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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

Technology, Talent and Transformation: The New Textile Agenda

The Indian textile and apparel industry is entering a new phase of growth where innovation, sustainability, and global competitiveness will define success. As global markets evolve, the industry's future depends on its ability to embrace advanced technologies, develop skilled talent, and adapt to changing customer expectations.

Technology is transforming every stage of the textile value chain. Automation, artificial intelligence, digital manufacturing, and smart quality systems are improving productivity, enhancing product quality, and enabling faster decision-making. These advancements are no longer optional—they are essential for building a competitive and resilient textile industry.

At the same time, sustainability has become a strategic priority. Responsible sourcing, resource efficiency, recycling, renewable energy, and circular economy practices are increasingly influencing business decisions. Companies that integrate sustainable practices into their operations will be better positioned to meet global standards and create long-term value.

Equally important is the development of human capital. A future-ready workforce equipped with technical knowledge, innovative thinking, and digital skills will be the driving force behind the industry's transformation. Stronger collaboration between industry, academia, research institutions, and technology providers will accelerate innovation and prepare the next generation of textile professionals.

A significant milestone on this journey is Bharat Tex 2026, which will bring together global buyers, manufacturers, technology providers, innovators, startups, researchers, and policymakers on a common platform. The event offers an excellent opportunity to explore emerging technologies, sustainable solutions, technical textiles, and new business partnerships. More importantly, it provides a forum for knowledge exchange, investment, and international collaboration, strengthening India's position in the global textile value chain.

As global supply chains continue to diversify, India has a unique opportunity to emerge as a preferred destination for high-quality, sustainable, and value-added textile products. Realizing this potential will require continuous investment in technology, talent development, innovation, and collaboration across the entire textile ecosystem.

The agenda before us is clear—embrace technology, empower people, and drive transformation with sustainability at its core. By working together with a shared vision, the Indian textile industry can build a future that is innovative, globally competitive, and capable of creating lasting value for the economy, society, and future generations.

Dr. Vijay D. Gotmare
Hon. Editor (Newsletter)

From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

The last few months have been both encouraging and challenging for the Indian textile industry. While global uncertainties continue to influence markets, there have also been several positive developments that give us confidence about the future.

One of the most significant developments for our industry is the India–UK Free Trade Agreement, which has now come into force. With duty-free access for Indian textile and apparel products to the UK market, our exporters have an opportunity to become more competitive and expand their presence in one of India's important export destinations. It is now for the industry to make the most of this opportunity through innovation, quality, reliability and timely delivery.

Export performance during the first part of the current financial year has, however, presented a mixed picture. During April–May 2026, textile exports grew by about 3%, reflecting the resilience of the sector. At the same time, apparel exports declined by nearly 13%, resulting in an overall decline of about 4.4% in India's combined textile and apparel exports. Weak consumer demand in the US and parts of Europe, softer demand from the Middle East due to war conditions, and increasing competition from neighbouring manufacturing countries have all contributed to this slowdown. We should also remember that exports during the corresponding period last year were exceptionally strong, making this year's comparison more demanding.

The Government has continued to support the textile sector through initiatives such as the expansion of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, the progress of PM MITRA Parks and renewed efforts to improve cotton productivity. These are welcome steps that will help strengthen the textile value chain, encourage investment and create new opportunities for growth.

Sustainability itself is no longer just a desirable objective. It is rapidly becoming an essential part of doing business globally. Circularity, responsible sourcing, recycling and traceability are increasingly influencing buying decisions. I believe Indian industry is well placed to respond to these changing expectations and convert them into long-term opportunities.

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Another area that continues to excite me is Technical Textiles. With applications ranging from healthcare and infrastructure to agriculture, defence and mobility, this sector offers tremendous potential for future growth. Keeping this in view, the Mumbai Unit is organising a one-day seminar on "Future Trends in Technical Textiles" on 22nd August 2026 at Fortune Park Galaxy, Vapi. I warmly invite all our members and industry colleagues to participate in this important programme.

During the last quarter, we also organised an international webinar on "Cradle to Cradle – Paving a Way to Sustainable Textiles." The excellent response from participants once again demonstrated the industry's growing interest in sustainable manufacturing and circular economy practices. My sincere thanks to our distinguished speaker, Ms. Nienke Steen, and to our knowledge partner, BluWin, for making the webinar a great success.

