is viewed as a positive signal, India remains subject to another ongoing Section 301 investigation concerning alleged excess manufacturing capacity. Industry observers note that the outcome of this separate probe could determine India's overall tariff competitiveness in the US market.

The development comes as India and the United States continue negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement aimed at expanding market access and reducing trade barriers. Analysts believe the tariff reduction indicates Washington's willingness to acknowledge policy reforms while maintaining pressure on compliance and enforcement.

The United States remains India's second-largest trading partner and its largest export destination. Bilateral merchandise trade reached nearly USD 141 billion in 2025, with India's exports valued at approximately USD 87.3 billion.

For India's apparel exporters, the immediate impact of the new tariff is expected to be limited compared with the initially proposed higher duty. However, the sector will closely monitor the progress of ongoing trade negotiations and the outcome of the second Section 301 investigation, both of which could significantly influence India's long-term competitiveness in the US market.

India's Textile Sector Poised for Long-term Growth as Global China+1 Strategy Creates New Opportunities



India's textile and apparel industry is well-positioned for sustained long-term growth as global brands diversify sourcing away from China under the China+1 strategy, according to a recent research report by 360 One Capital. The report highlights that expanding trade agreements, supply chain diversification and rising global demand for resilient sourcing destinations present significant opportunities for Indian exporters.

The report notes that companies with scalable garment manufacturing operations, integrated production facilities, strong customer relationships and consistent execution are expected to emerge as key beneficiaries of the evolving global sourcing landscape. As international buyers seek to reduce dependence on China amid geopolitical uncertainties, India is increasingly being viewed as an attractive alternative sourcing hub.

However, the report cautions that favourable market conditions and trade agreements alone will not be enough to ensure long-term export success. It emphasises that India's ability to convert these opportunities into higher global market share will depend on improvements in manufacturing competitiveness, productivity, operational efficiency and execution.

"The opportunity is no longer in question. The real challenge is whether Indian manufacturers can build the scale, productivity, technical capability, compliance standards and delivery reliability required to capture the growing sourcing volumes," the report states.

Despite its strong textile ecosystem, India's share in global apparel exports has remained around 3 per cent over the past two decades, while Bangladesh has expanded its share to nearly 9-10 per cent and Vietnam to about 6-7 per cent. The report suggests

that India must address structural bottlenecks, particularly in garment manufacturing, where fragmented production and limited scale continue to restrict its ability to meet large international orders.

The report further observes that global buyers are increasingly evaluating suppliers based on manufacturing scale, product capabilities, turnaround time, logistics efficiency, regulatory compliance, sustainability practices and supply chain resilience, rather than labour costs alone.

It identifies garment manufacturing as India's biggest growth opportunity, adding that future competitiveness will be driven by labour productivity, automation, operational excellence and reliable delivery schedules.

Another key recommendation is the need to diversify beyond cotton. As global demand shifts towards man-made fibres (MMF), performance wear and technical textiles, India must strengthen its capabilities in advanced fibres and yarns while simultaneously improving cotton productivity, fibre quality and traceability.

The report also highlights the potential benefits of recently concluded trade agreements, including the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, in enhancing India's attractiveness as a sourcing destination. However, it stresses that tariff advantages will translate into sustained business growth only if supported by greater garmenting capacity, stronger technical capabilities, improved compliance standards and the development of labour-intensive manufacturing clusters.

Looking ahead, the report identifies automation, sustainability and traceability as the key competitive differentiators that will shape the future of India's textile and apparel exports, enabling the industry to strengthen its position in global value chains.

First Textile Shipment to UK Under India-UK CETA Marks New Trade Milestone

Inaugural consignment signals the start of preferential exports under the landmark trade agreement



India's textile and apparel industry marked a significant milestone with the dispatch of the first textile export shipment to the United Kingdom under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The inaugural consignment, exported by Jyoti Apparel Pvt. Ltd., was flagged off from Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport (IGI), New Delhi. The shipment was led by Shri H.K.L. Magu, Director, Jyoti Apparel Pvt. Ltd. and Executive Committee Member, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), marking the commencement of preferential exports under the landmark trade pact.

The India-UK CETA provides zero-duty access for Indian apparel exports to the UK, a move expected to enhance the competitiveness of Indian manufacturers and exporters. The agreement is anticipated to boost bilateral trade by improving market access, reducing tariff barriers and encouraging long-term sourcing partnerships between Indian exporters and UK buyers.

Industry observers believe the inaugural shipment is more than a symbolic achievement. It sets the stage for increased

export volumes, greater investment in manufacturing and stronger participation of Indian apparel companies in the UK market. With duty-free access now in place, exporters are expected to expand their product offerings and tap new business opportunities across fashion, textiles and value-added apparel segments.

