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Live Better In cotton
Editorial

I am pleased to inform you that from this year we have re-organized our TAI MP chapter by restructuring the team. I am thankful to the managing committee who has anonymously elected me as a Chief Editor for TAI Voice magazine.

I request all the members and specially Managing Committee members to help in the following:

1. Advertisement as per request schedule enclosed.
2. We are also publishing Directory for 2013, kindly submit the directory form.
3. To make our magazine more attractive please favor by your articles, company profile and Textile mill event and any report you wish to publish in TAI voice.

S.P. Bansal
Chief Editor
TAI VOICE

Secretary Message

We have pleasure to inform you that TAI MP Unit is celebrating is going to entering 69th year and we want to take the MP Unit to a new height with the help of our Dynamic Managing committee. I am pleased to inform you in brief about our activities during last three months.

Bangladesh Textile Conference TAI MP representation & TAI MP Participation in India ITME 2012
New Year & Diwali Program

Our main aim to bring under one fold to the following activities:

1. Mill Visit
2. Technical Seminar
3. To activate garment chapter
4. To activate students chapter
5. Cotton Chapter
6. Get-together
7. Cultural Program

Our future planning as under:
Membership Growth: We want at least 20% rise in our present TAI MP members.
We will also award the member who will bring 5 members in one financial year.
Funds: As you are well aware that this is a nonprofit organization, AGM has decided in managing committee meeting the following:

1. Every mill will contribute five thousand per year in activities fund.
2. Every individual will contribute Rs. 1000 per year for participation in activities, because looking to the increased expenses of hotels, travelling and other miscellaneous expenses to meet out the expenses, we are compel to request our members to contribute.
3. Regarding MGM expenses: in rotation one by one office bearer will organize the MGM on his expenses.

Textile a Golden future of M.P.

Ashok Veda
Hon. Secretary
TAI MP Unit

I lose all interest in living if I do not render true service
INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY--OPPORTUNITIES and CHALLENGES

Due to shrinking Textile Mfg capacities in the developed countries and with increase in consumer demand for Apparel and clothing world over Indian Textile Industry growth stands better placed and well equipped to accept this challenge.

India is 2nd Largest cotton producing country in the World producing 350 Lacs bales annually while its consumption is 250 Lacs bales Leaving 100 lac bales surplus for Exports Now as China is opting out of Spinning yarn gradually We must utilize our surplus raw cotton for further value addition up to Garment making.

In India we have expertise in Technical knowhow / trained work force and marketing skill for clothing sector to meet in-house needs and substantial Exports to Overseas countries.

Our textile industry plays a pivotal Role in economic performance of the country n contributes to 4 pct of India GDP. 14 pct of its industrial products n 16 pct to its Export Earnings and Also provide direct employment to 35 millions. Textiles n Apparels Exports had been significant Foreign exchange earner for our country.

This clearly shows that Textile sector is our core strength n We must utilize available progressive policies n attractive incentives announced by Central n State Govts for Rapid industrial growth n vast employment potential Govt incentives are.

11pct Interest subsidy for term Loan upto 25 Cr project cost. Capital subsidy 10 pct upto max of 100 lacs n VAT concessions.

N.S. Nirban
President
TAI MP Unit
A Comparative study of Major Benefits available in different States for establishment of Textile Units
(In addition to benefits available from Government of India)