At the Mumbai Unit, we remain committed to providing meaningful platforms for learning, networking and sharing knowledge. I sincerely thank all our members, speakers, sponsors, volunteers and well-wishers for their continued encouragement and support. Your participation is what keeps our Association vibrant and relevant.

With warm regards,

Rajiv Ranjan
President
The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

Felicitation of Senior members with "Distinguished Service Award"

held 8th April 2026 at Hotel Kohinoor Park, Mumbai

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit, conferred the **"Distinguished Service Award"** upon its esteemed senior members in recognition of their outstanding contributions and exemplary service to the Association. Their unwavering support, valuable guidance, and dedicated commitment have played a significant role in helping the Mumbai Unit achieve new milestones of success.

The awards were presented by the President, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan; Trustee, Dr. G. V. Aras; and Chairman, Mr. V. C. Gupte.

The following members were honoured with the Distinguished Service Award:

1. Mr. C. Bose
2. Mr. Vilas Gharat
3. Mr. R. R. Mehta
4. Mr. M. B. Nambiar
5. Mr. Arun K. Narkar
6. Mr. K. D. Sanghvi
7. Mr. Mahendra Tanna
8. Mr. J. B. Soma
9. Mr. T. K. Chandra
10. Mr. S. R. Bhave

The TAI, Mumbai Unit, expressed its heartfelt gratitude to all the awardees for their gracious presence and for accepting this honour. The Association deeply appreciates their invaluable contributions and looks forward to their continued guidance, encouragement, and support in its future endeavours.

Webinar on

"Cradle to Cradle ® - Paving a way to Sustainable Textiles"

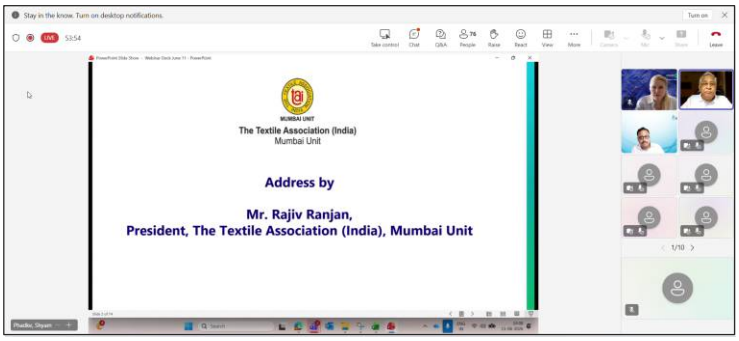
held Thursday, 11th June 2026 from 04.00 pm to 05.30 pm

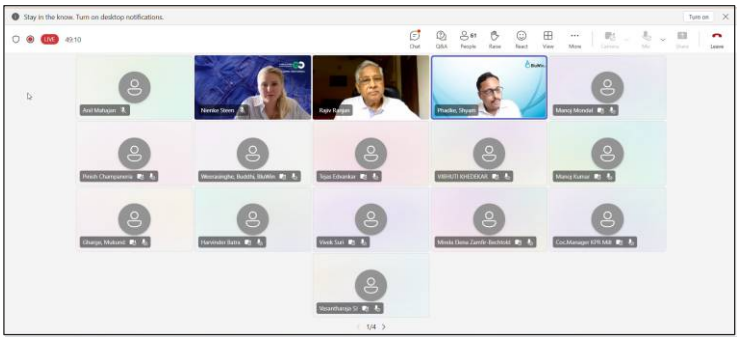
The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit in association with a leading auditing and certification firm based in the UK successfully conducted a webinar titled "Cradle to Cradle ® - Paving a way to Sustainable Textiles" on Thursday, 11th June 2026 from 04.00 pm to 05.30 pm. The webinar received a very good response from attendees across India.

