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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

Felicitation 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. Shyamal 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 Dyechem Industries
- **Ms. Katyayani Agarwal**, Freelance Consultant, Museum Curator & Cultural Heritage Specialist
- **Ms. Anoushka Veljee**, Chief Revenue Officer, Frontier.co 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)