The UK remains one of India's key export destinations for textiles and apparel, and the implementation of CETA is expected to further deepen economic ties between the two countries. As more exporters begin shipping under the agreement, the sector is likely to witness improved order flows and enhanced global competitiveness.





Textile & Apparel Exports Rise to ₹3.25 Lakh Crore in FY26; Government Reaffirms Support Through FTAs and Export Schemes



In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Textiles **Shri Pabitra Margherita** said that India's textiles and apparel exports, including handicrafts, reached **₹3,25,339 crore in 2025–26**, registering a **1.8 per cent growth** over **₹3,19,573 crore** recorded in 2024–25, despite continued global demand fluctuations, volatile input costs and trade-related challenges.

The Minister informed Parliament that Indian textile and apparel exports recorded growth in **more than 100 export destinations** during FY26 compared with the previous year, underscoring the sector's resilience and expanding global reach.

Among the states highlighted, **Madhya Pradesh** recorded textile and apparel exports of **₹11,751.7 crore** in 2025–26, marginally higher than **₹11,748.9 crore** in the previous year. **Bihar's** exports increased to **₹409 crore** from **₹375.6 crore**, reflecting steady growth in the state's textile sector.

To strengthen the industry's competitiveness and support long-term growth, the government continues to implement a wide range of initiatives, including the **PM MITRA Parks Scheme**, **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme**, **National Technical Textiles Mission**, **SAMARTH**, **Silk Samagra-2**, **National Handloom Development Programme**, **National Handicrafts Development Programme**, **Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme**, **RoSCTL**, **RoDTEP**, the **Export Promotion Mission**, and the **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)**.

The Minister also highlighted measures taken to address external trade disruptions. Under the Export Promotion Mission, the government launched the **RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation)** initiative on **19 March 2026** to assist exporters affected by the West Asia conflict and shipping disruptions in the Gulf region. In addition, imports of cotton under Customs Tariff Heading 5201 have been exempted from duty from **1 June to 31 October 2026** to improve domestic cotton availability.

Emphasising the role of trade agreements in expanding export opportunities, Shri Margherita said India now has **16 operational Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)**, including the recently implemented **India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)**. He added that negotiations for an **FTA with the European Union** have been successfully concluded, while India has also signed an **FTA with New Zealand**, opening new avenues for textile and apparel exports.

To provide policy certainty for exporters, the government has extended the **Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)** Scheme and the **Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)** Scheme for a further six months, until **30 September 2026**.

According to the Minister, these initiatives are designed to promote sustainable growth, generate employment across the textile value chain, encourage value addition, strengthen supply-chain resilience and enhance the global competitiveness of India's textile and apparel industry. He noted that textile clusters in Bihar, including **Khagaria** and **Samastipur**, as well as those in Madhya Pradesh, are also benefiting from these measures.



Government Expands FTA Network to Boost Apparel Exports and Diversify Global Markets



In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry **Shri Jitin Prasada** said the Government is pursuing an aggressive trade and export promotion strategy to diversify India's export markets, strengthen global competitiveness and create new opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and apparel.

The Minister said the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach in response to evolving global geopolitical and economic developments. The strategy includes expanding India's network of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Comprehensive Economic Partnership/Cooperation Agreements (CEPAs/CECAs), negotiating new trade deals with major economies, strengthening export promotion initiatives, and improving ease of doing business for exporters.

For the apparel industry, the Government reiterated that FTAs remain a key instrument for securing preferential market access, reducing tariff barriers and enhancing India's competitiveness in overseas markets. These agreements are designed to increase bilateral trade and investment while creating employment opportunities in labour-intensive sectors including textiles, apparel and leather.

The Government also highlighted that modern FTAs go beyond tariff reductions by incorporating provisions on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), promoting transparency in standards and technical regulations, and facilitating smoother access for Indian products in international markets. In parallel, India continues to engage with trading partners through Joint Committees, Working Groups and bilateral consultations to address non-tariff barriers, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS)

measures, conformity assessment procedures and other regulatory issues affecting exports to markets such as the European Union, Africa and Southeast Asia.

The reply comes close on the heels of the operationalisation of the **India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)**, which came into force on **15 July 2026**, adding another major market to India's growing FTA network.

According to the Government, India has signed seven major trade agreements in recent years, including those with **Mauritius, the UAE, Australia, EFTA, Oman, the United Kingdom and New Zealand**. While the New Zealand agreement is currently under ratification, negotiations have also concluded for the India-European Union FTA, and discussions continue on an interim trade agreement with the United States.

The Government is simultaneously negotiating or upgrading trade agreements with several other partners, including the Eurasian Economic Union, Peru, Chile, Israel, Canada, Maldives, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Australia, besides reviewing the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). These negotiations are expected to further expand market access for Indian exporters over the coming years.

