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## 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



MUMBAI UNIT

The Textile Association (India)  
Mumbai Unit

**15th November 2024**

**REGISTRATION &  
HIGH TEA**

(08.00 a.m. to 09.00 a.m.)

**INAUGURATION**

(09.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

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Welcome Address : **Mr. V. C. Gupte**  
Conference Convenor & Chairman  
The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

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

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About Conference : **Mr. G. V. Aras**  
Conference Chairman & Trustee  
The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

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

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

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Felicitation to : **The Industrial Excellence Award**  
**Mr. Pradeep Dodhia**  
Managing Director  
Dodhia Synthetics Ltd.

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

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Vote of Thanks : **Mr. Haresh B. Parekh**  
Hon. Secretary  
The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

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**SESSION – I** (11.00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.)

(Session Chairman: **Dr. G. S. Nadiger**, Chairman,  
Professional Award Committee, The Textile Association (India) )

- **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.
- **Building Smarter Factories: AI and the Path to Predictive Maintenance**  
**Mr. Sudhir Mehani**, Chief Digitalization Officer, 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

**LUNCH** (01.00 p.m. to 02.00 p.m.)

**SESSION – II** (02.00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.)

(Session Chairman: **Dr. Ashok Athalye**, Professor – Textile Chemistry,  
Department of Fibers and Textile Processing Technology, ICT)

- **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 Textology Pvt. Ltd. and  
**Mr. Harshavardhan T.**, CEO, CountAI Pvt. Ltd.
- **Machine Upgradation... Need of Time**  
**Mr. Navin P. Agrawal**, Sr. Vice President, Textile Engineering - Fabric Forming  
A. T. E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
- **Automation in Textile Printing**  
**Mr. Parag S. Kothari**, Chairman & Managing Director, Jaysynth Dyechem Ltd.
- **Technology Transformation for Textile and Apparel Industry**  
**Mr. Mangesh Raut**, Director – Sales & Marketing, SoftCore Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

**SESSION III** (04.00 p.m. to 05:20 p.m.)

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**“Automation & Robotics : Challenges & Opportunities”**

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

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. S. Rajendran**, Senior Vice President, Business Head – Textile Engineering Processing  
and Accessories, Zonal Head – South India, A. T. E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. K. B. Prasad**, Vice President, IIGM Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. Amit Mittal**, Managing Director, Madasky Consultants

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**TEA** (Courtesy: **A.T.E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.**)  
(05.20 p.m. onwards)

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