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<td>1. Interest Subsidy:</td>
<td>2% on long term loan linked to TUFS subject to maximum limit of Rs. 5 crore for 5 years.</td>
<td>7% for spinning and garment/madeup unit 5% for others, 6% for Technical Textiles for 5 years or period of payment of loan, whichever is earlier</td>
<td>Full on loan linked the TUFS in Vidarbh, Marathwada, North Maharashtra, Konkan, etc. 2% to be borne by Units in other areas for 7 years including 2 years moratorium</td>
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<td>2. Capital Subsidy:</td>
<td>For New Units Investment subsidy @10% of eligible capital investment subject is maximum limit of Rs. 1 crore.</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>10% Capital subsidy on investment linked to TUFS in Vidarbh, Marathwada, and North Maharashtra</td>
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<td>3. Vat Concession:</td>
<td>Investment Promotion Assistance after adjusting ITR on amount of VAT and CST (excluding VAT on purchase of raw material) deposited ranging from 50% to 75% for 3 to 10 years (based on Category of Distincts). Special Package for Investment of Rs. 25 crore or more: For Spinning Mills equal to amount paid as VAT and CST on interstate sales, for Cloth Manufacturing units equal to VAT paid on raw material and VAT and CST paid on finished goods, and for Ginning Mills equal to CST paid on finished products for 8 years</td>
<td>Refund of VAT paid on intermediate products / raw material to the extent of 100% for 8 years from date of Production</td>
<td>Industrial Promotion Subsidy on taxes paid by the unit 20%-30% for 5 to 8 years in certain districts</td>
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<td>4. Power Tariff Subsidy</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>Rs. 1 per unit on billed amount for 5 years</td>
<td>Exemption from Electricity Duty for 15 years in certain districts.</td>
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<td>5. Entry Tax Exemption</td>
<td>Unit investing more than Rs. 100 crore- entry tax exemption for 7 years for other for 5 years.</td>
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<td>6. Training</td>
<td>25% for setting up Apparel training Institute subject to maximum of Rs. 25 lakh</td>
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<td>7. Setting up of Industrial Park</td>
<td>15% of cost subject to maximum of Rs. 5 crore</td>
<td>50% subject to maximum of Rs. 10 crore (Rs. 30 crore for Spinning Park)</td>
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"The past belongs to us but we don't belong to the past"
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2013-14

The highlights of the Budget relating to Textile Industry are as under :-

1. Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme to continue in 12th Five Year Plan period with an investment of Rs. 1,511,000 crore. Major focus will be on modernization of power loom sector. Rs. 2400 crore provided in 2013-14. (para 77)

2. It is proposed to setup Apparel Parks under SITP. A sum of Rs. 50 crore provided in 2013-14. With a view to set-up apparel manufacturing units in such parks an additional grant up to Rs. 10 crore to each park proposed. (para 78)

3. Rs. 500 crore provided for Integrated Processing Development Scheme in 12th Plan for environmental concerns of textile industry including improving effluent treatment plants. Rs. 50 crore provided in 2013-14. (para 79)

4. Excise Duty:
   Zero Excise Duty route as existed prior to Budget of 2011-12 is being restored in respect of Branded ready made garments and made ups. In case of cotton, there will be zero duty at the fibre stage and, in case of spun yarn of man-made fibres, there will be a duty of 12% at the fibre stage. The zero duty route will be in addition to cenvat route now available.

5. Custom Duty:
   Basic Custom Duty is being reduced from 7.5% to 5% on textile machinery and parts.

6. Service Tax: No change.

(M.C. Rawat)
Secretary
The Madhya Pradesh Textile Mills Association, Indore
Treasurer, TAI MP Unit

TEXTILE NEWS

Congratulations:
Shri S. Pal for becoming Chairman of MP Textile Mills Association
Shri R.S. Verma for becoming Vice-President of TAI MP Unit
Shri Suresh Maheshwari for Vice-Chairman of TAI MP Unit

Upcoming Events:
1. International Cotton Conference on 9th & 10th April, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Vastarpur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
2. India Textile Conclave (NORTHTEX) on 12th March 2013 at Hotel JW Marriott, Chandigarh, India.
3. TAI MP Unit Conference in April (Tentative)

Condolence:
Mother of J.B. Soma (Chief Editor JTA)

Non attachment is difficult of attainment, so say some. verify, it is so.
26TH NATIONAL CONVENTION ON FUTURISTIC FIBERS 2013

Institution of Engineers, MP centre, Bhopal had organized the “26th National Convention & National Seminar on Futuristic Fibers” on 2nd & 3rd Feb, 2013. In this 07 faculties with one staff member and 21 students from the Department of textile tech were participated. The Chief Guest, Dr. P K Verma, Director General, M P Council of Science & Technology inaugurated the Convention along with Mr Sant Lal, Scientist-E & Director, Bureau of Indian Standards, Bhopal Branch Office and Mr Y K Gupta, General Manager, Madhya Pradesh State Office & State Level Co-ordinator (Oil Industry), Indian Oil Corporation, were the Guests-of-Honour on the occasion and Mr Arunchandra N Jariwala, Chairman, Textile Engineering Division Board of the Institution presided over the inaugural session.

