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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

### Revitalizing India's Textile Industry: A Call for Vision and Innovation

India's textile industry, once a global leader, now faces significant challenges as its share of global exports continues to decline. From 15% in FY16 to 12% in FY19, India's textile exports have struggled due to increased competition and internal inefficiencies.

Countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam have emerged as formidable competitors in both the fabric and apparel segments. With lower production costs and more agile manufacturing setups, these nations have rapidly captured global market share. Bangladesh, for instance, has become one of the largest exporters of ready-made garments, while Vietnam has leveraged technological advancements and trade agreements to bolster its position in the global supply chain.

In contrast, India grapples with volatility in cotton prices and a drop in demand in both domestic and export markets. Its reluctance to modernize textile infrastructure and manufacturing processes has compounded these struggles.

To secure its place in the global textile market, India must focus on scalability, sustainability, and a commitment to producing high-quality products. Competing with nations like Bangladesh and Vietnam requires scaling up operations by modernizing infrastructure and embracing automation. Large-scale production will enable Indian manufacturers to meet increasing global demand while remaining cost-competitive.

Moreover, sustainability is no longer optional; it is a necessity. As environmental concerns grow, consumers and brands are increasingly seeking textiles produced through eco-friendly methods. India should enhance its use of organic materials, adopt renewable energy sources, and ensure traceability throughout the supply chain. Simultaneously, the industry must uphold a commitment to quality, producing textiles that meet international standards and consumer expectations, ultimately positioning India as a premium textile exporter.

Additionally, skill development is crucial for maintaining competitiveness in the global market. With rapid advancements in technology and changing consumer demands, the workforce must be equipped with modern skills. Initiatives like the Samarth Scheme focus on capacity building to enhance the skills of workers across the textile value chain, from spinning to fabric finishing. The Textile Sector Skill Council (TSC) plays a key role in developing world-class skilled manpower by setting occupational standards and providing specialized training programs. Furthermore, schemes under Skill India and PMKVY aim to expand training opportunities for millions of workers, ensuring a more robust and capable workforce.

For India to regain its competitive edge, the industry needs a clear vision centered on technology integration, sustainability, and diversification into value-added products. A cohesive mission driven by innovation and market adaptation will be essential for the industry's revival.

Dr. Vijay Gotmare  
Hon. Editor (Newsletter)

# From the Desk of the President



**Mr. Rajiv Ranjan**  
President

Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we reflect on the second quarter of 2024 - 25, I am pleased to provide an overview of the developments, challenges, and opportunities that we have experienced during this period. In the last few months the textile sector has witnessed dynamic shifts, driven by both global market trends and domestic initiatives aimed at enhancing the sector's competitiveness and sustainability.

## Market Performance and Economic Landscape

The Indian textile industry, which contributes significantly to our economy and employment, has continued to face both headwinds and tailwinds in this quarter. The global textile market has been volatile, influenced by factors such as inflationary pressures, currency fluctuations, and shifting consumer preferences. However, Indian textile exports have shown resilience, particularly in categories such as cotton and home textiles. The demand from key markets like the US and Europe remains steady, albeit at a slower pace compared to last year, as global retail continues to recover post-pandemic.

Domestically, the sector has benefitted from growing consumer demand, driven by festivals and a return to normalcy in many parts of the country. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme continues to support investment in manufacturing capabilities, with several companies expanding their operations to meet both domestic and international demand. Additionally, the MITRA parks initiative is beginning to take shape, promising a boost to infrastructure and creating textile clusters that will provide both scale and efficiency to our industry.

## Sustainability: A Key Priority

One of the most significant trends we have observed is the growing importance of sustainability across the textile value chain. Global buyers are increasingly prioritizing sustainable sourcing, which is reshaping the way Indian textile manufacturers operate. This quarter has seen a strong push towards adopting green technologies, recycling initiatives, and circular fashion models.

As the industry looks to reduce its environmental footprint, many companies have started investing in water-efficient dyeing technologies, sustainable fibre production, and waste management systems. The Textile Association of India (TAI) has actively promoted these initiatives, providing a platform for stakeholders to share best practices and innovations in sustainable production. I encourage all members to continue focusing on eco-friendly practices, as sustainability will be a major driver of competitiveness in the global market.

## Automation and Technological Advancements

TAI – Mumbai Unit is organising a conference on November 15 at The Lalit Hotel on the very important topic “Automation and Robotics In the Textile and Apparel Industry”. Our sincere request to all members to not only join this conference but also spread the word around about this conference and encourage maximum participation as delegates.

The theme of automation and robotics remains at the forefront of the industry's transformation. While traditionally labor-intensive, the textile sector is increasingly embracing new technologies that can enhance productivity and quality. From automated cutting and stitching systems to AI-powered supply chain management, we are witnessing a digital revolution within the industry.

However, this transition is not without its challenges. The cost of adopting advanced technology remains a barrier for many, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Moreover, the skill gap in handling these new systems is an area that needs attention. We are optimistic that with the right support and strategic investments, Indian textile manufacturers can harness the power of automation to compete on a global scale.

### Challenges Ahead: Navigating Global Uncertainties

While the industry has made significant strides, we are also mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. Global uncertainties, including fluctuating raw material prices, trade tensions, and unpredictable weather patterns affecting cotton production, pose risks to the industry. Additionally, competition from other textile-producing nations remains intense, and we must continuously innovate to maintain our edge.

On the labour front, the automation push brings concerns about job displacement, and it is essential that we focus on upskilling our workforce to ensure they are equipped for the future. TAI will continue to advocate for worker-friendly policies while promoting the adoption of technology to enhance overall productivity.

