

62nd All-India Textile Conference Held in Chandigarh

The 62nd AITC in a glittering ceremony in which Dr. A. R. Kidwai, the Governor of Haryana was present as Chief Guest.

Mr. H. S. Cheema, Conference Chairman, in his brief address, said Chandigarh which was selected for the 62nd All-India Textile Conference is a hub for textile activities in Northern India. It enjoys several advantages, including its central location. The Chandigarh region contributes 19 per cent of the total textile exports from the country and also provides employment to 33 million people

reducing their activities, these markets cannot be ignored because the major bulk of 75 per cent of the global textile business is accounted by these markets.

While managing textile business, the entrepreneur should focus both on technology and employee selection. Though

technology is only the knowledge part of it, greater attention should be paid to training the people.

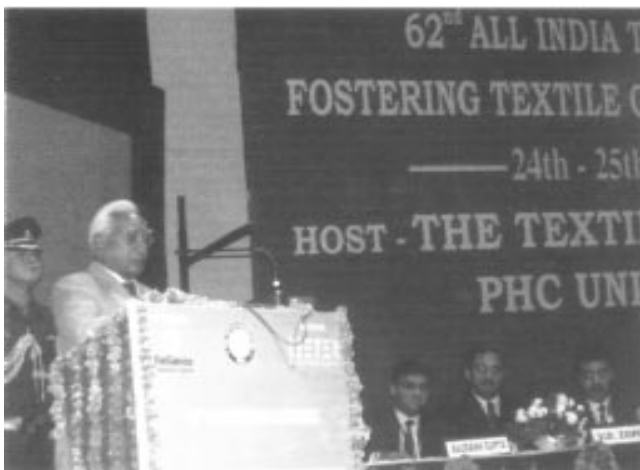
In order to generate greater awareness on training manpower, Mr. Roy appealed to associations like CITI to act as the bridge between industry and

associations. The role of academics in economic development should also be taken into account.

Dr. A. R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana, in his inaugural address at the 62nd All-India Textile Conference organized in Chandigarh by the



Mr. P. R. Roy, National President, TAI, delivering his special address.



Dr. A. R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana, delivering the inaugural address.

directly and 15 million indirectly.

Chandigarh also contributes 21 per cent spindles and six per cent loomage. In order to attract more investment in the coming years, it is essential to effect changes in policies and to have better infrastructure, Mr. Cheema added.

Dr. P. R. Roy, National President, Textile Association (India), in his welcome address, said that meeting the global challenges is not an easy task for the Indian textile industry. Despite the fact that the US and European countries are

PHC Unit of the Textile Association (India) on November 24, referred to the health of the Indian economy, and said the current growth level of eight per cent is proposed to be raised to 10 per cent in the next 10 years. Once this is achieved, India will become a developed country.

Mr. J. N. Singh, Textile Commissioner, who was the Guest of Honour on the occasion, said in his address that last year Indian textile exports touched \$18 billion while domestic sales amounted to \$29 billion. This shows that the



Mr. H. B. Parekh for awarding Service Memento.



Mr. T.Chandramohan, Chief Executive, receiving the Honorary Membership Award on behalf of his Chairman, Mr. J. L. Oswal, Nahar Group, from Dr. Kidwai.



Mr. Satish Bagrodia, Chairman, Winsome Yarns Ltd., receiving the special honour for life time technical support to the Indian spinning industry from the Chief Guest.

textile industry is on the fast track. At this rate, there would be 12 per cent growth in fabrics production by 2010.

Even the textile industry output target has been raised from Rs. 30,000 crores to Rs. 40,000 crores in view of the current growth witnessed by the industry.

The Textile Commissioner expressed serious concern over India's poor performance as far as exports to the US during January-June 2006 was concerned.

Highlighting the mounting opportunities for the textile industry, Mr. Singh pointed out that the domestic growth in the Indian textiles sector is significant indeed. There has been a substantial

increase in the number of working women, which ensures higher productivity. This, coupled with easier finance, has resulted in higher per capita income.

Also, there has been on unprecedented retail growth, and leading corporate houses like Reliance, the Tatas and the Aditya Birla Group have forayed into retail business by setting up huge malls all over the country, 50 per cent of which display garment business-related products. Referring to the challenges faced by the industry, Mr. Singh cited the structural weaknesses in weaving and processing.

Outlining a vision statement for 2010, Mr. Singh observed that the market for the Indian textile industry

will be of the size of \$95 billion by 2010, of which \$50 billion is accounted by exports.

In conclusion, Mr. Singh expressed happiness over the fact that Indian textiles has over a period converted itself into a sunrise industry from being a sunset industry.