Prof Tapan Kumar Sinha, Head, Department of Textile technology, Shri Vaishnav Institute of Technology & Science, Indore were felicitated in recognition of their eminence and contribution to the profession of Textile Engineering.

Same day students & faculty members also got an opportunity to hear some of the eminent speakers like Dr. Abhiiit Majumdar, Dr. Nada Mahapatra, Dr. Guruprasad etc. Conveyer for the conference was Er. Aniruddha Ghosh. The day followed by an evening wherein all the students & faculties went for an sightseeing at Lake-view, Bhopal. To get ourselves recharged and to come out of mood of a firing day a short cultural event was organized by Students & Faculties of SVITS. Student Divya Palkar & Faculty Prof. Shyam Burhanpurkar sang melodious song followed by Poetry By Rounak Siraj & a Mimicry act by Prof. Ajay Joshi. Next day commenced with presentation by some more scholars. Following is the list of Participants from SVITS on respective topics:

1. HOD Prof. T. K. Sinha with Mr.Tanveer Malik, Mr. Shivendra Parmar, Mr. S. Suryavanshi: A Glimpse on Fibres of 21st Century

2. Prof. Shyam Burhanpurkar with Mr.Ajay Joshi, Mr. Saurabh Survanshi: Waste Minimising Techniques in Textiles

3. Neha Kabra & Neha Shah: Aerogel as Futuristic Fiber

4. Divya Palkar & Rounak Siraj: Futuristic Fibers

This Conference was ended with a short validatory function wherein all the speakers & Guest were awarded for their excellent work & effort to uplift the textile industry. Mr. Ashok Veda, Secretary, TAI- MP unit was felicitated on behalf of the contribution given by the TAI MP unit and Mr. Ajay Joshi was also felicitated by IEL for his contribution in the conference. The vote of thanks was expressed by Prof. K.S. Gautam. There were nice interactions with industrial persons regarding the training & placement, mill visit & etc.

This National Seminar was on the theme of ‘Futuristic Fibers 2013’, where in papers on various sub-themes were presented by delegates from academia as well as industry during the various technical sessions.
THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION (ATE) ORGANIZED BY WEAVER SERVICE CENTRE (MINI. OF TEXTILE)

Weavers Service Centre, Indore (Govt. Of India, Ministry Of Textiles, Polaground, Indore has organized an Appropriate Technology Exhibition (ATE), under the aegis of the Development Commissioner For Handlooms, New Delhi for 5 days from 8th to 12th Jan. 2013 at Milan Garden, near Surya Hotel, South Tukoganj, Indore.

The Textile Association of India-MP unit has Participated in this Exhibition as an exhibitor. The Stall was provided free of Cost to TAI. The Staff Members are assigned to exhibit the R&D Activities and other Development work done by TAI.

The inauguration was done on 8/1/2013 by Sh. A. K. Rathore, Development Commissioner (SEZ, MP) Our Guest of Honour was Sh. N. S. Nirban, Director, Texpert International, Dewas with Sh.R.C.Gupta, Chairman, TAI-Mp unit, Sh. Kamal Narayan Bhuradia, secretary, SVITS, Dr. Ing. V.P. Singh, Principle, SVITS, Sh. Ashok Veda, secretary TAI-MP unit. There were numbers of institutions, units, firms from various places of India, which worked for the upliftment of the Handlooms and Textiles sector

Prof. T.K.Sinha, (HOD), Prof. Ajay Shankar Joshi, Prof. Shyam Barhanpurkar, Prof. Shivendra Parmar, Prof. Hiren Jaiswal, Prof. Samsu Alam, Prof. Saurabh Suryavanshi and other technical staff had given their valuable presence in inaugural ceremony with students.

This exhibition had provided a great platform to the Weavers / Societies / Manufacturers / Exporters / Buyers / Public etc. to interact with the stake holders to understand the market requirement and new technologies which in result will be beneficial to them in developing the products as per the market trends and demand.

