



World Textile Conference Echoing Optimism for the Business

The first ever World Textile Conference was held under the aegis of Textile Association (India) - Central office, with the support of Institute of Chemical technology (formerly known the UDCT) and Office of The Textile Commissioner. The support of the Textile, Apparel and Retail Garment Industries was enormous and the enthusiasm of the delegates attending this conference was simply over whelming. To begin with the Welcome address was given by Mr. D.R. Mehta, President, TAI where as and Mr. Arvind Sinha, Conference Chairman, gave the background of the conference.



Mrs. Rita Menon and others lighting the lamp.



Mr. A.B. Joshi delivering keynote address.

While inaugurating the Conference, the Hon'ble Mrs. Rita Menon, Secretary Textiles, Ministry of Textile, GOI said that theme of the conference "Vision 2020

- Emerging New Opportunities worldwide and Challenging Business strategies" was quite topical and the organizers deserved all admiration for holding such mega event at the most appropriate time. She reminded the several transitions in the policy making which took place from the time of Global Recession necessitating debt restructuring, countering price volatility by raw material security and establishment of integrated Textile and apparel parks, etc. Looking at the best profit lines witnessed in 2010-11, she said that Textile Industry has been successful in securing turn around. Its time, Indian textile Industry should pledge to co-exist with the handloom sector which is producing niche as well as day to day products. Eight centers of Excellence in Technical Textiles are being set up, which itself opens up a new era in this segment. TUFS has been resumed from 28th April 2011 which is more attractive than its earlier manifestation and now 10% additional capital subsidy for new shuttle less looms has been offered and spinner would get an additional 1% subsidy if they establish matching capacity from downstream processing of their yarn. Textile export of US\$ 25 Bn in 2009-10 has been targeted to US\$ 30 Bn in 2010-11. This is achievable target given the Govt. support and opportunities created by a number of free trade agreements with countries like Malaysia, Japan and possibly EU in coming months. Though there are all these opportunities, there are also challenges such as infrastructural bottle-necks, logistic support, rising labour costs, raw material and productivity. Knitwear Industry has been also one of the important contributors to the textile exports and the Govt. has taken initiative in establishing Knitwear Technology Mission with estimated cost of 30.5 crore, to boost the technology. Design studios and training and development of human resources, issues like Social Compliance are being taken seriously and apparel and carpet industry are taking proactive steps in this direction. Zero discharge requirements in Tirupur processing sector is also a challenge, but is the part of environmental accountability and the Government is assisting the Processors and Industry should take this challenge as their responsibility.



Mr. D.R. Mehta offering a memento to Mrs. Rita Menon



Mrs. Rita Menon delivering her conference speech

Mrs. Menon finally congratulated all the awardees whom earlier she had felicitated. These included. Mr. S.R. Bhave, who served the TAI as its Hon. Gen Secretary, Mr. M.K. Mehara and Mr. B.A. Shah who too served TAI for more than 4decades in different capacity including its President. Mr. K.C. Tandon, was given Industry Excellence Award and Prof. Dr. M.D. Teli was conferred upon with Academic Excellence Award, first of its kind for his distinguishing contribution to Education and Research in Textile and meritorious contribution to Textile Industry, Associations, Institutions and Govt. Bodies. Every awardees was given certificate, a Memento, a shawl etc. Preceding to this part of the program there were a number of Guests of Honour who spoke on this occasion who also outlined the opportunities faced by Indian Textile Industry and how the industry should take on the challenges emerging out while exploiting these opportunities.



Mr. S.R. Bhave receiving Lifetime Meritorious award



Mr. B.A. Shah receiving Award



Mr. M.K. Mehra receiving Award



Dr. M.D. Teli receiving Award



Mr. K.C. Tandon receiving Award



Ms. Shraddha compeering the conference



Mrs. Zena Sorabjee receiving felicitation on behalf of Mrs. Zia Mody

Mr. A.B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner highlighted the Govt. initiatives to support the industry. He mentioned that there is sense of optimism and confidence that industry will grow at the rate of 16% in value terms in XI th 5 year plan to reach the market size of US\$ 115 Bn and will attract investment up to Rs 150600 crore and connected benefit of such an investment would be in terms of employment generation for 17Mn people. He asked the Industry to give its input for XIIth plan formulation. However, he cautioned the industry about the need for modernization to achieve international quality in this stiff competitive atmosphere.