Mr. D. K. Nair, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), in his Golden Jubilee Commemorative Lecture, said Indian industry remained strong until Independence. Thereafter, it faced many problems following Government policy changes. The year 2004 became a watershed for the textile sector, since the economy witnessed an eight per cent growth in GDP, besides the quota abolition with effect from December 2004.



Dr. S. M. Ishtiaque, Professor & Head, Dept. of Textile Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, being honoured by the Chief Guest with Hon. F.T.A.



Mr. Madhubhai S. Patel, Jt. Hon. Secretary, TAI (Ahmedabad Unit), receiving the best trophy - large unit.



Mr. S. S. Aich, President TAI, PHC Unit, Welcoming the gathering.



Service Gold Medal Award for the year 2006 was awarded to Mr. C. Soundara Raj of South India Unit. Hon. Secretary Mr. T. L. Viswanathan receiving the award from Dr. A. R. Kidwai, Governor of Haryana on behalf of him.



A view of audience.

He said while textile industries in the US and the European Union are recording negative growth, the Asian countries are growing rapidly. Among those countries turning out mass textile production, China has proved a formidable competitor for India.

While China follows the mass production method, India has its focus on niche segments. India's competitiveness in the world market would be determined mostly by its switching over to mass production as in the case of China.

At the Conference, several dignitaries were honoured for their contribution to the growth of the textile industry.

Mr. Saurav Gupta, Secretary, PHC Unit of TAI, proposed vote of thanks.

● **UICT (UDCT) Holds 1st "TexSummit2007"**

Distinguished with best quality Education and Research in the Field of Textile Processing leading to degrees up to doctorate level, rate degrees and strong interaction with the Industry, the Department of Textiles and Fibres Processing Technology of UICT (former UDCT), Mumbai successfully organized 1st International Textile Conference "TexSummit2007" with a theme "Contemporary Processing of Textiles and Apparels: Challenges and Opportunities".

coming from different textile clusters all over the country. They were the ones who shoulder the responsibility of processing of Textile and Apparels for their respective units and these executives and decision makers came right



Inauguration of the TexSummit 2007 electronically.



Prof M. D. Teli, Chairman, Organizing Committee, TexSummit 2007, Welcoming the Delegates.

This day long conference was held at Hotel Intercontinental: The Grand near Sahar Air port, Mumbai on 11th January 2007 and was attended by over 530 delegates

from Ludhiana, Bangalore, Kolkata, Surat, Ahmedabad, Tirupur, Salem, Hyderabad, Kochin, Trivandrum and Vapi, Silvassa as well as from all the different parts of Maharashtra.

The hall of Intercontinental Hotel was filled to its capacity and the TexSummit2007 was inaugurated

by lighting the lamp on the Computer Terminal. Welcoming the delegates who overwhelmingly responded to the invitation, Prof. Teli, The Head of Textile

Department of UICT appreciated the generous support rendered by the various sponsors such as DyStar (Lead Sponsor), Clariant, (Gold Sponsor), Atul (Gift Sponsor) and all other Silver sponsors such as Rossari, Supertex Sarex, Resil, Dow Corning, L.N. Chemicals, Intertek, CHT and patrons such as GLX, Colorband and Siyaram's by handing them over mementos on this occasion. While narrating the role played by the Textile department in Evaluation of TUFs as well as Assistance rendered to the Ministry of Textile, Prof. Teli also acknowledged the reciprocal support rendered by Ministry of Textiles and Textile Commissioner Mr. J. N. Singh.

"UICT has been known to be the mother institution for the education



Seen from (L to R) Mr. Pawan Poddar, Prof. J.B. Joshi, Mr. B. A. Patel, Mr. Prashant Agarwal, Prof. M.L.Gulrajani, Mr. Heiner Meier and Mr. Ullhas Nimkar.



View of the Audience participating in Q & A Session.



Last Technical Session of TexSummit 2007, Seen from (L to R) Dr. Easton, Mr. Hal Stratton, Mr. Ullhas Nimkar (Chairman), Mr. Douglas M. Browning and Mr. Jesseph.



Mr. Anjani Prasad from Clariant presenting his paper and Mr. Bart (Second from Right) Chairing the Session.

and research in Textile processing and this is reflected in its alumni being at the helm of affairs of many MNCs as well as well known companies which are dealing with manufacture of brand quality Textile fabrics, apparels and Dyestuffs as well as specialty chemicals. It is in accordance to the reputation of UICT, that this TexSummit2007 has been organized to enlighten the stake holders of Textile industry on various issues faced by the Textile and apparel industry," said Prof. Teli in his welcome address.