Alongside trade agreements, the Government is strengthening export competitiveness through the **Export Promotion Mission (EPM)**, launched in 2025 with an outlay of **₹25,060 crore** for the period FY2025-26 to FY2030-31. The mission comprises two complementary components—**Niryat Prothsahan**, which focuses on export finance, credit guarantees and support for e-commerce exporters, and **Niryat Disha**, which aims to improve export quality, compliance, branding, logistics, warehousing and trade intelligence.

To accelerate cross-border digital trade, the Government is also piloting **E-Commerce Export Hubs (ECEHs)** that will integrate logistics, customs clearance and export-related services into a single ecosystem. The initiative is expected to particularly benefit MSMEs, startups, artisans and small exporters looking to access global consumers through digital platforms.

Other measures include the **Districts as Export Hubs (DEH)** initiative, under which districts identify products and

services with export potential for focused promotion and capacity building.

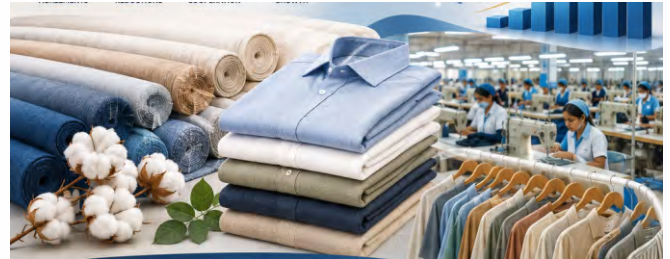
The Government has also introduced several trade facilitation reforms to simplify exports through courier mode. These include the RBI's relaxation of export reconciliation requirements for shipments up to ₹10 lakh, removal of the per-consignment value limit for courier exports, and simplified procedures for the re-import of returned or rejected goods under cross-border e-commerce.

Infrastructure and logistics improvements continue to be supported through the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**, while exporters also benefit from the **RoDTEP Scheme**, which refunds unrebated duties and taxes embedded in exported products.

To strengthen MSME participation in international trade, the Ministry of MSME has established 65 Export Facilitation

Centres across the country and continues to provide support for participation in overseas exhibitions, trade fairs and buyer-seller meets under its International Cooperation Scheme.

The Government's latest update underscores its long-term strategy of using trade agreements, export promotion initiatives and logistics reforms to diversify India's export destinations and enhance the global competitiveness of sectors such as apparel, which stand to benefit significantly from improved market access and lower trade barriers.



ATDC–RIICO Partnership Strengthens Apparel Skill Ecosystem in Rajasthan

Industry-led initiative aims to train youth, bridge workforce gaps and support India's Apparel manufacturing growth



India's apparel industry requires a steady pipeline of skilled workers to sustain its growth ambitions, particularly as global sourcing shifts and new trade opportunities emerge. Against this backdrop, the Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC), the country's largest vocational training network for the apparel sector, has expanded its industry-led skilling initiatives through a strategic partnership with the Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO), reinforcing the role of public-private collaboration in building a future-ready workforce.

The initiative reflects ATDC's continued focus on creating employment-oriented training programmes under the leadership of **Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel**, Chairman, AEPC, and the strategic guidance of Prof. Dr. Roopak Vasisth, Director General, ATDC. With apparel manufacturing emerging as one of India's largest employment generators, such partnerships are becoming increasingly important in aligning skill development with industry demand.



A Strategic Partnership for Employment

ATDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RIICO in March 2026 to provide industry-relevant training to youth across Rajasthan. The collaboration is designed to equip aspiring workers with practical skills

required by modern apparel manufacturing units while improving employment prospects for local communities.

The partnership formally entered its implementation phase with the inauguration of the training programme and a toolkit distribution ceremony at **ATDC Jaipur**. During the event, trainees received professional toolkits that will enable them to undertake hands-on practical learning throughout the course. The emphasis on experiential training reflects the apparel industry's increasing demand for shop-floor-ready professionals who can contribute from day one.

Building Industry-Ready Talent

Addressing the inaugural programme, **Mr. Atul Sharma, Senior Deputy General Manager, RIICO**, highlighted the importance of industry-focused skill development in strengthening Rajasthan's manufacturing ecosystem.

He noted that ATDC has been playing a significant role in creating employment opportunities by imparting practical, industry-relevant skills and said RIICO was proud to support the initiative through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme to help develop a stronger skilled workforce for the state's expanding apparel sector.

Mr. Aseem Singla, LMC Convenor, said the partnership aims to ensure that every trainee becomes industry-ready through practical training, structured learning and comprehensive placement support. He added that the initiative would improve employability while contributing to the long-term sustainable growth of India's apparel industry.

Dr. Roopali Shukla, Director, ATDC, expressed gratitude to RIICO for supporting the initiative and reiterated ATDC's commitment to delivering high-quality, industry-aligned training programmes that respond to the evolving needs of apparel manufacturers and prepare professionals for future industry requirements.

