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### Appeal to Members to update Change of Address

Dear Members,

Please update your change of Address alongwith your contact details, mobile, e-mail, etc. on the above mentioned address by email, courier, etc. This will enable us to serve you in a better way.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

### EDITORIAL

#### Impact of Bharat Tex 2024 on Global Trade and the Indian Textile Industry

Bharat Tex 2024, the largest global textile event held in New Delhi, has left an indelible mark on both global trade dynamics and the Indian textile industry. With a unified focus on sustainability and innovation, the event served as a platform for fostering trade relations, showcasing India's textile prowess, and fostering collaboration across the entire value chain.

#### Global Trade Dynamics:

**Enhanced Global Visibility:** Bharat Tex 2024 attracted participation from top global brands, retailers, policymakers, and industry experts, showcasing India's rich textile heritage and potential in the international market. This heightened visibility is expected to attract increased global investment and trade opportunities for Indian textile businesses.

**Strengthened Trade Relations:** The event facilitated meaningful discussions and business meetings between Indian stakeholders and prominent global brands and investors. The signing of numerous Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with international institutions indicates a commitment to fostering collaborative research, innovation, and sustainable practices in the textile industry, thereby strengthening trade relations.

**Focus on Sustainability:** With dedicated pavilions and discussions on sustainability, circularity, and green financing, Bharat Tex 2024 highlighted the growing importance of sustainable practices in global trade. This emphasis on eco-friendly production methods and responsible sourcing resonates with evolving consumer preferences and regulatory trends, positioning Indian textiles as a sustainable choice in the global market.

#### Impact on the Indian Textile Industry:

**Market Expansion:** The event provided a platform for Indian textile players to showcase their capabilities across the entire value chain, from farm to fashion. With participation from leading domestic players and representation from textile-rich states, Bharat Tex 2024 showcased India's diverse textile landscape, attracting global buyers and investors and expanding market opportunities for Indian businesses.

**Promotion of Innovation:** Bharat Tex 2024 served as a launchpad for various initiatives and projects, including the IndiaTEX project and the Textile Grand Innovation Challenge. These initiatives aim to accelerate innovation, research, and entrepreneurship in the Indian textile sector, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and competitiveness.

**Skill Development:** The event featured capacity-building masterclasses and knowledge sessions on topics such as ESG, skilling, finance, and smart factories. For aspiring entrepreneurs and industry professionals, Bharat Tex 2024 provided valuable learning opportunities, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the evolving landscape of the textile industry.

#### Key Learnings for Textile, Fashion & Apparel Aspiring Entrepreneurs:

**Sustainability:** Sustainability is no longer just a trend but a business imperative. Aspiring entrepreneurs should prioritize sustainable practices in their business models, from sourcing raw materials to manufacturing processes, to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers and gain a competitive edge in the market.

**Invest in Innovation:** Innovation is key to staying ahead in the textile industry. Entrepreneurs should leverage technology, research, and collaboration to develop innovative products, processes, and business models that meet evolving consumer needs and market demands.

**Partnerships Forge Collaborative:** Collaboration is essential for success in the textile industry. Entrepreneurs should seek partnerships with industry stakeholders, including suppliers, manufacturers, designers, and policymakers, to access resources, expertise, and market opportunities that can drive growth and expansion.

Bharat Tex 2024 has had a transformative impact on both global trade dynamics and the Indian textile industry, paving the way for sustainable growth, innovation, and collaboration. Aspiring entrepreneurs stand to gain valuable insights and opportunities from the event, positioning them for success in the dynamic and competitive textile market. The Indian textile, fashion, and apparel industry expects to have this kind of event every year.

Dr. Vijay Gotmare  
Hon. Editor (Newsletter)

## From the Desk of the President



**Mr. Rajiv Ranjan**  
President

1. The one day conference on January 31 conducted by The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit on the very important and contemporary topic of 'Sustainability and Circularity – The New Challenges for the Textile Value Chain' was a grand success. Attended by about 275 delegates, the conference was able to convey very effectively its message on the importance of sustainability, circularity and social responsibility.

The conference presentations and focus on 'Materials for Sustainability' and 'Process Innovations and Circularity' was appreciated by all.

We are thankful to all who worked tirelessly to make this conference a success.

2. The adverse global economic scenario continues to be grim and this combined with the major disruptions in the Red Sea route have resulted in our textile exports contracting by 4.2% for the April 23 – Feb 24 period.