The prestigious Book of Papers: Proceedings was released at the hands of the Industrialist Mr. Pawan Kumar Poddar, Director and Siyaram Silk Mills.

Presentations at TexSummit 2007

There were in all 13 papers presented at this Summit. The highlights of these presentations are as follows.

1. Strategies for realizing VISION 2010 of Indian Textile and Apparel Industry.

Presenting this paper on behalf of Textile. Textile Commissioner, Mr. J. N. Singh, Mr. B. A. Patel, Jt. Textile Commissioner narrated how Indian textile Industry is poised for growth giving a number of statistical data. He described the demand factors driving export growth and outlined the challenges ahead. The positive

role played by policies like TUFs and, Schemes for Integrated Textile Parks and need for Aggressive wooing of FDI in this sector as well as import duty reduction in MMF Sector and reduction in Transaction Costs were some of the issues discussed at length.

2. Positioning Indian Textile and Apparel Industry on the Global Platform.

Discussing on this sublime issue in his Key note address, Mr. Prashant Agarwal from Technopak Advisors, discussed various global trends affecting Indian Textile and Apparel Industry. What retailers are looking for?



Mr. Prasad Pant from Atul putting a question during Q & A session.



Ms. Donna Perry from Dow Corning presenting her paper.



View of the Audience.

How to achieve the export target exploiting our strengths? How India is positioned Globally? What could be the action plan? These were the topics Mr. Agarwal covered in this brilliant presentation giving the audience the action plan to be followed which included strategies like service orientation, reduction in cycle time, thinking of value and not price and redefining the strategic partnership.

The other paper presented included

3. **The Quest for Global Dominance in Textile** by Dr. Aneja of RIL.
4. **Latest Trends in Continuous Pretreatment** by Mr. Mike Flatau of CHT India.
5. **Enzymatic Approach to Textile Processing** by Mr. Edward Menezes of Rossari.
6. **Challenges for The Textile Dyer in Today's Global Environment** by Mr. Arvind Patel of Atul Ltd.
7. **Novel effects in Garment Processing and Value added Finishes** by Mr. A. K. Prasad of Clariant.
8. **Lifestyle Finishing Effects** by Mr. Albert Schrasser of DyStar India Pvt. Ltd.
9. **Silicones: Innovations in Textile beyond Traditional Finishing** by Ms. Donna Perry

and Padmadas Nair of Dow Corning.

10. **Econfidence in the Textile Supply Chain** by Dr. Easton, from DyStar India Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Easton focused particularly on the environmental drivers facing the textile supply chain and the important

role of dyestuff and chemical suppliers both in terms of innovation to reduce the environmental impact of the coloration process and assurance of products with respect to chemical restrictions introduced by leading retailers and brands in response to concerns about consumer safety and environmental pollution.

There were three special papers which also aroused a great interest.

11. **Regulation of Consumer Product Safety** by U.S.A.'s CPSC.

As we all know that USA and European Union countries being major importers of Indian goods are becoming important to Indian exporters in general and those involved in Textile in particular.

In USA, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regulates and oversees the consumer product safety issues. It is prudent to understand what these regulations are and what is its purpose, its jurisdiction, its authority and function so that the supplier countries can prepare themselves before hand. Mr. Hal Stratton of CPSC - Consumer Product Safety

Commission, USA discussed these issues which were very new to the audience.

12. **Facilitation and Supply Chain Security Navigating: The New Paradigm.** This paper was presented by Mr. Doug Browning (former Dy. Commissioner of US Customs) of STTAS-Sandler and Travis Trade Advisory services - (USA).
13. **Rapidly Changing Purchasing Requirements for European and US Buyers.** Giving the background of WRAP, the Worldwide Responsible Apparel Production program and its role in the present day business environment. Mr. Steve Jesseph - CEO of WRAP (USA) discussed how it certifies factories as being in compliance with a 12-point, rule-of-law program, and sought to gain broader acceptance by buyers and retailers alike to reduce the number of factory audits, and strives to a goal of having one "code of conduct" worldwide for all apparel and textile factories. WRAP is arguably the most rigorous yet achievable "code of conduct" today having certified factories in 72 countries during 2005, concluded Mr. Jasseph.

TexSummit 2007 indeed dawned with a renewed vision, vigour and strong determination to showcase India's all round capabilities in Textile and Apparel Industry, and it proved to be a great booster in instilling confidence in the Indian Technocrats and business professionals. The flow of appreciations being received by the Textile Department from all over the country including some from abroad, only encourages them to take similar steps in near future on Contemporary issues.