The inauguration was attended by Mr. Rajeev Diwan, Mr. Naveen Advani, Mr. Siddarth Gadhैया and Mr. Harish Punjabi, along with representatives from ATDC and RIICO.

Beyond Training: Building Industry Connect

ATDC has complemented the training initiative with a series of awareness and industry engagement activities to maximise enrolment and employer participation.

As part of the student mobilisation campaign, ATDC Jaipur organised a fashion show at Jaipur's iconic Patrika Gate, providing students with a platform to showcase their creativity while introducing visitors to the institute's training programmes. Led by Ms. Arti, Principal, ATDC Jaipur, the event drew support from garment exporters and industry representatives, helping strengthen the institute's connection with prospective students and employers.



In parallel, the ATDC team, along with Mr. Aseem Singla, launched an extensive outreach campaign across apparel factories in the Sitapura industrial area of Jaipur to promote the RIICO-sponsored Apparel Manufacturing Technology (AMT) and Production Sewing Supervisor (PSS) training programmes.

The industry response has been encouraging, with participating factories expressing willingness to support candidate mobilisation and future recruitment. Building on this momentum, ATDC plans to visit nearly 50 factories over a two-week period to expand awareness and increase enrolment under the programme.

Supporting India's Apparel Growth Story

India's apparel sector is poised for expansion as manufacturers diversify supply chains, adopt advanced production technologies and benefit from improved global market access. However, sustained growth will depend on the availability of a skilled workforce capable of meeting international quality, productivity and compliance standards.

Initiatives such as the ATDC–RIICO partnership demonstrate how collaboration between industry institutions and government agencies can help bridge the skill gap while creating meaningful livelihood opportunities for young people. By combining practical training, industry engagement and placement support, the programme seeks to develop a workforce that is aligned with the evolving requirements of apparel manufacturers.

As India's apparel industry scales up to meet rising global demand, investments in skill development will remain central to enhancing productivity, strengthening competitiveness and ensuring inclusive economic growth. Through partnerships like this, ATDC continues to reinforce its role as a key enabler of workforce development for the country's apparel manufacturing ecosystem.

AEPC Joins Hands with World Textile India 2026 as Industry and Knowledge Partner



The partnership will support the upcoming edition of World Textile India 2026, scheduled to be held from October 1–4, 2026, at the Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation (KTPO), Bengaluru. The collaboration is non-commercial in nature and has been established exclusively for this year's edition of the event.

Through the association, AEPC will contribute its industry expertise and support knowledge-sharing initiatives aimed at strengthening stakeholder engagement and promoting discussions on emerging opportunities, innovation, sustainability, trade, and the future of the textile and apparel sector.

The partnership is expected to enhance the quality of industry interactions at WTI 2026 and further strengthen cooperation among key stakeholders across the textile ecosystem.

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has partnered with World Textile India (WTI) 2026 as its Industry Partner and Knowledge Partner, reinforcing its commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange across India's textile and apparel value chain.

Tamil Nadu Leads Employment Generation Under Textile PLI Scheme; Gujarat Tops Investments



Tamil Nadu has emerged as the leading state in employment generation under the Government's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, while Gujarat has secured the highest investments and the largest number of approved beneficiaries, according to data shared by the Ministry of Textiles in Parliament.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita informed that the Textile PLI Scheme had attracted cumulative investments of ₹8,117.64 crore and generated 33,427 jobs across the country as of 31 March 2026. A total of 170 companies have been approved under the scheme, reflecting growing industry participation in the Government's flagship manufacturing initiative.

Tamil Nadu led the country in job creation, generating 7,930 employment opportunities through 17 approved companies with investments worth ₹1,277.16 crore. The state's strong performance highlights its established textile manufacturing ecosystem and its continued expansion into man-made fibre (MMF) apparel and technical textiles.

Karnataka ranked second in employment generation, creating 5,611 jobs from six approved companies backed by investments of ₹1,515.99 crore. Madhya Pradesh followed with 4,970 jobs generated through 22 approved companies, supported by investments of ₹658.45 crore.

While Tamil Nadu led on employment, Gujarat emerged as the top investment destination under the scheme. The state

attracted ₹1,903.38 crore in investments—the highest among all states—and accounted for 46 approved companies, the largest share of beneficiaries. These investments have translated into 4,493 jobs, underscoring Gujarat's growing prominence as a manufacturing hub for MMF textiles and technical textiles.

Among other states, Bihar generated 3,465 jobs through two approved companies with investments of ₹237.28 crore, while Andhra Pradesh created 2,619 jobs from five companies after attracting ₹170.99 crore in investments.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli recorded investments of ₹237.10 crore, generating 1,310 jobs through six approved companies. Rajasthan attracted ₹219.91 crore in investments and created 1,139 jobs across six beneficiaries.