Mr. R.D. Udeshi from Reliance Industries Ltd. read out the key note address of Mr. Nikhil Meswani ED., RIL who could not remain present. Mr. Meswani mentions that with rising economy, growing income and young purchasing population around, it will take India to a new paradigm and Industry may grow from current level of US\$ 78 Bn to US\$ 220 by 2020, almost 1.5times the India's GDP Growth rate. Coming decade will see Polyester grabbing its share up to 75% and a lot of it will be used in specialty fibres for moisture management, temperature regulation, comfort, technical textiles etc. Indian textiles are still consuming 55% of Cotton, but as in China, there will be shift in consumption of fibres in favour of Polyester. Recent trend of use of Recycled polyester and consumption of non-petroleum based polyester in FIFA 2010 for sportswear, indicate that environment friendly textiles will become increasingly important.



Mr. R.D. Udeshi delivering his address



Mr. Dilip Jiwrajka Delivering his speech



Dr. M.D. Teli welcoming Mr. Thomas Babacan

Mr. Dilip Jiwarajka, MD, Alok Industries Ltd, reminded everyone how the global recession is overcome by developed countries and now from 3.6 % contraction in their output during 2009, they are showing 3% growth in 2010 and world economic output is back on positive track with 5% growth and much of the new growth came from developing and emerging economies. He narrated the changing scenario of China where no more labour remains cheap and more purchasing power of local Chinese is boosting domestic demand, which in turn will create unfulfilled demand giving opportunities to India. However, we need to address the rapidly changing fashion trend and there is need to meet the demands of consumers at the lightening speed. Wages are going to increase and textile manufacturers have to be concerned about rising raw material input costs. The global textile market which was US\$ 610Bn in 2008, shrunk to US\$ 510Bn in 2009; However, it is projected to be US\$ 1000 Bn by 2020. The growth drivers for the industry include the rising young population and their rising disposable income, rapid urbanization etc. and industry has to increase the productivity to address the global demands by scaling up the existing capacities.



Mr. Manish Mandhana addressing the gathering



Prof. R. V. Adivarekar welcoming Mr. Manish Mandhana

As far as India was concerned, out of US\$ 78Bn of Textiles, one third being its exports, said Mr. Manish Mandhana. While speaking as the guest of Honour he said that textiles are ingrained in our life in everything we use in our daily life. How many of us imagined that the Cotton price will increase from Rs.18000 to Rs.62000/candy, an increase by 350% and imagine if someone was trading only in cotton would get the kind of profit, he questioned. For today's generation Technology is no more a mind block and we have to show just how it works and they are ready to accept. While inflation is a major concern, and environment and social compliance are becoming increasingly important, we must tread the path in such a way that whatever we do, we make it sustainable. We need to address the demands of new generation, and manage the talent. Moving to cheaper locations and keeping eye on efficiency almost at all level are important aspects to stand in this competitive environment.



Guest of honour Mrs. Zena Soli Sorabjee



Mr. Sanjay Chawla welcoming Mrs. Zena Sorabjee

Mrs. Zena Soli Sorabjee, a Social Worker and Development Practitioner reminded the good efforts put in by Textile Association India in spreading the discourse of Science Religion and Development, which was initially inaugurated a decade ago at the hands of architect of Green Revolution, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. The work carried out by TAI near Delhi in the field of Science Religion and Development in some of the Garment Units in Delhi did show the application potential of Technology when driven with Ethics to achieve sustainable development and joy of working. She stressed the need to carry out all our activities with ethical bent so that we can route out corrupt practices and our success becomes truly meaningful.

The other guests of honour who spoke briefly on this occasion included Mr. Prashant Agrawal, MD., Bombay Rayon Fashion Ltd., Mr. Ashesh Amin, Director, Apparel and Retail, SKNL, Mr. K. Ramchandra Pillai, CMD, NTC Ltd. and Mr. Thomas Babacan, COO. OC Oerlikon & CEO, Oerlikon Textiles.



Mr. Thomas Babacan addressing the gathering



Dr. Teli offering memento to Mr. Dilip Jiwrjka



Mr. Ashesh Amin addressing the gathering



View of the audience



Mr. K. Ramchandra Pillai addressing the gathering



Mr. K.D. Sanghavi, proposing vote of thanks

The World Textile Conference was the first attempt of TAI - Central Office to organize in a big way which was really a grand success and memorable. There were about 470 delegates and 242 esteemed invitees and guests attended this conference. TAI received highly honored appreciation and compliments from various personalities and organization. This was the record in the history of TAI where such a large august gathering attended than any other conferences. It was told that this happened under the dynamic strong follow-up leader Mr. D.R. Mehta, President, TAI and his entire organizing team members.