However, industry experts are hopeful that exports will improve in the upcoming months, especially with the US market showing signs of revival.

According to Crisil, India's textile industry is expected to grow in calendar year 2024, driven by a consistent improvement in domestic demand, gradual recovery in exports, and lower cotton prices.

3. The government has finally taken action on the rampant dumping of knitted fabrics and fixed a minimum import price. The dumping, especially from China was hurting the domestic knit industry, and the action by the government should bring relief to this domestic segment.
4. Reported to be one of the biggest textile exhibitions globally, The Bharat Tex 2024 Expo, a four-day exhibition in the textiles sector which took place from February 26 – 29, truly showcased India's capability in the textile sector.
5. The Cotton Association of India (CAI) has revised its cotton production estimates upwards to 309.70 lakh bales of 170 kg for the current season, 2023-24. Initially, in October 2023, the production was estimated at 294.1 lakh bales.

This figure still is far below what the country is capable of producing. A focussed strategy is required by the policy makers, Industry, and Research Institutions to ensure higher yield and increased acreage.

6. TAI – MU plans to aggressively work on its Industry Outreach programme during the year 2024 – 25 and we will need support of all members to achieve this. As a part of this we are conducting our first Hybrid programme on the topic '5S – The First Step Towards Building a World Class Organisation'.<sup>7</sup>

We plan to conduct atleast one programme every month during this year.

7. Here's hoping that the new financial year 2024-24 will bring cheer to the textile industry and all who are connected to it.

International Conference on  
**SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULARITY**  
 THE NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE TEXTILE VALUE CHAIN

31st January 2024, Hotel The Lalit, Mumbai

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit organized International Conference on “Sustainability and Circularity - The New Challenges for the Textile Value Chain” on Wednesday, 31st January 2024 at Hotel the Lalit, Mumbai. The Conference received overwhelming response with 275 delegates in attendance. The theme of Conference, topics, presentations, and speakers were highly appreciated by one and all. Some of the highlights of the conference are described as under:

Mr. V. C. Gupte, Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit and Convener of the Conference welcomed Guest of Honour, Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Naresh Tyagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited, Awardees, Speakers, Press, Media, and delegates. Mr. Gupte welcomed and congratulated two awardees Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf for The Lifetime Achievement Award and Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal for The Industrial Excellence Award. Mr. Gupte explained what is circularity and circularity model, in which all materials are viewed as a resource, there is no waste. A circular textiles system will require solutions that would enable us to recycle textiles back into textiles without degrading quality.

He explained when a product reaches the end of its life, its materials are kept within the economy wherever possible, The circular economy involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible. These can be productively used again and again, thereby creating further value. This is Circular Economy which is departure from the current model of which is based on a take-make-consume-throw away pattern. However, it is now realised to relook at this model for better sustainability of the planet Earth.

He mentioned that TAI, Mumbai Unit has always selected contemporary & innovative topics in all the conferences organized and presentations by high profile speakers. This conference is also no exception to the set tradition especially the theme being of international importance.



Guest of Honour Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society lighting the lamp.

Standing (L to R): Dr. G. S. Nadiger, Vice Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit, Dr. Naresh Tyagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited, Mr. R. R. Patil, Vice President, TAI, Mumbai Unit, Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal, Managing Director, SVG Fashions Ltd., Mr. A. V. Mantri, Vice Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit, Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf, Chairman and Managing Director, Technocraft Group, Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society, Mr. V. C. Gupte, Conference Convenor & Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit, Mr. G. V. Aras, Conference Chairman, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit.



Welcome Address by Mr. V. C. Gupte, Conference Convenor & Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit.

## Events held

Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit in his Presidential Address started with the UN definition that a sustainable development meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Since the textile industry was very polluting in nature and as per estimate more than five per cent of total Green House Gas (GHG) emission was due to this industry, the 3R principle of Reduce, Recycle and Reuse was never more valid. In its efforts towards sustainability, it was extremely important for the textile industry to look at steps to conserve resources, optimise efficiencies across the manufacturing process and minimise waste at every stage.



*Presidential Address by Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit.*

If a proper mechanism was adopted by the industry to work on collection for recycle and reuse, then remarkable changes could be brought to nurture sustainable development. ESG (Environment, Corporate and Social Governance) and sustainability were essential principles that organizations must adopt to operate in a responsible and sustainable manner. These measures not only benefit the environment and the society, but they also contribute to the company's long term profitability and success.