Despite having 24 approved companies, Maharashtra reported relatively modest investments of ₹167.51 crore, resulting in 904 jobs. Goa, with a single approved company, attracted ₹1,355.87 crore in investments and generated 692 jobs, while Telangana recorded investments of ₹362.66 crore and created 258 jobs through two companies.

The parliamentary data also highlighted uneven implementation across states. Punjab, West Bengal and Odisha had not reported any investments or employment generation under the scheme as of March 2026. Uttar Pradesh recorded investments of ₹4.63 crore but had yet to generate employment under the programme. Smaller investments were also reported from Haryana (₹1.36 crore), Assam (₹2.49 crore) and Himachal Pradesh (₹2.85 crore), with Haryana generating six jobs and Himachal Pradesh creating 30 jobs.

Introduced to strengthen India's position in global textile manufacturing, the PLI Scheme for Textiles focuses on promoting large-scale production of man-made fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics and technical textiles. The scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing capacity, attract private investment, enhance exports and generate large-scale employment while positioning India as a competitive global sourcing destination in value-added textile segments.



X-Rite Pantone and NIFT ***Join Hands to Strengthen Color*** ***Management Skills for India's*** ***Textile Workforce***



In a move aimed at enhancing India's competitiveness in the global textile and apparel industry, X-Rite Pantone and the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) have announced a strategic collaboration to build advanced color management capabilities among students, faculty, and industry professionals. The partnership seeks to bridge the gap between creative design and manufacturing by promoting digital color communication and standardized color workflows across the textile value chain.

The collaboration comes at a time when the global fashion and textile industry is increasingly adopting digital product development and integrated supply chains, making accurate color communication a critical factor in ensuring product quality, reducing sampling errors, and improving manufacturing efficiency.

X-Rite Incorporated, a global leader in color science and technology, will provide NIFT with access to its industry-leading color management technologies, educational resources, and practical training modules. The initiative aims to equip the next generation of designers and textile professionals with the skills needed to manage color consistently from design concept to final production.

Strengthening Industry-Ready Skills

As part of the partnership, X-Rite Pantone's color management tools and learning resources will be introduced at NIFT Delhi. Incoming students will participate in dedicated color education sessions, while faculty members and alumni will benefit from specialized professional development programmes at the X-Rite Pantone Brand Experience Centre in Gurugram.

The collaboration will also introduce a two-day Management Development Programme (MDP) for NIFT alumni working across apparel, textiles, footwear, jewellery, leather accessories and allied sectors. The programme will combine classroom sessions with practical training on digital color workflows, objective color measurement, quality control, and industry best practices.

In addition, NIFT faculty members will undergo a Trainer of Trainers (ToT) Faculty Development Programme focused on color science, appearance measurement, workflow implementation and practical applications, enabling them to integrate industry-relevant knowledge into the institute's curriculum.

Supporting India's Digital Manufacturing Journey

Industry leaders noted that as global brands expand sourcing and manufacturing operations in India, digital color management has become a strategic capability for improving consistency, reducing production costs and accelerating product development.

Raj Shah, Vice President of Marketing at X-Rite Pantone, said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to preparing the next generation of professionals with digital skills and color expertise that will strengthen India's competitiveness and support the evolution of its textile and apparel industry.

Tanu Kashyap, Director General, NIFT, said the collaboration would provide students and faculty with exposure to technologies that are transforming the fashion and textile sector while helping bridge the gap between education and industry requirements.

Pieter Mulder, Director of Global Brand Accounts at X-Rite Pantone, highlighted that color management influences every stage of product development but is often overlooked as a source of cost and inefficiency. He said the initiative would enable students to better connect creative intent with manufacturing realities.

Prof. Dr. Noopur Anand, Dean (Academics), NIFT, observed that color is both a creative and technical discipline, and access to advanced color technologies would help students and faculty develop competencies required in digitally connected product development environments.

Dr. Shinju Mahajan, Director, NIFT Delhi, added that accurate color communication has become increasingly important as international brands expand their sourcing operations in India. The partnership, she said, would create valuable opportunities for students, faculty, alumni and industry professionals to strengthen their expertise in quality, consistency and innovation.

Beyond Education

The collaboration will also explore opportunities for joint industry-sponsored and government-supported research projects in areas such as design innovation, sustainability, color science and fashion technology.

By combining NIFT's academic expertise with X-Rite Pantone's global leadership in color science, the partnership aims to establish a stronger ecosystem for color education and professional development, supporting India's ambition to become a globally competitive and digitally enabled textile and apparel manufacturing hub.

EU Slaps Record €550 Million Fine on AliExpress Over Counterfeit and Unsafe Products



The European Union has imposed a record **€550 million (approximately US\$629 million)** penalty on Alibaba-owned e-commerce platform AliExpress for failing to curb the sale of illegal, unsafe and counterfeit products, marking one of the toughest enforcement actions under the bloc's Digital Services Act (DSA).