There were about 32 papers presented by various eminent Indian and International speakers. All the papers were very interested and informative. No papers were based on technical or machinery base. Following are the session wise papers presented in two days of conference.

The first Technical session started with a presentation from Mr. S.K. Gupta, Group CEO from Reymond UCO Denim, on "India Emerges as a Global Textile Destination". He first described her Current Status as already No.2 destination next to China though 1/9th in size; much smaller in garments and made-ups where Bangladesh and Pakistan are also dominant players and India has insignificant brand presence barring surrounding countries; no specific positioning except alternative to China and is strong in fabric, yarns and full package sourcing; large and growing market for Home- grown and Global brands; low cost fabric manufacturing destination for relocating capacities from the West. India as a Country has following Advantages in various segments: Self-sufficiency in cotton and presence of variety of fibre ; spinning industry strong in-country; large and flexible manufacturing base for suiting/trouser making, shirting, knits, and home textiles in variety of fibre and combinations; large domestic denim and worsted suiting capacities in the organized sector with world class designing and product development capabilities; growing technical textiles industry ;strong and ever growing home market; low labor cost via-a-vis many countries; Govt's support in terms of TUF, EPCG, STPs, Packing credit at concessional rate and Drawbacks/

DEPB and other incentives; Trained/trainable technical and managerial manpower; entrepreneurial drive - many success stories etc.



Mr. S.K. Gupta chairing the session



Conference audience

While indicating a way Forward he said, "Despite infrastructural constraints including high cost of energy and logistics, industry is poised for quantum growth; India unlikely to be anywhere close to No.1 in near future despite garmenting in China turning un-competitive; India to find its own niche building on its inherent strengths; Perhaps to reposition as specialists in certain categories encompassing / embracing other categories in the process; Like Pakistan - in medium count-dyed and printed home textiles as well as bottom weight fabrics; Bangladesh - in low cost garmenting; Indonesia- in high quality low cost TR yarns and greige; Turkey, Tunisia and Morocco - in high quality cotton fabric and garmenting for quick deliveries to EU; Italy - in hi-couture fashion lines-ultimate in fashion; Japan - hi-tech best quality specialty fibres and fabrics etc.;

China - in mass production; Rising Above Competition is important by product specialization. He found the need to focus on high value added

products, divorced from traditional mass production; Build necessary 'aura' projecting India as 'Fashion Capital of Asia' leveraging on designing and flexible / versatile manufacturing capabilities and improving tremendously on service parameters to support this stature; India can then emerge as a 'Global Textile Destination' for Hi- fashion textiles and clothing as manufacturing and designing shifts from historically known centers' of the Western World; Quality leadership coupled with Asian cost structure is surely the right USP for success in times to come. Concerted efforts in this direction can, perhaps, pay higher dividends, he concluded.

that Globalization has led to a profound change in the product sourcing and manufacturing patterns, pursued the world over; Challenges to improve "Input-Cost" efficiencies and "loss" due to product rejections have led to the shift in sourcing focus; Industrial countries are slowly transforming as consuming economies as seen in increased exports of Developing countries; India is most preferred partner after China for global sourcing on cost, quality, high fashion, complete solution, skilled manpower etc.; India's T&C market is growing at the rate of 11% CAGR fuelled by the rapidly increasing domestic demand.



Mr. S.K. Gupta delivering his speech



Mr. Amit Ruparelia presenting his paper



Mrs. Lipika Nair co-anchoring part of the conference



View of the gathering

While talking about the "The Game Changers", he mentioned that aggressiveness in building B2C businesses worldwide, establishing brands and retailing - moving away from traditional low margin B2B models; Corporate to spread wings beyond surrounding countries; Acquisitions could be another solution to break the ice; World is waiting as we all for that D-day.

