

## INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

### ● THE SOUTH INDIA TEXTILE

#### Research Association International Seminar



SITRA recently conducted an International Seminar on "World Trade Scenario of Textiles" on 1st December 2006. Experts from the International Trade Centre, Geneva and also scientists from SITRA presented papers at the half-day seminar. Four papers concerning trade issues related to the textile industry were presented to a group of 250 delegates gathered on the occasion.

Shri Sarath Chandran, Chairman, SITRA inaugurated the seminar after Dr. Arindam Basu, Director, SITRA welcomed the gathering. The speakers were - Mr. Matthais Knappe, Chief, Market Develop-

ment Section, International Trade Centre, Geneva, Mr. Daniel Torres, Consultant-International Trade Competitiveness in Cotton, Textile and Clothing, ITC, Mrs. Beatriz Rodriguez, ITC and Dr. K. P. Chellamani, Deputy Director, SITRA.

#### International Training Programme

SITRA recently conducted an International training programme on "Cotton Cultivation, commerce, quality aspects and value addition" during November 20 - December 1 2006 for the benefit of African nationals. The participants were a diverse group of farmers, ginners, spinners and cotton traders totalling 22. The programme, held

in association with ITC, Geneva and Ministry of Textiles, GOI was sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, GOI. The programme included classroom lectures, laboratory sessions and field and industrial visits. The sessions were handled by experts from SITRA; South India Cotton Association (SICA), Coimbatore; Tamilnadu Agricultural University, (TNAU), Coimbatore, experts from the industry and also the International Trade Centre, Geneva.

The programme was inaugurated by Ms. Indra Doraiswamy, Adviser, SITRA on 20th November 2006. The Valedictory was held on December 1 2006, on the occasion of which Dr. Arindam Basu, Director, SITRA distributed the Course Completion certificates to participants.



## COMPANY NEWS

### Clariant Chemicals achieves a Net Profit of INR 102.7 million

Clariant Chemicals (India) Limited (formerly known as Colour-Chem Limited) has reported Net Sales of INR 2294 million and Profit after Tax of INR 102.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Its Net Sales and Profit after Tax for the six month period ended September 30, 2006 amounted to INR 4588.4 million and INR 254.6 million respectively.