EDITORIAL

The modern textile industry offers a broad range of career opportunities from raw materials processing to the design of apparel and furnishings. Historically, the textile sector has been a major employer of unskilled labour in industrially developing regions and countries. These jobs have migrated from the industrialized countries to developing nations where labour costs are low. Textile industry competes in a globalized market to offer quality goods at affordable prices. Textile businesses are smaller than they were a few decades ago, and need specific design, business and technical skills to compete internationally. The contribution of the textile industry in terms of percentage to industrial production and export earnings is constant at 12% during the last three years and current year. Textile industry generated direct employment to over 35 million people.

Though the textile industry is one of the major contributors to India’s export basket, the Budget (2015-16) did not have much for the industry in specific. The textile industry has expressed disappointment over the budget announcements as the major demands have not been met.

The industry expected measures to further encourage exports including a 7-8 per cent cap on interest rates for textile exporters, reduction of the interest burden and more investments. The industry also expected some announcement with regards to continuation of the interest subvention scheme, which was discontinued in 2014.

Reduction in allocation for the scheme would not encourage investment in the sector. The hike in service tax would also have an adverse impact on the textile industry.

The only provision for which the textile manufacturers heaved a sigh of relief is the Budget did not have any mention of imposition of excise on readymade garments. Excise duty exemption on garments in domestic sector is a step in the right direction. This would give a good impetus to domestic brands and this would see a growth in business. It may provide direct employment to more than 3.5 crore people. The reduction in corporate taxes from 30% to 25% is another boost to the manufacturing sector in the country.

Introducing all innovative techniques to reduce cost of the manufacturing sectors by textile experts may shine the industry in coming time.

It gives me great pleasure to take you down the memory lane and remind you the professional activities done by the Mumbai Unit in last 12 years. My congratulations to all who have helped for the success of these events.

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The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit organized Annual Conference on “Indian Textiles - The Way Forward” on Friday, 14th November 2014 at Hotel The Lalit, Mumbai. The Conference received overwhelming response. The presentations were highly appreciated, particularly all the papers in the finance session. For the first time in the textile conferences, there was a presentation on Intellectual Property Rights in Textiles & Garments and credit finance to textile industries.

Mr. C. Bose, President, TAI, Mumbai Unit welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Sunil Porwal, Addl. Chief Secretary (Textiles), Government of Maharashtra, Guest of Honour Dr. P. Nayak, Secretary, Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, Awardees, Speakers, Press, Media and delegates. He congratulated three recipients of the Industrial Excellence Awards.

Mr. V. C. Gupte, Chairman, TAI, Mumbai Unit and Convener of the Conference gave the highlights of the event. He said that the conventional topics are discussed in most of the conferences. The Mumbai Unit ensures that non-technical topics, like finance, marketing, supply chain, etc. are covered for the benefit and interest of textile professionals. He also mentioned about taking up topic like Intellectual Property Rights in Textiles & Garments. Mr. Gupte appealed to the Processing industry to upgrade them so that it can add to the exports and reduce imports which will give boost to the Indian economy. This will also increase industrial production and add to the employment. As a Convener of the Conference, he thanked all the speakers, sponsors, advertisers and delegates for their kind support to make this conference a great success.

Dr. P. Nayak, Secretary, Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India in his address, specially mentioned about the “Make India” mission of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. He pointed out how India has been exporting less valued items in textiles and how our value addition has been staying at a very low level. Weaving and processing sectors have to be strengthened, he said. If the basic material is not up to the mark, then the end-products will also suffer, he said. The entire industry has to be integrated in one way or the other.

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit has set a precedent by felicitating the textile professionals for their outstanding contribution in the field of textile industry. In this Conference, the TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. Anuj Bhagwati, Managing Director, A. T. E. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Dipali Goenka, Managing Director, Welspun Global Brands Ltd., and Mr. N. A. Acharya, Chairman, Associated Chemicals with the “Industrial Excellence Award”.

Mr. Anuj Bhagwati, accepting his felicitation, thanked all his employees for helping A.T.E. write a great success story. He said that A.T.E. will continue to focus on technologies for the textile industry along with other new areas for thrust it has undertaken since textile has a vast potential for growth in the coming years. Ms. Dipali Goenka & Mr. Acharya received the awards in absence.

Mr. Sunil Porwal, Addl. Chief Secretary (Textiles), Government of Maharashtra who was Key Note Speaker and the Chief Guest. He appreciated the topics selected for the conference. He said that huge quantity of cotton is grown in the State of Maharashtra, but thousands of balls are diverted to other states. According to Porwal, logistics is a major problem in India. Cotton is in North, West and Southern parts of the country. But the consumption centres are in different places and after the making of yarn, the cotton sent from Maharashtra comes back to Maharashtra as yarn. This ends up in consuming more time and money during the conversion, leaving the logistics in utter disarray. For instance, 50% of garments in the country are made in Maharashtra, and this is sent to other centres for processing, entailing additional cost. This is the biggest challenge today. The third challenge is the environmental compliances in processing.

He made a mention about the Brandix Apparel city in Visakhapatnam. “About 15 units have come up in the city. They have transport system in place for the employees, who live within a radius of 15 to 20 km, taking them to and from their homes. All the other infrastructures are available within or nearby the apparel city”.