Mr. G. V. Aras, The Conference Chairman and Trustee, TAI, Mumbai Unit briefed about the details of the Conference, including topics and speakers. He said every attempt has been made to address the theme from the perspectives of organized industry and MSMEs apart from international perspectives. Sustainable development with circularity is emphasized by the speakers from different angles so that a holographic picture can be conceived at the end of the conference. He reiterated that sustainability and circularity are the most important aspects of manufacturing for reducing environmental impact. While sustainability is the goal, circularity is a milestone that results to achieve sustainable objectives. In circularity model, all materials are viewed as resources and as such there is no waste. A circular textile system requires solutions that would enable us to recycle textiles back into textiles without degrading quality.



*Address by Conference Chairman, Mr. G. V. Aras*

Dr. Naresh Tyagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited in his Keynote address described the sustainability and various steps involved in establishing the goals set towards circularity. He emphasized that the holistic approach to develop strategies to achieve the goals set and collate with national and global perspectives. He described the various facets of sustainability and in turn strategies developed through circularity in line with sustainable development goals set by UNO as India is a signatory for the seventeen sustainable goals.



*Key Note Speaker Dr. Naresh Tyagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited addressing the gathering.*

With his rich experience in sustainability solutions at Birla Cellulose, he unfolded in a lucid way the importance of the subject and relevance to textile and clothing industry. His keynote address set the pace of the theme of the conference rolling to extend the deliberations on various other aspects of sustainability and circularity.

## Honouring the best in class under the Textile and Trade Family Tree

TAI Mumbai Unit takes it as privilege to honor the distinguished achievers in the textile trade and industry every year. As a tradition, the following luminaries were honored during the international conference.

### a) The Lifetime Achievement Award

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit has set a precedent by felicitating the textile professionals/industrialists for their outstanding contribution to the textile industry. In this Conference, the TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf, Chairman and Managing Director, Technocraft Group with “The Lifetime Achievement Award” for his Contribution and Services to the Textile & clothing Industry. In his remarks, the awardee Dr. Saraf highlighted the key features of sustainability based on his rich experience in the industry and trade.

### b) The Industrial Excellence Award

TAI, Mumbai Unit also felicitated Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal, Managing Director, SVG Fashions Ltd. with “The Industrial Excellence Award” for his contribution in the field of textile and clothing industry. Mr. Rajkumar in his remarks, emphasized the role of the textile and clothing sector in the light of international scenario.

Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society who was the Guest of Honor addressed the delegates. She described the importance of the theme of the conference regarding holistic approach for the development of the textile and clothing sector. She highlighted the synergy of machinery development and promotion in achieving the sustainability and circularity. She complimented the TAI, Mumbai Unit for choice of the topic and organizing the international conference as it is an important topic of current interest to the textile trade and industry.



Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf, Chairman and Managing Director, Technocraft Group receiving The Lifetime Achievement Award by the hands of Guest of Honour Ms. Seema Srivastava.



Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal, Managing Director, SVG Fashions Ltd. receiving The Industrial Excellence Award by the hands of Guest of Honour Ms. Seema Srivastava.



Guest of Honour Ms. Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, India ITME Society addressing the gathering.

## Knowledge Sharing and Informative technical sessions

The international conference organized with two technical sessions and one panel discussion. A summary of the proceedings is described below under the head of the name of the eminent speakers:

1. Mr. Ullhas Nimkar, Chairman, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt. Ltd. presented a paper on "Understanding Sustainability and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain". With his vast exposure to national and international ecosystem in the context of the theme of the conference, he described in lucid terms the significance of circularity and sustainability in textile value chain. He took various cases in the recycling of waste and development of sustainable fibres which are beneficial to the ecology and environment management.

2. Mr. Mayank Mody, Director, Mody Linen Fibre Pvt. Ltd; and Dr. G. S. Nadiger, General Secretary, Non-Conventional Fibres Association made the presentation on "Sustainability in Textile Fibres". Presentation highlighted the role of non-conventional fibres as supplementary raw material base to be harnessed to address some of the key aspects of circularity and sustainability. Keeping the potential of these fibres, the use of them as an additional source of raw material to supplement the needs of the textile industry is an important step in sustainable development. The nonconventional fibres originate from three sources: namely plant, animal, and manmade routes. However, the presentation focused on the fibres from plant origin. Authors emphasized the developmental activities taken up jointly by Nonconventional Fibre Association (NCFA) and Mody Linen Pvt Ltd. Continuing the presentation, advantages of fibres such as banana, sisal, flax, bamboo, hemp, and screw pine fibres. Among the animal fibres, it was listed that the wild silks such as Eri, Muga and Taser along with pashmina are very important from Indian context.

