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Programme

International Conference on

TEXTILES 2030

Navigating Geopolitics, Technology Innovations and Global Expectations

FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY 2026

Hotel The Lalit, Mumbai

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



MUMBAI UNIT

The Textile Association (India)
Mumbai Unit

30th January 2026

REGISTRATION & HIGH TEA

(Courtesy: **Harris and Menuk Chemicals Pvt Ltd.**)
(08.00 a.m. to 09.00 a.m.)

INAUGURATION

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

Welcome Address	: Mr. V. C. Gupte Conference Convenor & Chairman The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit
Presidential Address	: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan President The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit
Address by President, TAI	: Mr. R. K. Vij President, The Textile Association (India)
About Conference	: Dr. G. V. Aras Conference Chairman & Trustee The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit
Address by Key Note Speaker	: Mr. Prashant Agarwal Co. Founder & Jt. Managing Director Wazir Advisors Pvt. Ltd.
Address by Guest of Honour	: Mr. Murugan Thenkondar President & Head - Marketing and Business Development (Fibre Marketing), Cellulosic Business, Grasim Industries Ltd., Aditya Birla Group
Felicitations to	: The Lifetime Achievement Award Mr. Amrishbhai Patel Chairman, Deesan Group of Companies President SVKM, Chancellor NMIMS
	: The Industrial Excellence Award Mr. Edward Menezes Executive Chairman, Rossari Biotech Ltd.
	: Mr. Sunil Chari Managing Director, Rossari Biotech Ltd.
Inaugural Address by Chief Guest	: Ms. Roop Rashi (IA & AS) CEO, Khadi and Village Industries Commission Govt. of India
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 12:20 p.m.)

“Materials Innovation & Geopolitics”

- **Sustainability and Innovation in Fibre**
Mr. Shyam Lal Patnaik, Jt. President & Business Head – Specialty Products
Birla Cellulose, Grasim Industries Ltd.
- **Transitioning to Next-generation Sustainability - The Power of Biosurfactants**
Mr. Mikhail Menezes, Director – Technical, Rossari Biotech Limited
- **Import export dollar overview of international markets**
Ms. Nidhi Kaushik, Sr. Vice President (Treasury), Kotak Mahindra Bank

SESSION – II

(12.20 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.)

“Process Innovation and Technology”

- **Barmag Recycling Technologies - Closing the Loop, Opening Potential**
Mr. Sudipto Mandal, Regional Sales Director, Oerlikon Barmag
Leading Nonwoven Technology - Innovation engineered for Performance
Mr. Shridhar Dhumal, Regional Sales Director, Oerlikon Barmag
- **Advancing Textile Waste Recycling : Machinery Innovations for Sustainable Fibres by Perfect -Transforming Textile Waste Streams into Circular Value**
Mr. B. Sankar, General Manager (Technical and Development), Perfect Engineering Corporation
- **Powering Textiles 2030: Integrating Renewable Energy into the Textile Value Chain**
Ms. Payal Kochhar Shrimal, Channel Sales Manager, Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd.

LUNCH

(01.30 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.)

SESSION – III

(02.30 p.m. to 03:50 p.m.)

“ESG Regulatory Framework”

- **Sustainability Regulations Affecting Textiles & Apparel**
Mr. Rahul Bhajekar, Managing Director, Global Standard gGmbH, Germany
- **From Compliance to Competitive Advantage: How ESG Regulations will Reshape the Global Textile Value Chain by 2030**
Mr. Navodit Babel, Co-Founder and CTO, Green Story Europe B.V., Netherlands
- **ESG Regulatory Framework in the Textile and Apparel Industry: Emerging Requirements, Risks, and Transformation Pathways**
Dr. Leonie Vaas, General Manager – Sustainability, Hirdaramani Apparel, Sri Lanka

SESSION - IV

(03.50 p.m. to 05:20 p.m.)

PANEL DISCUSSION

“Women Leadership Driving a Change in Textile & Apparel Sector”

Moderator: **Ms. Neha Gupta**, Founder, International Fashion Business Exchange Council (IFBEC)

Members:

- **Dr. Seema Srivastava**, Executive Director, India ITME Society
- **Ms. Smita Yeole**, Managing Director, Oriental Weaving & Processing Mills Pvt. Ltd.
- **Ms. Shefali Gopalka**, Partner, National Dychem Industries
- **Ms. Katyayani Agarwal**, Freelance Consultant, Museum Curator & Cultural Heritage Specialist
- **Ms. Anoushka Veljee**, Chief Revenue Officer, Frontier.cool Inc., California, USA,
- **Mrs. Smita Joshi**, Vice President - Home Textiles and Exports, Sutlej Textiles & Industries Ltd.

TEA (Courtesy: Mirachem Industries)

(05.20 p.m. onwards)