In this duration many renowned persons form industries are visited our stall like Sh.S.Bansal, Director, Pratibha, Sh.S.Gupta, CEO, S.kumars, Sh. Alexegendra, GM, Samatax from Germany and many more

No man is worthless who lightens the burden of anyone else.
INDO-BANGLADESH TEXTILE TRADE
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CENTURY

Bangladesh exports survived the global financial crisis in 2008, helped by basic garment products. In the following years, the country's ready-made garment exports weathered out from the global recession and grew nearly 42 percent in fiscal 2010-11.

The growth rate was highly appreciated at a time when the world was in economic pain; Bangladesh was one of the few countries that witnessed exports in the positive territory.

At the same time, the country turned into the world's second largest apparel supplier, after China. Garment exports stood at $17.91 billion in fiscal 2010-11, taking up more than 78 percent of overall exports.

Exporters aim to achieve apparel exports above targets, beating the debt crisis, riding on exports to new destinations — Japan, South Africa, Russia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and India.

Moreover, product diversification and arrival of high-end customers like Adidas, Hugo Boss, Tommy Hilfiger, and Next will play a positive role in helping exports grow above the target for 2012 & 2013.

Garment makers said export growth depends on the adequate supply of gas and power, a pool of skilled manpower for mid-level management and efficiency in port management and good infrastructure.

However, exporters also often complain about the frequent hikes in petroleum prices, higher transportation costs, traffic congestion, workers' unrest, soaring inflation, the list is seemingly unlimited.

The years 2012 & 2013 will be a determining period to grab the export orders shifting from China, the largest exporter of apparels globally, as countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia are likely to be benefited.

India and Bangladesh manage to follow through on promises to open up their economies for transit and trade as set out in a memorandum of January 2010, a new era could dawn across the land borders of Southasia. The challenges are bureaucratic inertia in New Delhi and ultra-nationalist politics in Dhaka.

The political partition of the Subcontinent in 1947 did not have to lead to economic partition, but that is ultimately what happened. This did not take place right away, and many had believed that the borders of India and Pakistan's eastern and western flanks were demarcations that would allow for the movement of people and commerce.

This half-century of distancing between what was previously one continuous region has resulted in incalculable loss of economic vitality, most of it hidden under nationalist bombast. Bangladesh lost a huge
market and source of investment, Bangladesh concentrated on developing its own soil and society, uniquely built domestic industrial sector such as in garment manufacture, and learning to deal with floods and cyclones. Great courage shown by Bangladesh Government and people of Bangladesh, they faced all odds very broadly and with determination. Today's prosperity of Bangladesh particularly in garments and its position globally is very well recognized.

It is evident that both countries have advantage in textile articles and floor coverings and clothing accessories. However, India is also endowed with comparative advantage in food, basic manufactures, textile yarn & fabrics, non-metal mineral manufacturers and metal manufacturers. But for Bangladesh, the only two goods of comparative advantage for all these years have been textile articles and clothing accessories only. Thus, both India and Bangladesh show export interests in textile articles and clothing accessories. In fact, these are the only two goods in which Bangladesh has throughout exhibited to have comparative advantage.

India and Bangladesh for Textile concern can have very good relationship for the mutual benefits. Bangladesh has cheap & skilled availability of workers for growing Garment Industry. It is also recognized as high quality garment manufacturer and most of the large manufacture brand wants to come to Bangladesh and many of them already have large establishments there.

Similarly India has tremendous project consulting companies who have the capability of providing project execution at any level. Therefore there is a very successful marriage possible between Bangladesh and India.

Standing on this platform I sincerely wish all the Chambers of Textile Industry, Captains' of Industry to work sincerely for mutual co-operation between both the countries to make these efforts successful.
ITME-2012- 9th India International Textile Machinery Exhibition was organized on 2nd Dec to 7th Dec 2012 at Bombay Exhibition centre, Mumbai. There were 826 stalls from various companies & firms. The exhibitors from 50 countries were participated.