The penalty, announced by the European Commission, is the **largest fine issued so far under the DSA**, underscoring the EU's increasing focus on making major online marketplaces accountable for consumer safety and product compliance.

The Commission found that AliExpress had failed to adequately assess and mitigate the risks associated with the sale of illegal products on its platform. According to regulators, counterfeit goods, unsafe toys, hazardous cosmetics and other prohibited products remained available for extended periods due to shortcomings in the platform's monitoring and enforcement systems.

EU Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy **Henna Virkkunen** said the violations posed significant risks to consumers and created unfair competition for businesses that comply with European regulations. She noted that AliExpress had around **193 million users in Europe** last year, making effective oversight of the platform particularly important.

The Commission also criticised AliExpress for overstating the effectiveness of its content moderation systems and failing

to allocate sufficient personnel to monitor risks. Investigators found that the platform's recommendation and advertising algorithms contributed to the visibility of illegal products, while its penalties against offending sellers were largely ineffective, allowing many to continue operating.

In addition, the EU concluded that AliExpress's mandatory "brand authorisation" programme, introduced to prevent counterfeit sales, was inadequately staffed and easily circumvented by fraudulent traders.

AliExpress rejected the Commission's findings, describing the fine as disproportionate. The company said it had already implemented significant improvements to strengthen its compliance framework and is reviewing the decision while considering legal options.

The case stems from an investigation launched in 2025 after the Commission accused the platform of failing to comply with DSA obligations requiring very large online platforms to identify and reduce systemic risks linked to illegal content and products.

The €550 million fine exceeds previous DSA penalties imposed on other digital platforms, including **€200 million on Temu and €120 million on X (formerly Twitter)**, reflecting the EU's increasingly stringent enforcement of its digital regulations.

Implications for Global Trade

The action reinforces the European Union's commitment to strengthening consumer protection and product authenticity in online commerce. For apparel exporters and brands supplying the European market, the move signals a stricter regulatory environment in which digital marketplaces will be expected to strengthen seller verification, improve counterfeit detection and ensure greater transparency across supply chains.

As online retail continues to expand globally, the enforcement of the DSA is expected to encourage e-commerce platforms to invest more heavily in compliance systems, benefiting legitimate exporters while making it more difficult for counterfeit and unsafe products to reach consumers.



Andy Burnham Takes Charge as U.K. Prime Minister, Signals New Political and Economic Direction



The United Kingdom has a new Prime Minister, with former Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham taking office after replacing Keir Starmer as Labour leader. Burnham has pledged to reshape Britain's governance by decentralising power, strengthening public services and introducing what he describes as a "new political and economic model" for the country.

Burnham, 56, becomes Britain's seventh Prime Minister in a decade, calling his appointment a "circuit breaker" for the U.K. as it seeks greater political stability after years of leadership changes. Speaking outside 10 Downing Street after being invited by King Charles III to form a government, Burnham said his administration would transfer decision-making from London to the country's regions and introduce sweeping reforms over the coming decade.

A central pillar of Burnham's agenda is devolving power across the U.K. He has proposed establishing a "No. 10 North" office in Manchester to support regional governance and has promised greater public oversight of essential utilities, expanded employment opportunities for young people, and measures to tackle homelessness. His government is expected to unveil a comprehensive 10-year national development plan later this year, alongside immediate steps to address the rising cost of living.

Starmer Bids Farewell After Historic but Brief Tenure

Burnham's appointment follows the resignation of Keir Starmer, whose two-year tenure became the shortest served by a Labour Prime Minister. In his farewell address outside Downing Street, Starmer said he was leaving office "with good grace and a smile," expressing pride in his government's achievements while wishing his successor success.

Despite leading Labour to a landmark election victory in 2024, Starmer faced mounting internal divisions over welfare reforms, economic policy, environmental measures and the party's stance on the Israel-Gaza conflict. Electoral setbacks in local and regional elections further weakened his leadership, ultimately paving the way for Burnham's rise.

Starmer's government nevertheless leaves behind a record that includes strengthened workers' rights, efforts to reduce child poverty, shorter National Health Service waiting times, and renewed engagement with Europe and key international partners.

Implications for Global Trade

For the apparel and textile industry, the leadership transition comes at an important moment. The recently implemented India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is expected to continue providing enhanced market access for Indian exporters. While Burnham has not yet articulated a detailed trade or India policy, he is viewed as broadly pro-European and is expected to maintain Britain's commitment to international trade and economic cooperation.

Industry observers will closely monitor the new government's trade priorities, particularly as the U.K. looks to strengthen supply chains, promote regional economic development and implement the benefits of recently concluded trade agreements. For Indian apparel exporters, policy continuity on the India-UK trade partnership will remain an area of keen interest.