Shifting Focus in Global Sourcing Towards Asia, Mr. Amit Ruparelia, Chairman, TEXPROCIL said

Then he spoke about what needs to be done and concluded saying that we should concentrate on Integrated value chains with speedy deliveries & Brand Creation; Infrastructure needs investments to the tune of US \$1 trillion projects during the XII Plan (2012-17); Textile & Apparel Parks : Forty (40) textiles park parks supposed to create 7,50,000 jobs; Widening of the product base: Out of 50 T/C Products we are known to supply only 14 and there is need to widen this base; Market Diversifications should also be done as per the relevance and the products;

Dr. Ashok Sanghavi, M.D. AXION Mgt. Consultant while speaking on "How should India Strategise its growth Plans predicted? What will be India's Scenario on Global Textile by 2020: India will be Next to China & U.S .in economic strength, the 3rd largest economy in the world; Booming middle class will enable growth in retail segment; Africa offers big opportunity for Textile Sector; Domestic Market is likely to be more demanding & more competitive; Chinese market is likely to be more lucrative than U.S. / European markets as China will be net Textile Importer; Indian organizations need to open "Research & Development Centers"; There is a need to open textile institutes to focus on knowledge creation; Focus on front end marketing, brand development & distribution for Domestic Market; he also mentioned that there is need to learn about China, and Chinese language and financial Markets will be more developed in Asia region.

as well as for China and in spite of increasing prices, India is still the most cost competitive country. China while meeting the domestic demand may not be able to cater fully to the needs of the world market and hence even if a spillover of even 10% from China's Apparel & Textiles export Market (310 US \$) will mean doubling of India's share in world trade. What is needed is to fill this gap and the commensurate investment has to be made to the tune of Rs. 1.5 lacs crores in the next 10 years. Hence everyone needs to pool in and market should see expansions by existing players, entry of new domestic players and infusion of FDI.

Mr. Sunil Khandelwal, Group CEO, Alok Industries said that the apparel retail has the highest share of about 35% in the overall organized retail market and the current estimated size of the organized apparel market is about Rs. 35000 crores .India will add 130 Mn people in consuming class which will fuel this demand. Integration of fabric to retailing and branding is inevitable for the growth of the industry. He emphasized on building the Indian Textile Brand.



Dr. Ashok Singhavi making his presentation



Mr. Harminder Sahni delivering his speech

While speaking on Resurgence in Indian Textiles, Mr. Harminder Shani indicated that, this is the time to invest in Textile to enhance its growth potential. He said , that constant growing population with increasing per capita real GDP has resulted into increase in the demand in Domestic Market for India



Mrs. Mona Patel presenting the paper on behalf of Mr. Robin Anson



View of the audience

Mr. R.D. Udeshi, President, Polyester Chain, Reliance Industries compared the fibre per capita consumption and indicated growth potential for Polyester. Reliance being poised to make a huge investment in Polyester Sector of about US\$10Bn, one should expect the growth in this segment, he opined.



Mr. R.D. Udeshi chairing the session



Mr. Arvind Sinha presenting memento to Mr. Premal Udani

Mr. Collin Purvis while talking on Opportunities and Business Strategies in Textiles: The Role of Man-made fibres, said that 73 million tonnes of fibres was consumed in textiles in 2010 and Polyester of about 34 million tonnes and its consumption will further increase in 2011 and due to the possibility of engineering the fibres. A wide range of fibres, each with its own characteristics such as high performance/cost ratio could be obtained. Versatility, durability and resistance to degradation are other key factors for Polyester application. What is needed is the Good environmental story and thus the fibre producers should show low energy and water usage in processing and use emission controls, recycling, durability and safety of product. Responsible man-made fibre producers have to distinctly demonstrate this aspect, he concluded.



Mr. Collin Purvis presenting the paper



Prof. Jiri Militky presenting his paper

Prof. Jiri Militky while speaking on Seamless Frontiers of Apparel, Textile and Fibers: An Emerging Paradigm- narrated how these substrates of different origin are serving human being in innumerable ways: Clothing, Protection, Medical Field, Information, smart clothing's, Infrastructure and so on.

He said Bio, Nano, Information Technology and Technical Textiles' will take centre stage. He gave a number of examples of Research and Development in this field which of course readers at this juncture may not like to go into details. And finally he concluded that the master Textile Engineer is like a SPIDER.

Dr. Rakshit from Reliance gave a scenario of new products of Reliance which have specialty uses. Such as Flame retardant fibre, Antibacterial fibre, High Tenacity Polyester, and so on.



Dr. Rakshit making his presentation



Prof. Pertti Nousiainen making his presentation

Professor Pertti Nousiainen spoke on Medical Textiles and its advanced applications off the body, on the body and inside the human body .He gave a number of such applications in Tissue Engineering, Heart valves, Kidneys and so on. I feel earlier we were saying Womb to tomb... Now we need to say Cell to Hell. He took stock of Biomaterial Market, how it is growing and what is its future scope.

