

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - 2013



*Shri Prafulbhai Shah*

Shri Praful Shah is the Chairman and Managing Director of Garden Silk Mills Limited. He is the youngest son of the Founder, Dr. Amichand Shah. He has graduated in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan, Ann Arbor, and post-graduated from Stanford University in the USA in 1965.

Over the years, it has been a long and meritorious journey for Shri Prafulbhai. He has through his inspiration and with sincere dedication and hard work, transformed “Garden” into a household name, having its sprawling factory complexes in villages Vareli and Jolwa, on the outskirts of Surat.

Garden Silk Mills Ltd. can now boast of being both a “designer” of yarns and fabrics – being one of the largest integrated polyester textile companies in India, having state-of-art technology at its plants at Vareli and Jolwa.

The Company has a modern continuous polymerization plant for making polyester PET chips as well as POY/FDY, texturising, draw twisting, draw winding and draw warping plants to cater to the individual needs of weavers; one of the most modern weaving and yarn-processing facilities; and also churns out hundreds of print design ideas that its department conceives every month.

Shri Prafulbhai has provided dynamic and effective leadership to the Company’s management team and has established the Company as one of the dominant players in the Indian textile industry.

Apart from his inborn flair for the dynamics of colour, design and fabric construction, what has made Shri Prafulbhai so successful in women’s textiles is his receptiveness to fashion trends. A lot has also been imbibed from ethnic Indian designs, too. These are often given a modern twist to impart a contemporary look.



*Mr. Ketan Jariwala receiving the Honorary Membership award on behalf of Shri Prafulbhai Shah by hands of Shri Hrishikesh Mafatlal*

Shri Prafulbhai Shah has been conferred with Hon. Membership of TAI for his contribution towards the growth of textile industry and has been awarded during the 11<sup>th</sup> International & 69<sup>th</sup> All India Textile Conference held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at Surat, Gujarat.