3. Mr. Shiladitya K. Joshi, Deputy General Manager - Product & Marketing, Truetzschler India Private Limited, made the presentation on "Truetzschler's Approach towards Sustainability". As one of the leading machinery manufacturers globally, presentation focused on machineries required for recycling of the textile/fibres to address circularity. He informed the appropriate machines and technology available for the recycling of different types of reclaimed textiles towards sustainability.

4. Mr. Prashant M. Pote, Customer Relations Management Manager, India, bluesign technologies ag made the presentation on "bluesign® Solutions for Sustainability & Circularity". The speaker discussed the scope of the ecolabel "Bluesign" with four tiers of achieving the sustainability. The tiers included people (Consumer Safety and Occupational Safety); Environment (Water Emission, Air Emission, Waste & Soil); Resources (Energy, Water, Chemicals, Raw Materials including bench Marking) and Blue Sign System (Risk minimization, Reduction of impacts, Protection of people and environment & Resource productivity). In achieving the approval of 'bluesign' labelling, role of testing in the entire lifecycle process as the important step was highlighted in establishing the ecofriendly features of the process/materials involved.

5. Mr. Umasankar Sinha Mahapatra, Managing Director, Pulcra Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. made the presentation on "Sustainable Wet Processing of Textiles". Speaker highlighted the scope and goal of establishing the circularity and sustainability in the textile value chain while illustrating the developmental work done by M/s Pulcra Chemicals India Pvt Limited. He informed Fashion & textile industry in one of the top manufacturing sectors in terms of its negative environmental footprints. There is an immediate need to adopt more sustainable practices to make it safer to the consumers and to the environment. Various material innovations are happening in sustainable fibers, but unless those are processed using sustainable processing chemicals, it's not complete. Textile processing chemicals can be categorized in two buckets: a. EcoLogical Textile Products and b. EcoNomical Textile Processes.

In case of EcoLogical textile products, it is produced from renewable sources, mostly biodegradable, recycled and non/less toxic. In case of EcoNomical Textile Processes, it helps to reduce resource (water, energy & time) intensity of the manufacturing process. Processing chemicals play a vital role in both these categories. Product designing plays a big role in making products safe for use by consumers, during service life (low temp washing, quick drying) and at end of life (easy to recycle/safe disposal). Various biobased/biodegradable functional finishes are available to improve product features, such as thermal regulations, moisture management, safer DWR and stain release.

Health & hygiene of wearers can be improved by using performance finishing such as plant-based antimicrobial, skin moisturizing finishes etc. There are use cases of adopting pro- biotics and CBD based products in textiles. Case studies of some of these products and processes are available from Pulcra Chemicals and Devan Chemicals (part of Pulcra Group). Breviol DNV is a sustainable dyeing technology for Indigo and/or Sulphur dyed Denim which reduces water and dyes consumption along with making the effluent much cleaner than traditional dyeing process. Sustineri coloring technology is revolutionary single bath pretreatment and dyeing technology which can reduce water, steam, and electricity consumption up to 60% for 100% cotton and Polyester/Cotton fabrics. Many innovations happening in processing equipment as well which can help making wet processing more sustainable. Some of these new technologies are disruptive in nature making use of spray, plasma, laser, ultrasonic etc.

6. Dr. Ratnakar R. Mahajan, Regional Technical Manager, Maccaferri Environmental Solutions Pvt. Ltd. made the presentation on “Nurturing the World of tomorrow using Geosynthetics”. The speaker discussed the importance of geosynthetics in various infrastructure projects and its impact on environmental aspects. While describing various projects, the highlights of the activities of the organization over a period were narrated by the speaker.

7. Mr. Ranga Nathan NS, Vice President – Head of Customer Engagement, TextileGenesis made the presentation on “Why Traceability has become top-priority for Fashion brands”. The presentation highlighted the importance of traceability in the context of sustainability and circularity. The speaker informed the role and contribution of TextileGenesis in the context of Life Cycle Assessment/impact in the value chain right from raw material to finished goods.