Dr. Chatterjee spoke on WINNING STRATEGIES for growth of Textiles in Gujarat and how Gujarat Govt. has formed investment friendly policy and created conducive environment.



Dr. Chatterjee making his presentation



View of the audience

Mr. Ashish Dhir, Asso. VP Technopack presented key learning from China which included integration of supply chain & economies of scale; Brand Building; Research, Development and Innovation; Focus on efficiencies in supply chain ;Close "working" relationship with Customers; Geographical outreach, Aggressive government pro-industry measures; Synergy in competition and then he described the secrets of Success of Indian Companies.



Mr. Ashesh Amin chairing the panel discussion session



Mr. Ashish Dhir presenting his paper

Mr. Arvind Sinha's Presentation was full of his experiences of China and he gave good examples and Do's and Don'ts as far as making business with China was concerned. Becoming member of Local Chinese Business Body was one of his important suggestions to protect your interest, beside studying well with whom you do business, respect to Hierarchy, Politics, etc.

While speaking on Opportunities for Textiles in Composites, Mr. Julian Ellis discussed different types of Composites involving fibre reinforcement. These composites are used in various sectors such as Automobiles, Aircrafts and Spacecrafts, Defence etc. due to their lighter weight, high strength etc.

their market will grow. He talked about the kind of Fibres used in them and why.

Mr. Arvind Sinha while speaking on Defense Textiles and Camouflage fabrics talked about Defense Forces worldwide are spending more than US\$1600 Bn every year and 3% to 5% share of above mentioned figures which makes it more than US\$50 Bn is on textile products. He narrated different types of material used here in Defense and also the quality parameters which are required to be maintained. Parachutes, Aircraft fuel cells, Sandbags, Tents and shelters, Sheets, Blankets and hospital supplies, Airplane panels, Ammunition bags/pouches, and Fabric for bullet-proof vests/helmets, Chemical protective suits, Rafts, etc. This opens up a lot of OPPRTUNITIES for Diversification. Technical Textile is thus very important. He discussed Camouflage Fabrics and what precautions one need to take. Camouflage Fabrics consumed is approximately 350 million meters and is growing at the rate of 10% per year. According to him, India is well positioned to address this need.

Mr. Adrien Wilson spoke on how Sustainability will be critical for India's nonwovens boom. Days of petroleum-based synthetic fibres may soon be numbered.

For the nonwoven fabrics employed in the •23 Bn hygienic disposables market, Procter & Gamble has announced that it intends to switch to 100% renewable or recycled materials.25% of this would be from Renewable fibres to begin with. Its 50 products sale is \$79 Bn - this is still a considerable commitment. They want to go for Zero waste. Bioplastics will be in demand. PLA fibres capacity will increase. In India, this industry as well as Filtration industry requiring Non- wovens and thus it will grow rapidly.



Mr. Akhtar Amin chairing the session



Mr.B. Balamurugan of Textile Committee delivering his address



Mr. Arvind Sinha making his presentation



Stall of Govt. of Gujarat at the conference

Mr. Andrew Ola spoke on Indian Denim Industry in global perspective, its Growth opportunities and Challenges vis-a-vis other denim supplying countries. China produced about 2.5 Bn yds of indigo denim in 2010. India will produce 650-700 million yds of denim this year. Bangladesh and Pakistan have also become massive indigo denim

producers allowing the region, the sub-continent region to produce 1.2 billion yds of denim this year. India's largest "current" competitor is China. The denim "demand" is related to four factors: Quality - technically and or creatively; Price; Location in regards to production and Service. Future demand will come from taking market share away from China within the US, European and Japanese markets. The growing Indian domestic market will also need more denim. Speaking on Application of Ecological and Environmental practices Mr. Enrique Silla discussed the Ecology, efficiency and ethical aspects of Denim making. He talked about developments using laser beams so that one can avoid amount of Chemicals and waters to be used.

Mr. Koosai Laheri, Director, KPMG spoke on IFRS and its impact on corporate India. He gave detailed survey of areas such as Revenue, Fixed Assets, Consolidation, Merger and Acquisition, Equity and Liability and other financial instruments, stock options and presentations and disclosures etc in which such impact will be felt. Mr. T.K .Sengupta gave detail presentation on Valuation techniques and assessment of Fair value and its role in convergence to IFRS.