Burnham's emphasis on inclusive growth, regional manufacturing and economic rebalancing could also influence future industrial and trade policies, making his government's approach relevant for businesses engaged in bilateral trade with the U.K.

UK Inflation Eases in June as Clothing Prices Fall; Textile Producer Inflation Moderates



The United Kingdom's inflation rate eased in June 2026, providing a mixed outlook for the textile and apparel sector. While consumer inflation slowed and clothing prices declined amid stronger summer discounting, producer prices for textiles, apparel and leather products continued to register moderate growth, reflecting ongoing cost pressures within manufacturing.

According to the UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS), the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) increased by 2.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in June 2026, down from 2.8 per cent in May. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose by 0.1 per cent, compared with a 0.3 per cent increase recorded in June last year.

One of the most notable developments for the apparel sector was the decline in clothing and footwear prices. Prices fell

by 0.5 per cent YoY, reversing the 0.2 per cent increase seen in May. Month-on-month, clothing and footwear prices dropped 1.2 per cent, significantly steeper than the 0.4 per cent decline recorded in June 2025.

The ONS attributed the sharper fall to more extensive summer discounting by retailers. Clothing prices traditionally decline in June as seasonal sales begin, but this year's reduction reflected a higher proportion of discounted products compared to the same period last year.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, remained unchanged at 2.6 per cent YoY. Inflation for goods eased from 2.0 per cent to 1.7 per cent, while services inflation edged down from 3.7 per cent to 3.6 per cent, indicating broader moderation in price pressures across the economy.

On the manufacturing side, producer input cost inflation also showed signs of easing. Input prices rose 7.3 per cent YoY in June, down from a revised 9.3 per cent in May. Input costs declined 2.0 per cent over the month, primarily due to lower crude oil prices, which contributed significantly to the slowdown in annual inflation.

Factory gate, or producer output, prices increased by 3.5 per cent YoY, slightly lower than the revised 3.7 per cent recorded in May, while remaining unchanged on a monthly basis. Lower prices for refined petroleum products were the main factor moderating output price inflation.

For the textile and apparel industry, factory gate prices for textiles, wearing apparel and leather products rose by 3.8 per cent YoY in June, easing marginally from 4.0 per cent in May. On a monthly basis, prices in the sector increased by 0.1 per cent, following a stronger 1.6 per cent rise in May.

The latest figures suggest that while inflationary pressures in the UK economy continue to moderate, manufacturers in the textile and apparel value chain are still experiencing cost increases, albeit at a slower pace. For Indian apparel exporters, softer consumer inflation and increased retail discounting may support demand recovery in the UK market, although pricing strategies will remain critical as retailers continue to balance consumer affordability with supply chain costs.



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Government Steps Up Circular Textile Push with Tex-Eco Initiative



India is reinforcing its commitment to sustainable textile manufacturing with the launch of the Tex-Eco Initiative, announced in the Union Budget 2026–27. Designed to strengthen the country's circular economy ecosystem, the initiative aims to promote innovative recycling technologies, resource efficiency and the development of value-added products from textile waste—key priorities as global buyers increasingly demand sustainable sourcing practices.

The initiative will support the adoption of advanced technologies for textile waste management and recycling while encouraging the development of recycled fibres, sustainable packaging, new materials and other high-value products derived from discarded textiles. It will bring together research institutions, Textile Research Associations, Centres of Excellence, industry, start-ups and other stakeholders to accelerate innovation across the textile and apparel value chain.

The move comes at a time when sustainability has become a critical factor in global trade, with international brands and retailers placing greater emphasis on circular production, lower carbon footprints and responsible resource use. By encouraging green technologies and recycling, the government aims to enhance the global competitiveness of India's textile and apparel sector while improving environmental resilience and market access.

The Ministry of Textiles has already initiated several programmes to support this transition. One such initiative is the "Eliminating Hazardous Chemicals from Textile Fashion Supply Chain" project, implemented in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The project focuses on reducing the use of hazardous

chemicals in textile manufacturing while promoting cleaner production practices that lower energy consumption, minimise waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Another major programme, In-Text India, being implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), is helping accelerate the shift towards circular business models. The initiative promotes internationally recognised sustainability assessment tools such as Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) to improve environmental performance across the sector.

Sustainability has also been integrated into the government's research and industrial infrastructure agenda. Under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), several research and development projects are focused on environmentally sustainable technologies and materials. Meanwhile, the PM MITRA Parks are being developed as integrated industrial ecosystems that encourage resource-efficient manufacturing, innovation and sustainable industrialisation.

To strengthen textile waste management, the Ministry has facilitated an MoU between the Textile Committee, the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to promote the procurement of upcycled textile products by government agencies. Complementing this effort is the recently released report, "Mapping of Textile Waste Value Chain in India," which provides a comprehensive assessment of textile waste generation, recycling technologies and opportunities to strengthen circularity across the country's textile ecosystem.