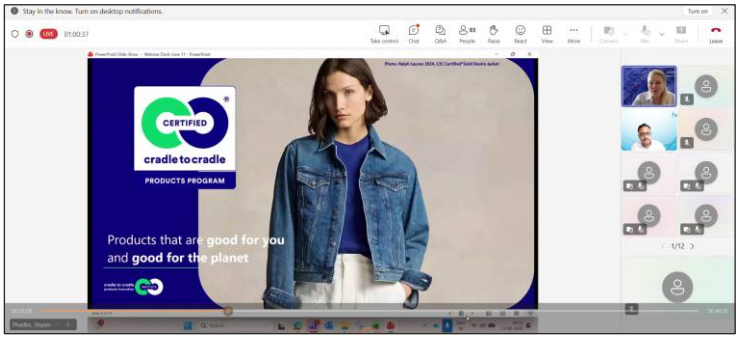
Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit welcomed the speaker and participants to the webinar. In his address, he briefly highlighted the activities and initiatives of TAI, Mumbai Unit. He emphasized the importance of sustainability in the textile and apparel sector. He stated that the webinar aimed to explore innovative approaches to sustainability through the Cradle to Cradle® (C2C) framework. Participants gained valuable insights into C2C certification principles, sustainable material selection, responsible manufacturing practices, and effective strategies for minimizing waste throughout the textile value chain. Mr. Ranjan further noted that the Cradle to Cradle® approach promotes environmental stewardship, resource efficiency, and long-term value creation, thereby contributing to a more sustainable future for the textile industry.

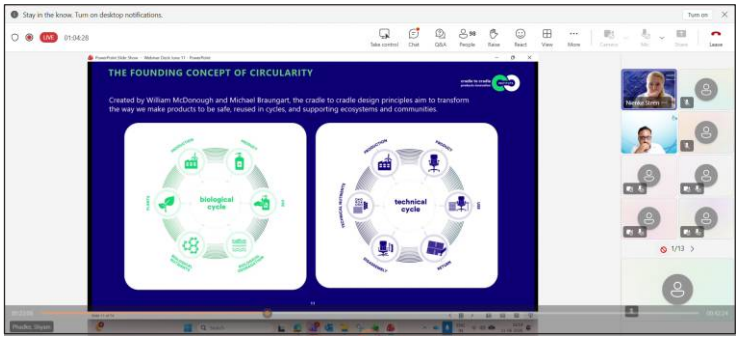
Ms. Nienke Steen, Director Consumer Products and Textiles of Cradle to Cradle ® Product Innovation Institute was the Expert Speaker for this webinar. In her presentation, she provided a comprehensive overview of the Cradle to Cradle® certification framework and discussed its benefits for marketing and sales, enhancing buyer confidence, product differentiation, cost-saving opportunities through circular design and resource efficiency, and practical steps for organizations seeking certification.

The webinar was highly appreciated by all participants and proved to be a great success. An engaging question-and-answer session followed the presentation, during which participants raised numerous queries that were clearly and comprehensively addressed by the speaker. The webinar witnessed participation from around 200 professionals representing various segments of the textile and apparel industry.









Seminar on

FUTURE TRENDS IN TECHNICAL TEXTILES

Saturday, 22nd August 2026

Hotel Fortune Park Galaxy

Daffodil Hall, GIDC, N.H.No.08, Vapi - 396 195 (Gujarat)

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The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit to organize Seminar on "Future Trends in Technical Textiles".

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit is organizing a One Day Seminar on **"Future Trends in Technical Textiles"** on **Saturday, 22nd August 2026** at Hotel Fortune Park Galaxy, Vapi.

This exclusive seminar is being organized with the objective of discussing the emerging opportunities, innovations, and growing importance of technical textiles for the present and future. Eminent experts and industry leaders from the technical textiles sector will address the gathering and share their valuable insights. The seminar will also deliberate upon various Government initiatives and policy support aimed at promoting the technical textiles industry in India. In addition, a Panel Discussion has been planned wherein distinguished panel members will interact with participants and address their concerns and queries related to the seminar theme. We are expecting participation from over 200 delegates representing the textile industry, academia, research institutions, and allied sectors. We are confident that the seminar will provide immense value to all attendees through informative sessions and meaningful networking opportunities.

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit is the largest Unit of the Association having around 4000 members. The Unit has reputation of organizing events of topical interest both at national and global level.

