HONORARY FTA - 2024



Dr. Gurudas V. Aras

Dr. Gurudas V. Aras holds a Master's degree in Textile Engineering and a post-graduation in Marketing Management from Mumbai University. He is an alumnus of VJTI. Dr. Aras received an honorary Doctorate from the prestigious French university EcoleSupérieure Robert de Sorbon in March 2025.

Dr. Aras retired in March 2021 as Director, Textile Engineering group from A.T.E. group. During his long tenure of 40 years at A.T.E. group, he was instrumental in bringing many leading European textile machinery manufacturers to the company's fold in textile and technical textile domain. He is a Ministry of Corporate Affairs Certified Independent Director and CRISIL Certified ESG Risk Analyst.

Dr. Aras is now an Independent Director on the board of directors of Rossari Biotech Ltd., Indian Card Clothing Ltd., The Ruby Mills Ltd, Unitop Chemicals Ltd., Tristar Intermediates Ltd. and Romakk Chemicals Ltd. Mr. Aras is India Advisor to 2 German companies, ITA Technologies transfer GmbH and APS GmbH. He is also strategic advisor to Yamuna Machine Works, India.

Dr. Aras is a member of the Board of Studies of Textile Engineering department of a leading engineering institute VJTI, and member of its Advisory Group. He is on the editorial boards of leading textile magazines ITJ (Indian Textile Journal) and JTA (Journal of Textile Association). Mr. Aras is a trustee of Textile Association (India) - (Mumbai Unit). He regularly writes articles and blogs on contemporary issues related to Indian Textile Industry, which are very popular amongst the readers.

In the past, Dr. Aras had been the member of the state task force of CII and FICCI, Committee member of TMMA (Textile Machinery Manufacturers Association), Indo-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards).

In the year 2018, Dr. Aras received the 'Service Gold Medal', the highest service award from The Textile Association (India), for his contribution to the Indian Textile and Machinery industry.



Dr. Gurudas V. Aras is receiving Hon. Fellowship of Textile Association (FTA) Award by the hands of Mr. T. Rajkumar, Vice President – Council of Administration of SITRA

Dr. G. V. Aras has been conferred with Hon. Fellowship of Textile Association (FTA) for his contribution towards the growth of textile industry has been awarded during the 78th All India Textile Conference held on 21-22 November, 2025 at Coimbatore.