Collectively, these initiatives signal India's growing focus on building a circular textile economy that combines innovation, responsible manufacturing and resource efficiency. For apparel exporters, the government's sustainability push is expected to support greater compliance with evolving environmental standards in international markets while creating new opportunities in recycled textiles, sustainable materials and circular business models.

As sustainability increasingly shapes global sourcing decisions, initiatives such as Tex-Eco are expected to play a significant role in positioning India as a reliable and responsible supplier in the global apparel value chain.

Rajasthan Expands CETP Network to Bring Sanganer's Textile Cluster Closer to Sustainable Operations



Rajasthan is taking a significant step towards strengthening environmental compliance in one of India's most iconic textile hubs, with nearly all textile processing units in Jaipur's Sanganer cluster expected to be connected to a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) network by August 2026.

The initiative is aimed at improving industrial wastewater management in Sanganer, a globally recognised centre for traditional hand block printing and textile processing. Once the ongoing infrastructure works are completed, the project is expected to substantially reduce the discharge of untreated industrial effluents into nearby water bodies while promoting more sustainable textile manufacturing practices.

According to official figures, 758 of the cluster's 892 registered textile units have already been connected to the CETP network. The remaining units will be integrated after the commissioning of a new pumping station at Brahmanon Ki Guwar, enabling wastewater from almost the entire cluster to be channelled to the common treatment facility before disposal.

The expansion programme is being implemented under the supervision of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) in collaboration with the concerned executing agencies. The project recently underwent a high-level inspection by Additional Chief Secretary (Forest and Environment) Anand Kumar and Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Vijay N, who reviewed the

progress of the pumping station and pipeline infrastructure to ensure completion within the targeted timeline.

The project has received sustained attention from the Rajasthan Government. During the third Raj Unnati review meeting held on March 28, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma directed officials to connect all remaining textile units to the CETP through a phased, mission-mode approach. The project was reviewed again during the sixth Raj Unnati meeting on June 19, where authorities were instructed to accelerate execution.

The pumping station and associated pipeline network are being developed by Sanganer Enviro Project Development (SEPD), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) established by member textile industries.

Although construction faced delays due to proceedings before the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) Tribunal, work resumed after land permission was granted on June 21, with construction restarting on June 24.

Currently, several textile units transport their wastewater to the CETP using tanker services. However, officials acknowledge that this arrangement has proved inadequate for handling the large volumes of effluent generated during textile processing, resulting in instances of untreated wastewater entering nearby rivers. The expanded pipeline network is expected to eliminate this dependency on tankers and ensure more efficient and environmentally responsible wastewater management.

For India's textile industry, the project represents another important milestone in advancing sustainable manufacturing. As global buyers increasingly prioritise environmental compliance and responsible sourcing, investments in common environmental infrastructure such as CETPs are becoming essential for enhancing the competitiveness and long-term resilience of textile clusters. The near-complete integration of Sanganer's textile units into the CETP network is expected to strengthen the cluster's environmental credentials while supporting cleaner production practices and regulatory compliance.

Sappi Joins ZDHC Foundation to Strengthen Sustainable Textile Value Chains



garment manufacturing. As a supplier of renewable fibre inputs, Sappi believes meaningful environmental progress depends on coordinated efforts across the entire value chain.

Commenting on the development, Krellyne Andrew, Head of Sustainability at Sappi Verve, said the partnership with ZDHC would help the company better support customers and suppliers in meeting evolving sustainability expectations across the global textile industry.

Global woodfibre-based renewable resources company Sappi has joined the ZDHC (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals) Foundation's Roadmap to Zero Programme, reinforcing its commitment to responsible chemical management and sustainable practices across the textile value chain.

The move strengthens Sappi's sustainability strategy for its global dissolving wood pulp (DWP) business, marketed under the Sappi Verve brand. Dissolving wood pulp is a key renewable raw material used to manufacture cellulosic fibres that are transformed into soft, breathable fabrics for apparel, professional wear and home textiles.

By becoming part of the ZDHC programme, Sappi aims to collaborate more closely with fibre producers, textile manufacturers, apparel brands, customers and suppliers to improve responsible chemical management, promote water stewardship and enhance supply chain transparency.

The company said that sustainability in textile production must begin at the raw material stage rather than being limited to

The ZDHC Foundation's Roadmap to Zero Programme is widely recognised for promoting safer chemical management practices and driving industry-wide adoption of sustainable manufacturing standards. Sappi's participation is expected to further align its operations with international sustainability benchmarks while supporting customers seeking responsible sourcing solutions.

The announcement reflects the growing emphasis within the global textile and apparel industry on collaborative sustainability initiatives, with raw material suppliers playing an increasingly important role in achieving environmental and social goals across supply chains.





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