A big delegation in the leadership of Shri N.S. Nirban, Shri R.C. Gupta & Shri Ashok Veda has visited India ITME 2012, Shri Ajay Joshi our joint secretary has taken around 30 students of Textile college to ITME. We have organized free entry to students from MP, our TAI office bearers and Managing committee members Shri S. Bansal, S.P. Bansal, our Vice President R.S. Verma, Mr. Vinod Padhnam, Shri Piyush Mutha, Shri A. Sarkar, Shri S.K. Bhatt, Shri S.K. Pandey, Shri Shantanu Daga, Shri A.K. Gupta, Shri S.B. Sharda, Shri S.n. Maheshwari, Shri N.K. Agrawal of Jaideep, Shri gajendra Shukla of NTC, Shri V.K. Sharma, Shri L.T. Alexander, Shri B.S. Yadav, Shri N. kuashik, Shri S.P.S. Senger

Shri V.K. Jain was specially presented on the exhibition with their team.

All the events were successfully organized & benefitted for us. Lots of new techniques, information and knowledge sharing with enhancement of contacts are results of this Mumbai visit for us.

Various manufacturers like KTTM, LMW, Reiter and other manufacturers have shown their new invention.

This time arrangement of India ITME was much better than the past under the dynamic leadership of Shri R.S. Bachkaniwala & Ms. Seema Shrivastav & their team from MP around 300 members have visited the exhibition, mostly from Maral Overseas Ltd., Pratibha Syntex, STI India Ltd. SKNL, Deepak Spinners, Spentex Industries, Hind Spinners Ritspin, Jaideep Glass Works, Grasim, Raymonds, Varahman Group, Trident Ltd, Swastik Spentex, Bhaskar Industries, Texpert International, and many other industries were present with their team.

Gujarat Vibrant has also been attended by TAI MP Chapter members.
10TH INTERNATIONAL & 68TH ALL INDIA TEXTILE CONFERENCE

Jointly organized by The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit & Central Office
30th November & 1st December 2012, Hotel ITC Maratha, Sahar, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400 099

On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit, the 10th International & 68th All India Textile Conference was organized by TAI, Mumbai Unit jointly with Central Office on 30th November & 1st December 2012, Hotel ITC Maratha, Sahara, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400 099. The theme of the Conference was “World Textiles – Challenges towards Excellence”.

Mr. C. Bose, President of TAI, Mumbai Unit welcomed the gathering and briefed about the theme of the Conference.

Mr. D. R. Mehta, National President, TAI in his presidential address said that Indian textile industry is facing several challenges in terms of quality and productivity and these need to be addressed to achieve the goals. In view of this, the current conference is focusing these issues.

Mr. V. C. Gupte, Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit briefed about the conference. He informed that there has been total evolution of global textile industry ever since the quota regime ended in 1995. Every 3-4 years have seen major changes in how the textile manufacturing shifted from one set of countries to the other. Initially, US & Europe textile business moved to China, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & other Asian Countries, so much so that Bangladesh even overtook India in terms of exports due to the special status. The focus further moved to African countries and now Burma is becoming a hot spot for textile processing, as textile business is not so sustainable in many of these countries. There are no more advantages of cheap labour and other resources, like power & water, which are almost becoming on par with US & Europe. The strict regulations on pollution norms, child labors etc. are now observed in many countries, including India as major challenges. The main question is whether the global textile industry will survive all these challenges and emerge with excellence. There are many other challenges facing the Textile Industry. Increase in the oil price is changing the logistic cost every day. Textile Industry is heading for a situation where the costs are increasing every day. Apart from this, the fluctuation in the currency is making business unviable. This conference will attempt to create and combined attempt of handling many issues, which are very critical for the survival of textile industry. However, the fact is that the textile industry will survive and remain in demand so long the mankind exists. In this pursuit, TAI provides this forum to churn the issues to develop the strategies to face challenges.

The Industrial Excellence Award was conferred on Mr. R. K. Vij, President, TAI, Delhi Unit. The TAI, Ahmedabad Unit received the Best Unit Trophy from the group of larger units third time consecutively.

The book “Fundamentals and Advances in Knitting Technology” written by Mr. Sadhan Chandra Ray, NIRJAF, Kolkata was selected for Best Technical Book Award sponsored by Century Textiles & Industries Ltd.

Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India delivered the inaugural address. He emphasized the role of textile industry in India and informed that value addition is key to achieve excellence. Today 97% of the textile production is under SMEs and they have limitation of achieving the required Brand and R&D. He listed the key drivers to achieve excellence as Quality, Design, Technology and high value added products to show case. It is the time to carry out the activities in a smart way with the backup of information technology. He assured the industry that government is committed to create all required policy support and act as enabler to achieve innovation, R&D, HRD and catalyze sustained growth in context of global competition. In this context, he listed various schemes being implemented by the government. These include TUFs, Technology Mission for
Technical Textiles, Integrated Textiles Park and Special project on use of Geo-textiles and Agri-textiles in North Eastern States and ISDS to create skilled man power. He further informed that 12th plan program will be released in few months and major emphasis is to support decentralized weaving sector.

Mrs. Jaya Row, Founder of Vedanta Vision was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. She said in her address that leadership is key for achieving excellence in every walk of life including industrial development.

In all 16 papers from eminent Speakers from India & abroad were presented during the conference. Some of the high lights of each session are as follows.

Session – 1: “Global Textile Situation & Asian Countries” “Textile Potential & Scenario in BRIC Countries” by Mr. Arvind Sinha, Chief Advisor & CEO, Business Advisors Group, Global Sourcing Company. “Asian Textile Scenario” by Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Chairman, Baig Group, Industrialist and Federal Advisor on Textiles to Govt. of Pakistan “Can we do textile projects faster?” by Mr. Bhaskar Ranjan Das, Sales Director, Realization Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

Session – 2: “Current Growth & Developments in Textile Machinery” “Innovative Process Control for dyeing & finishing industry to ensure highest efficiency to reduce energy and resources input” by Mr. Thomas Hopfl, Sales Director, Mahlo. “One-stop green Innovation – The complete Finishing Treatment” by Mr. Adam Jozwik, Sales Director, Förg’s Europe GmbH & Mr. Peter Tolksdorf, Head of Product Management for Dyeing and Application, A. Monforts.


Session – 4: “Fibre – Mannmade & Natural” “Polyester Staple Fibre” by Mr. Gunjan Sharma, Business Head for Staple Fibre (Polyester Sector), Reliance Industries Ltd. “Regenerated Cellulose Fibre” by Mr. Manohar Samuel, Jt. President (Strategic Marketing), Grasim Industries Ltd. “New Organic Fibre Gongura - Fibre of the Future” by Mr. Manohar Parchure, Progressive Farmer. “MicroModal by Edelweiss Technology” by Mr. T. Murugan, General Manager Sales & Marketing, Lenzing AG, India. “Polyester – The Key Game changer in Textiles” by Mr. J. Raghunath, Business Head (Polyester Textiles Yarn), Reliance Industries Ltd. All the Papers received very high response from the participants. There was good interaction between participants, who posed many questions to panel members and were answered very promptly by the panel members. Both the sessions of panel discussions were very interesting and memorable. The delegates were intensely involved till the last session to take advantage of the panel discussion. In the last session Dr. P. R. Roy, Management Consultant (Textiles) gave his impressions about the conference, and brought out some of the key factors to achieve excellence in the competitive world. The two-day Conference was attended by over 500 participants and it was a grand success. The organizers of the conference were happy to note that the objectives of the All India Textile Conference are fully achieved. Mr. R. G. Malvankar, Vice Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit proposed vote of thanks.

Dignitaries Sitting in the Auditorium

The Office Bearers & representatives of TAI, Ahmedabad Unit receiving the Best Unit Trophy in Larger Unit category by the hands of Chief Guest, Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.
ICTA 2012 ends with resolutions for 'Efficient use of resources in textiles production'

The 2nd International Conference on Textile & Apparel (ICTA)-2012 was organized by Amin & Jahan Corporation Ltd on 23-24 November 2012 at the Lake Shore Hotel, Gulshan, Dhaka. This convention is the biggest platform for presenting research papers and innovations on Textile and Apparel in Bangladesh. The conference was segmented in several technical and strategic sessions with the theme of Efficient Use of Resources in Textile and Apparel. The two days-long conferences were attended by renowned industrials, academicians, freelancer researchers and experts from home and abroad. Attended participants showed special interest in honorary conference speaker, renowned fashion designer 'Bibi Russell'. In the closing session, the conference awarded the first three best participants of the 3rd session of Textile Talent Hunt (TTH 2012). TTH is another program of Amin & Jahan Corporation Ltd to search out best prospective textile graduates in the field of research. Mr. John T Smith, International Coordinator & Long Term Advisor of UNIDO-BEST program summed the conference up before the closing session. ICTA 2012 has been supported by BEST program UNIDO too. This report will summarize the key findings of the conference even though all the presentations are available at www.icta.textiletoday.com.bd and all papers have been published along with 'Bangladesh Textile Today', (www.textiletodaybd.com) November 2012 issue. The conference was presented by Bangladesh Textile Today, in association with Bangladesh University of Textiles, The Textile Institute UK and The Textile Association (India).