8. Dr. Ajay Ranka, Chairman and Managing Director, Zydex Group made the presentation on “Farm & Forest Sustainability for Organic Fibre Production – Profitable one crop transition”. In his presentation, he informed that today, India is the largest organic cotton grower in the world, accounting 50% of global share but represent less than 1% of total cotton produce. The process of conversion of conventional farms to organic remains financially unfeasible for most farmers, despite various benefits. During transition, yields drop significantly leading to losses to farmers, thereby conversions become a challenge. As an acceptable solution to organic farming, the speaker highlighted the developments made in their organization. He informed that Zydex has developed Zytonic Soil amendment technology platform, inoculated with mycorrhiza and different microbial like NPK consortia, which help for faster conversion of soil to organic farms. It addresses all the aspects of physical, biological, and chemical properties of farm soils. This is a biodegradable and biology boosting technology. It makes soils soft and reduces crusting, thereby improving germination and helps in faster transition to organic farms. He also conveyed that there are case studies carried out by the company in adapting them for harnessing positive results. A positive note on the developments highlighted include Zydex with its innovative Zytonic technology is collaborating with stakeholder to revive cotton land, making farming processes sustainable and organic all in a single crop cycle.

There was good interaction by speakers with the delegates during question answer sessions resulting thereon effective delivery of the though sharing on the theme of conference “Sustainability and Circularity”.

### **Panel Discussion on “Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs)”**

The third technical session was Panel Discussion with the theme “Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs)”. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, CITI. The Panel consisted of Mr. Rahul Bhajekar, Managing Director, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), Mr. Shyamlal Patnaik, Joint President - Head Specialty Products, Grasim Industries Ltd., Mr. Kapil Pathare, Director, VIP Clothing Ltd., Mr. M. Gunasekaran, Technical Marketing & Development Manager (South Asia), Lenzing Fibers, Mr. Avik Banerjee, Material and Components, H&M Group, Hennes & Mauritz India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Raw Material Specialist, IKEA Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee made her initial remarks on the relevance of the theme and proposed appropriate queries to each panel member from the point of view of the sustainable development goals and their share of experience/contribution of the organization in contributing to the Indian/international perspectives. While responding to the moderator's specific query, each panel member responded to bring home the relevant goals of the SDG interfacing Sustainability and circularity in relation to textile and clothing industry. The strategies of program for attaining the results under SDGs from different perspectives and documentation with digitalization, Organic Certification, Generation of sustainability report on annual basis as corporate philosophy, Value Chain, Raw material flow in the ecology and environment while achieving the efficiency etc. were discussed. The panel discussion brought home the salient features of SDGs collating to circularity in achieving sustainability through the thematic delivery by panel members and interaction by the delegates.

Mr. Haresh B. Parekh, Hon. Secretary, TAI, Mumbai Unit proposed a vote of the thanks to everyone who have contributed for the success of the international conference which was attended by around 275 participants.



Panel Discussion Session: (Sitting L to R): Mr. Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Raw Material Specialist, IKEA Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Kapil Pathare, Director, VIP Clothing Ltd., Mr. Rahul Bhajekar, Managing Director, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, CITI, Mr. Shyamal Patnaik, Joint President - Head Specialty Products, Grasim Industries Ltd., Mr. M. Gunasekaran, Technical Marketing & Development Manager (South Asia), Lenzing Fibers, Mr. Avik Banerjee, Material and Components, H&M Group, Hennes & Mauritz India Pvt. Ltd.



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Haresh B. Parekh, Hon. Secretary, TAI, Mumbai Unit.



Release of Book of Papers



The Distinguished Audience



# Congratulations!



*Mr. A. V. Mantri, Vice Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit receiving Service Gold Medal by the hands of Guest of Honour, Shri Anil Jain, Chairman, Jain Cord Group of Industries.*



*Mr. A. T. Shahani, Governing Council Member of TAI, Mumbai Unit receiving Service Memento by the hands of Shri R. K. Vij, President Emeritus, TAI, Central Office.*



*Mr. T. K. Sengupta, Managing Committee Member, TAI, Mumbai Unit receiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the hands of Shri T. L. Patel, President, TAI, Central Office.*

Mr. A. V. Mantri, Vice Chairman of TAI, Mumbai Unit was conferred with the Service Gold Medal in recognition of his meritorious services to the Association and textile industry.