Mr. T.K. Sengupta delivering his presentation



Mr. J.B. Soma offering a memento to Mr. T.K. Sengupta

Dr. Nair and Mr. Pandian while speaking on Textile Processing Machinery put forward the principles of development in the modern machinery which are mainly economy and ecology. E-control process as well as combine pretreatment (scouring and bleaching) along with mercerization was also explained by them along with their merits. Dr Nair mentioned about what is in offing as far as new machinery is concerned.



Mr. Bachkaniwala chairing the session



Dr. H.V.S. Murthy presenting memento to Mr. Bachkaniwala

In the last session there was a paper on PVA copolymer and its recovery by Mr. Elliot Echt of DuPont and of Mr. Manjit Singh, MD, Paramount spoke on QUALITY: The new Facades in Coming Decades. Mr. Manjit Singh drew home the point of running the business with responsibility and what needs to be done to maintain such high standard of quality.

It is taken for granted that the aspects such as Fitness to USE, Meeting Requirements of the Customer, Giving the VERY BEST, Surpassing the Customers Expectations and bringing WOW to the Customer etc are part and parcel when we say we offer quality. Bringing new facades to Quality means health and

safety, the buyer wants their Merchandise prepared by using no child labour. We need to reduce Carbon Footprints. Buyer wants their Merchandise Waste to be Recyclable. We need to Think GREEN and SAVE the Planet. It was very interesting presentation which also evoked a good response sending home clear signal that Ethics in business has strong place for its sustenance.



Dr. P.R. Roy chairing the session



Mr. V.D. Zope offering a memento to Dr. P.R. Roy

Mr. R.C. Kesar further carried this message with his presentation on Responsible Business Practices. He discussed various elements of such practices which are ecological, social and referred to our conduct at market place and business, ethical governance, and then he narrated OGTC's plan to reduce Carbon footprints.



Dr. Rishi Jamdagni chairing the session



Mr. R.C. Kesar delivering his presentation

Finally there was valedictory session in which summing up was done by Prof. Dr. M.D. Teli, Dean, ICT, Mumbai. He covered almost every paper with the brief points each author made during their presentations.



Dr. Kim Gandhi giving his feedback of conference



Dr. Teli summing-up the conference

This was followed by actual response by a number of delegates who praised the arrangement of the Conference and kind of Food for thought it provided. The conference where in almost 10 Technical sessions were devoted for Technical and managerial issues and most of the delegates were there till the end, spoke for the kind of interest it generated and success

it met. Panel discussion attended by eminent industrialists and CEOs and papers presented by Senior authorities in various Industries speak for the success of conference further. It made India's growth story. It discussed opportunities, challenges and also kind of strategy required and from that point of view the conference was highly successful. Most of the respondents who spoke, cheered Mr. Mehta and his TAI Team, Mr. Sanjay Chawla and his Team, Dr. Teli and ICT team and Compeers Ms. Shraddha and Lipika. Conference ended with Fashion show by Dr. Aditi Govitrikar and Shraddha Nikam.

the faculty members of Institute of Chemical Technology wonderfully managed the stage performance under the guidance of Dr. M.D. Teli, Dean of ICT. Along with this Shraddha Teli and Lipika Nair have wonderfully worked as Comparers with their ornamentally sweet voice.



Dr. Aditi Govitrikar presenting her fashion show



Audience enjoying the fashion show

Friends, it was indeed a mega show and in all accounts, the Organizers as well as the Sponsors deserve Congratulations and Three Cheers. All the papers were very knowledgeable and the speakers also of high profile with right subjects. Arvind Sinha, Conference Chairman, Sanjay Chawla, Conference Convenor, K.D. Sanghvi, Chairman - TAI and J.B. Soma really worked tirelessly to perform this World Textile Conference a grand success. Students and



Mr. D.R. Mehta addressing valedictory session



Mr. V.D. Zope proposing vote of thanks

It is really watershed event before the tide in global textiles turns in favour of India. The delegates, invitees and participants unanimously made telling remark which was echoed by D.R. Mehta, President, TAI "At this World Textile Conference, delegates had come with a definite purpose. They came not just as visitor or onlookers but with objectives defined. The delegates right from the shop floor level to decision makers at the highest level. They came together so that they could learn, evaluate and take decisions to innovate, implement and enrich their business to meet global challenges".

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