Mr. Amin mentioned that over the years natural gas, abundant good quality subsoil water and huge population have been Bangladesh's core competencies but now in a changed local scenario these have become core challenges along with other challenges rightly summed up in McKinsey & Co.'s report. He urged the present audiences in the conferences to keep continue discussion and find possible solution of these challenges. He reiterated that efficient use of raw materials, natural resources, ensuring quality, adding value in products and services as well as decreasing environment footprint only can guarantee sustainable textile and apparel sector in Bangladesh. Mr. Amin ended up revealing the reason behind the success of Bangladesh referring The World Bank report where it was explained that how Bangladesh has been growing well riding the hard works of garment workers, expatriates and the farmers. And that's why it has been termed that 'Bangladesh is The Crux of The Surprise'.

Bangladesh University of Textile (BUText) extended a tea reception to the international delegates of ICTA 2012. The 30 member delegate had a tour to the university facilities and later on university Vice Chancellor expressed his interest to collaborate with different international organizations to strengthen university activities.
Focus resource efficiency and value addition in your strategy: The last session of the 2nd ICTA-2012 was the strategic session where Dr. Anil Gupta, National Vice President, Textile Association India (TAI) and Mr. John T Smith gave their speeches. Dr. Anil Gupta appreciated Bangladesh’s effort which has made the country the 2nd largest apparel exporter of the world. He also revealed the TAI’s core objectives which were to promote the use of Scientific Knowledge in textiles, from fibers to fashion, to implement programs of continued education in textile technology and management and to help members acquire textile qualifications towards improved job performance. He revealed that textiles supply chain strategy is being changed over recent times. China is no more buying fiber from India rather they are buying a lot of yarn. Indian spinning industry is booming once again now while he elaborated also that future may be a bit difficult for Bangladesh to get cotton fibers as well. Dr. Gupta, suggested Bangladesh to keep that in mind and make the strategy accordingly. Focusing more towards synthetic fibers can be an approach. Duty free access of Bangladeshi garments has opened a new era to Bangladesh to grab he mentioned.

At the special honorary conference speech from Bibi Russell on 'Fashion for Development' she expressed I have been designing using our handloom fabric and trying to promote. It is their work on which I am trying to add value to offer them better return. But everything needs money, and as I didn't found any corporate spending here, it was difficult for me to promote their products in global arena. She urged the textile and garment factory owners to look into these designs and requested to consider replacing even less than 1% of their fabric by handloom fabric that could change the livelihood of around 1 million handloom artisans and their family and that will be the real development of the country. She stressed the importance of 'Green' production as well and mentioned in all her production she keeps environment as priority. She elaborated that handloom is the sector where human resources is the key other than Electrical or Thermal hence the sector is not asking any additional capacity in gas & electricity. Value addition and promotion of the handloom fabrics can make real socio-economic development of the country. She termed that the handloom weavers have magic in their hands and they only need a helping hand to flourish. Her mind-blowing speech with visuals of her efforts to promote the rural textiles amazed the attendants of the conference.

Mr. John T Smith’s presentation was followed by the award giving and closing ceremony. Awards were given to the winners of the Textile Talent Hunt 2012. Memorandums were also exchanged between different institutions and associations. The closing ceremony was garlanded with speeches from Md. Enayet Hossain, Secretary General, ITET, Mr. Faruque Hassan, Vice President, BGMEA, Mr. ASM Tareq Amin, Managing Director, Amin & Jahan Corp. Ltd. And Md. Ashraf Faqir, Moqbul, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Textiles and Jute, GoB.
Mr. N.S. Nirban (President)
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