Mr. A. T. Shahani, Governing Council Member of TAI, Mumbai Unit and Hon. Treasurer of TAI, Central Office was conferred with the Service Memento in recognition of his meritorious services to the Association and textile industry.

Mr. T. K. Sengupta, Managing Committee Member of TAI, Mumbai Unit was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his services to the textile industry.

These awards were presented to them during 77th All India Textile Conference on 16th March 2024 at New Delhi.

### **“Green Fashion India Conference 2024 – A Prelude” held at Nagpur on March 28, 2024**

Rajiv Ranjan, VC Gupte and Rahul Bhajekar from The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit were invited by School of Fashion Technology, Nagpur, to their Green Fashion India Conference 2024 – A Prelude, which was held at their campus in Nagpur on March 28, 2024.

The 125+ years old Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Sanstha based out of Pune is committed to “Empowerment of women through education”. The institution has a century long history of dedicated work towards making women educated and self reliant. MKSSS was established by the great visionary and social worker Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve to provide shelter to destitute women.

The institution has expanded and is running 60 educational units having diversified branches all over Maharashtra with units located at Pune, Wai, Ratnagiri, Nagpur, Kamshet, etc. with more than 30,000 students. All these units are meant only for girls. The institution has now established branches like engineering, architecture, management, nursing, fashion technology, vocational training institute, Etc.

Rajiv Ranjan spoke on the topic "Current Sustainability Scenario in India & A Way Forward" in the inaugural session while VC Gupte delivered a talk on the topic of “Colour” in the session.

Rahul Bhajekar is a part of the Green Fashion India executive committee along with other green fashion committed people. He got involved with the School of Fashion Technology as part of the Green Fashion India concept that came about when DyStar supported the cause as the Consortium of Green Fashion in 2011. The first large event was held in 2013 with over 500 participants and this has grown ever since. He has been a part of their activities since the beginning. He has been involved in planning and coordinating the conferences for GFI and have also lectured at the SOFT (School of Fashion Technology) on ecological and sustainability topics.

The Inaugural session was followed by Group Discussions and Panel Discussions in which all three, Rajiv Ranjan, VC Gupte and Rahul Bhajekar were participants and helped in summing up the outcome and finalising the guidelines and mandates for the next year's Main conference.

The day long conference was followed by a very well organised Fashion Show in which garments designed by students of the institute were displayed



## SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE TAI, MUMBAI UNIT



As a Social Media initiative taken by the TAI, Mumbai Unit, we are regularly posting news articles on LinkedIn. We have crossed 7500 followers on LinkedIn and will try to increase number of followers every month. We request all the members to follow our LinkedIn Page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/tai-mumbai-unit-90658021b/>



We are glad to inform you that in the 72nd AGM of TAI, Mumbai Unit held on 26th September 2023, Mumbai Unit have launched a WhatsApp Group only for the members of TAI, Mumbai Unit. This group will help the members to get regular updates about events, LinkedIn post link, JTA, Newsletter letters, etc.

We request all the members to give permission with your WhatsApp number to add the same in the group by mail on [taimumbaiunit@gmail.com](mailto:taimumbaiunit@gmail.com) or on mobile 9324904271.

Whatsapp Group Link: (Only for Members of TAI, Mumbai Unit)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DxcOyEVeqza9akIQCxHUuX>





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# HYBRID LECTURE

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL 2024  
04.00 PM TO 05.30 PM

## 5S - The First Step to Building a World Class Organisation



**Hemendra K. Varma**  
Director  
The 5S Institute

### Topics to be covered:

What is 5S? A Conceptual Understanding.

Learn what implementation of 5S involves and how to go about it.

The likely impediments and difficulties that are likely to arise and how these are to be tackled.

How to sustain 5S and Top Management's role and responsibility in ensuring this.

Mr. Hemendra K. Varma is a Mech Engineer from IIT, Kharagpur and an MEP participant from IIM, Ahmedabad. He has over 50 years of working experience of which the first 15 years were spent in Industry. He has worked with Voltas, G. Claridge and, in his last job, was the GM - Mfg of Jenson & Nicholson. Since 1987 he has been engaged in Management Consultancy activities in the areas of Operations Management and Organisation & Human Resources Development. In 2005, he founded India's (and, indeed, the world's) FIRST 5S Institute, dedicated to providing training & implementation assistance in 5S.