Topics to be covered:

- Technical Textiles – Growth Potential and Prospects in India
- Technical Textiles: Emerging Growth & Opportunities
- Geotextiles / Agrotextiles
- Protective clothing
- Sports Textiles / Construction Textiles
- Medical textiles
- Latest trend in Weaving Preparatory M/C for the Technical Textile
- Composites
- Smart Textiles
- Govt. Policies & Strategies for Technical Textiles

Panel Discussion: "Future of Technical Textiles: Innovation, Sustainability & Market Readiness"

This panel discussion will bring together industry leaders and experts to discuss the future of technical textiles through the lens of innovation, sustainability, and market growth. The Panel will cover emerging technologies, sustainable and circular manufacturing practices, market opportunities, scalability challenges, and the role of industry-academia collaboration in building future-ready talent.

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. Let us join hands to make this seminar a great success.

Rajiv Ranjan	V. C. Gupte	Dr. Gurudas Aras	Haresh B. Parekh	Prashant Mangukia
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• Spot Registration	: Rs.1800 /-
• Overseas Delegate	: USD 30

GST @ 18% is application on all the above charges.

Request you to register yourself as a delegate for the seminar by paying appropriate delegate fees.

Online Delegate Registration Form: https://textileassociationindia.com/delegate-registration-form-technical/

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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 12700 followers on LinkedIn. We have also started our other social media platforms like Instagram, twitter, facebook, etc. We request all the members to follow our social media pages:

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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 or on mobile 9324904271.

Join The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit!

Your Gateway to Excellence in the Textile Industry

About Us

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit, is a premier professional body dedicated to advancing the Indian textile industry. With a rich history of over eight decades, we are committed to fostering the growth and development of textile professionals and technocrats.

Our mission is to enhance industrial performance by promoting scientific knowledge, continuous education, and professional ethics.

Our objective is to promote and stimulate the thought and knowledge of the science of textile technology and its communication by continuing education and training programme in the field of manufacturing of fibre, yarn, fabrics and garments of any description in combination with the knowledge of natural science which relates to the physical, chemical or other fundamental properties of any of the substances used or any of the manufacturing processes employed in the textile education.

Our Key Activities

- **Conferences & Seminars:** We organise national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops on the latest trends and technologies in the textile industry.
- **Exhibitions:** We host exhibitions to showcase the latest textile machinery and products, providing a platform for business-to-business interactions.
- **Educational Programs:** We conduct professional examinations (ATA, GMTA) and refresher courses to help members enhance their qualifications and stay updated with industry developments.
- **Publications:** We publish the prestigious "Journal of the Textile Association" (JTA) and other valuable literature to disseminate knowledge and research in the field.
- **Networking Events:** We provide numerous opportunities to connect with fellow professionals, industry leaders, and experts.

Past Events

- International Conference “Automation and Robotics in Textile & Apparel Industry”
- Hybrid Session “Automation of GST Refund for Textile Industry”
- Webinar “Key for Success in Business Daily Profit & Loss”
- Lecture “Opportunities & Threats AI poses for MSME textile units”
- International Conference “Sustainability and Circularity – The New Challenges for the Textile Value Chain”
- International Conference on - “Digitalization - A Step Towards Textile 4.0"
- International Conference - “TEXTILE 4.0 - Global and Indian Perspective:
- Conference - “Make in India - Global Vision of Indian Textile Industry”

Become a Corporate Member of the TAI!

- This membership will be open to the Textile units, Fibre manufacturers, Textile machinery manufacturers, Dyes, Chemicals, and Auxiliary manufacturers, etc., connected with the Textile Industry and Textile Research Institutions and Laboratories.
- The Corporate Membership allows the right to depute four persons to participate in the activities organised by the Association. Such Nominees will enjoy all the facilities of Life Membership.

Why should you become a Corporate Member?

- Substantially concessional delegate fees for all our events.
- Opportunities to be part of delegations to major international textile events.
- A chance to enhance your professional qualifications.
- Access to our exclusive publications and e-journal.
- Networking opportunities with a vast community of textile professionals.
- Meet your peers
- Participate in cutting-edge discussions at the Conferences and Webinars
- The chance to discuss issues with highly experienced stalwarts of the industry.

Join us to be a part of a vibrant community and contribute to the future of the textile industry.

Get in Touch!

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Membership of The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit

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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. Eligible for a complimentary soft copy of bi-monthly magazine i.e. Journal of the Textile Association (JTA) and Newsletter.
4. WhatsApp Group (Only for members of TAI, Mumbai Unit) – 9324904271
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   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

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

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

You can register yourself or your organiastion 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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