### Looking Forward

As we move into the final quarter of 2024, the outlook for the Indian textile industry remains cautiously optimistic. The festive season ahead, coupled with improving export markets, provides an opportunity for growth. We are confident that with the right combination of innovation, sustainability, and government support, the Indian textile industry can continue to thrive, setting new benchmarks in both domestic and international markets.

I urge all members to remain focused on adopting sustainable practices, investing in new technologies, and contributing to the upskilling of our workforce. Together, we can overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead.

I thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to advancing the Indian textile industry. Let's work together to ensure that the industry remains competitive, sustainable, and prosperous in the years to come.

Our entire Mumbai Unit joins me in wishing you the best for the coming festive season.

### Special General Body Meeting and 73rd Annual General Body Meeting of The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

#### THE TEXTILE ASSOCIATION (INDIA), MUMBAI UNIT

The **Special General Body Meeting** and **73rd Annual General Body Meeting** was held on **27th September 2024** at the Office of TAI, Mumbai Unit.

Mr. Haresh B. Parekh, Hon. Secretary, TAI, Mumbai Unit welcomed the members and Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit was presided over the meeting.

The 85th AGM of the TAI, Central Office was also held on the same day.

The AGM was very successful and was attended by members in large numbers.



# International Conference on **Automation and Robotics in Textile & Apparel Industry**

FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

Hotel The Lalit, Mumbai  
Sahar Airport Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400 059, India



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# Forthcoming Events

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit is organizing an international conference “Automation and Robotics in Textile & Apparel Industry” on **Friday, 15th November 2024** at Hotel The Lalit, Mumbai.

This conference will explore the key applications, benefits and future outlook of automation and robotics in the textile & apparel industry. We have made all-out efforts to cover most of the topics. This conference will be addressed by reputed textile professionals and renowned experts from different parts of the world and India who are experts in the subject. This high profile conference will be attended by about 350 quality participants who will get the rare opportunity to listen to such high quality experts. We are sure that the participating delegates will be benefitted immensely from this conference.

**Chief Guest** : **Ms. Roop Rashi (IA & AS)**, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India

**Guest of Honour** : **Mr. Priyavrata Mafatlal**, Managing Director, Mafatlal Industries Ltd.

**Key Note Speaker** : **Mr. Navdeep S. Sodhi**, Partner, Gherzi Textil Organisation

## Topics & Speakers:

- **Automation opportunities in the textile industry - Mr. S. Anandhakumar**, Vice President – Sales (Exports) & **Mr. Sathyanandan P.**, Vice President – Sales, Sieger Spintech Equipment's Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Sudhir Mehani**, Digitalization Head, Marzoli India
- **Steinemann Central Vacuum Systems: Automated Textile Waste Management solutions**  
**Mr. Fabian Altorfer**, Sales Manager, M/s Steinemann Central Vacuum Systems, Switzerland
- **Automation in Action: The Power of Smartex Inspected Fabric Towards Zero-Waste Textile Supply Chains**  
**Mr. Gilberto Loureiro**, CEO & Co-Founder of Smartex.ai, USA
- **Automatic Dosing and Dispensing Systems - Mr. Victor Macovei**, Area Sales Manager, Color Service s.r.l., Italy
- **Storage Automation opportunities for the textile Industry - Mr. Umesh Prasad**, Director, UV Hitech Pvt. Ltd.
- **Automatic Inspection of Textile material – Cascading Benefits**  
**Mr. Thirupathi S.**, Managing Director, Indo Texnology Pvt. Ltd. and **Mr. Harshavardhan T.**, CEO, CountAI Pvt. Ltd.
- **Machine Upgradation... Need of Time - Mr. Vikas V. Banduke**, VP, Textile Engg-Automation, A. T. E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Parag S. Kothari**, Chairman & MD, Jaysynth Dyechem Ltd.
- **Technology Transformation for Textile and Apparel Industry**  
**Mr. Mangesh Raut**, Director – Sales & Marketing, SoftCore Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

## Panel Discussion: “Automation & Robotics : Challenges & Opportunities”

Moderator: **Mr. Rajiv Ranjan**, President, The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

Panel Members:

- **Mr. Updeep Singh Chatrath**, Director – Growth Initiatives, Welspun Living Limited
- **Mr. K. K. Lalpuria**, Executive Director, Indo Count Industries Ltd.
- **Mr. Murugan Thenkondar**, President & Global Head Marketing and Business Development, Birla Cellulose, Grasim Industries Ltd.
- **Mr. M. B. Raghunath**, Chief Executive Officer, Mafatlal Industries Limited
- **Mr. S. Rajendran**, Senior Vice President, Business Head – Textile Engineering Processing and Accessories, Zonal Head – South India, A. T. E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.

It is needless to emphasize that your participation in this conference by way of sponsorship, advertisements and delegates will provide a common platform to meet the expert's from industry and to exchange the views on the technological developments in the field of textiles.

We appreciate your support to The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit in its activities and it is our pleasure to invite you to be part of this event to contribute towards the betterment of the textile industry. Let us join hands to make this conference a great success.

Rajiv Ranjan  
President

G. V. Aras  
Conference Chairman

V. C. Gupte  
Chairman & Convenor

Rahul Bhajekar  
Jt. Convenor

Hareesh B. Parekh  
Hon. Secretary

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• Non Members	: Rs.2200 /-
• Students	: Rs.1000 /-
• Spot Registration	: Rs.2500 /-
• Overseas Delegate	: USD 100

3 Delegates = 10% Discount

5 Delegates = 15% discount

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## 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 are glad to inform you that we have crossed 8500 followers on LinkedIn. We request all the members to follow our LinkedIn Page:

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



### **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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## 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.

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