5S has today become an "unstated" mandatory requirement for being qualified to supply goods and services in the international market. In his talk, Mr, Varma will share his interpretation of 5S and what is required to implement it successfully. He will also illustrate, through some example & case studies, how it can benefit industry in the areas of Safety, Quality, Productivity, Cost Reduction & Response Time reduction. The 5S Institute has implemented 5S in a wide range of organisations from Engineering, Steel, Chemical, Foundry, Ceramic, Banking, Healthcare and even 2 of the country's major High Courts.



### For virtual attendance Zoom Registration Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZU5fuitrD8qH9wbrhhYJNSEO2KLCocszRTG>

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the online lecture)



**For physical attendance, please confirm your participation by email to TAI, Mumbai Unit before 10.04.2024. The physical participation is on first come first serve basis due to the limited capacity of the venue. Spot registration and participation is not allowed. The Lecture will be held at TAI, Mumbai Unit Office followed by High Tea.**

**RAJIV RANJAN**  
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# Membership



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## The Textile Association (India)

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### Membership of The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

The Textile Association (India) is the national body of textile professionals and technocrats having 26 affiliated units all over the country. The TAI, Mumbai Unit is one of the largest Unit in the country having the membership strength of over 4000 members. The Mumbai Unit is the pioneer Unit of this Association and organizes seminars, national and international conferences in the most professional manner, for the betterment of the textile industry.

We request you to become the member of the Association and be a part of this esteemed organization.

The Association renders the following benefits to its members:

1. Member is eligible for a substantial discount in delegates fees in the conferences / seminars / exhibitions organized by any Unit of the Association all over India and TAI, Central Office.
2. Opportunity to enhance your textile qualification by undertaking examination / submitting CV to acquire professional qualifications such as ATA, GMTA, FTA.
3. Opportunity to get involved in the activities of TAI by getting elected / selected to specific committees.
4. Eligible for a complimentary soft copy of bi-monthly magazine i.e. Journal of the Textile Association (JTA) and Newsletter.
5. WhatsApp Group (Only for members) – 9324904271  
WhatsApp Group Link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DxcOyEVeqza9akIQCxHUuX>  
We are regularly sending Linkedin Post, news, magazines, newspaper, etc on whatsapp group
5. You can regularly visit our website for the current issue of JTA and other activities of the TAI, Mumbai Unit. Our website is: [www.textileassociationindia.com](http://www.textileassociationindia.com)

The various memberships of TAI available are as follows. We have three categories of membership: Life / Patron / Corporate membership.

### TAI MEMBERSHIP FEES

Srl. No.	Type of Member	Membership Fees	GST @ 18%	Total Fees
1.	Life Member	3,200 /-	576 /-	3,776 /-
2.	Patron Member	4,600 /-	828 /-	5,428 /-
3.	Corporate Member	20,000 /-	3,600 /-	23,600 /-

Please visit our website for membership registration: website: [www.textileassociationindia.com](http://www.textileassociationindia.com)

Registration Link: <http://textileassociationindia.com/online-membership-registration/>

You can register yourself or your organization online through above registration link. Please transfer the necessary membership fees including GST to the Unit by RTGS/NEFT and mention the payment details while filling-up the online form.

The Life & Patron Membership is for individual person and Corporate Membership is for Organisation. The fees for the membership is onetime and membership is for the lifetime.

If you need any further information, please contact us.

## Appeal to Members

Dear Members,

We have noticed that many members have not informed changes in their personal profile due to which various communication sent by the Mumbai Unit do not reach them. We would kindly request you to spare few minutes for updating your records for our office purposes. Your kind action in this regard will establish a continuous and better link between yourself and the Association. We would request you to kindly complete the following format and send it back to Association as per your convenience i.e. by e-mail, post or courier, etc. This will enable us to serve you in a better way. Also request your friends / colleagues who are members of the Association to update their address and contact details. Kindly accept our thanks in advance for this co-operation from your end.

Membership No.:.....

Name:.....

Designation:.....

Organisation:.....

Address of the Organisation:.....

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Tel:..... Fax:.....

Mobile:..... Email: .....

Residence Address:.....

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Tel (Residence):.....

Address for communication (Tick on the preferred block)      Residence       Organisation



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