Mr. Vidyut Acharya, Director, Associated Chemicals receiving the Industrial Excellence Award by the hands of Chief Guest Mr. Sunil Porwal on behalf of his father Mr. N. A. Acharya, Chairman, Associated Chemicals.
He explained the efforts made by Govt. of Maharashtra by setting up the textile parks, which will help to improve the economy of not only the state but also of the Govt. of India.

In all, there were 12 technical papers presented during the Conference.

The theme of the first session was 'Finance & Related Issues'.

Ms. Renuka Ramnath, Founder, Managing Director & CEO, Multiples Alternate Asset Management Pvt. Ltd. spoke on "Credit Access to Textile and Clothing Sector". She stated if one looks at the capital invested to market cap ratio, non-textile companies show much better returns compared to the textile companies. She also acknowledged the fact that the textile companies are not the companies the financial institutions solicit from investing on account of poorer returns demonstrated in the past by Indian textile companies. She advocated that the Indian textile industry create a robust Eco System wherein the industry divides the responsibility to create a value chain or a company which has very high core competency in that limited sphere that they do and are highly dependent on each other to deliver the entire value chain.

Mr. Priya Kini, Sr. Director, HSBC Bank, made the presentation on "Challenges related to Foreign Exchange Fluctuations". She dealt with the technicalities as well as commercial impact on the business. She also suggested how to effectively deal with the situation.

Adv. Sanjay Kher, Clover Consulting Pvt. Ltd. presented the paper on "Intellectual Property Rights: Ethical business practices". It was one of the papers which received very high accolades. Mr. Kher laid the importance of IPR in all future businesses. He also emphasized the agreements between India and most developed countries on IPR.

Mr. Kapil Gupta, VP, Strategic Services, Realization Technologies India P Ltd. presented the paper on "Execution and Economics of Textile Projects...20% to 50% faster". The Project implementation delays escalate the cost of the projects which many times become so high the viability of the projects comes in question. Mr. Gupta showed how the projects can be executed faster.

The theme of the second session was 'Connecting with the Consumer'. All the Papers were very well received.

Mr. S. Krishnamorthy, CEO - Domestic Textiles Business, Jaya Shree Textiles expressed his views on "Garment business and Supply Chain management".

Mr. Govind Shrikhande, Customer Care Associate & MD, Shopper's Stop Ltd. presented the paper on "Challenges in meeting Consumer demands".

Mr. Manohar Samuel, President (Marketing & Business Development), Birla Cellulose, Grasim Industries Ltd. presented the paper on "Value Chain Collaboration with End Consumer - AMust".

The theme of the third session was 'Innovation Technologies in Processing'.

Mr. Mauro Fassi, Sales Manager, Loris Bellini S.r.l., Italy presented the paper on "Innovation in Yarn Dyeing - (Power Savings up to 70%)".

Dr. Pankaj Desai, Head - Research & Development, Colortex Industries Pvt. Ltd. presented the paper on "Dyeing of Polyester fabrics using Super Critical Fluid (Carbon Dioxide) - Waterless Dyeing".

Mr. Bertram Suithe, Marketing Coordinator, Global Business Development Continuous; DyStar Colours Distribution GmbH presented the paper on "Innovative Solutions for Sustainable textile production".

Mr. Adam Jozwik, Area Sales Director, Fong's Europe GmbH and Mr. Peter Tolksdorf Head of Product Management for Dyeing and Application, A. Monforts Textilmaschinen, presented the paper on "Continuous Dyeing".

Mr. Raj Varghese, General Manager, Archroma India Pvt. Ltd. presented the paper on "Speciality Functional Finishing".

All the Papers received very high response as well as interactions from the participants.

Mr. A. Y. Mantri, Hon. Secretary, TAI, Mumbai Unit proposed a vote of thanks. The Conference was a grand success and was attended by 350 participants.
Shri Haresh B. Parekh, Hon. Gen. Secretary, The Textile Association (India) was conferred **Service Gold Medal** in recognition of his contribution and services to the textile industry and Shri A. V. Mantri, Hon. Secretary, The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit was awarded a **Service Memento** for his dedicated services in the activities of TAI, Mumbai Unit. The Felicitation was held during 12th International & 70th All India Textile Conference held on 17th & 18th January 2015 at Nagpur.

Shri Haresh B. Parekh, Hon. Gen. Secretary, The Textile Association (India) receiving Service Gold Medal by the hands of Chief Guest, Hon. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister, Transport & Shipping, Govt. of India.

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Achievements of the TAI, Mumbai Unit from 2002 to 2014

2002 - The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit celebrated Golden Jubilee Year of the Unit in 2002. As a part of this commemorative celebration, the Mumbai Unit hosted 7th International & 58th All India Textile Conference at Nehru Centre on 14th & 15th December 2002. The theme of the Conference was "Textile Industry Beyond 2004".

The Conference was dedicated to Late Mr. Dhirubhai Ambani, the doyen of the Indian Textile Industry. Gowing tributes were paid to Late Shri Dhirubhai. Mr. Kashiram Rana, Minister of Textiles, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Conference. Mr. Sudhir Thackersey, President, International Textile Manufacturers Federation, Zunch delivered the Golden Jubilee Commemorative Address.

Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd. was conferred the Honorary Membership of The Textile Association. Mr. Nikhil Meswani, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Ltd. and Mr. Subodh Sapra, President, Polyester Sector, Reliance Industries Ltd. were the Guests of Honour. The conference was attended by more than 1000 participants. This was a remarkable success for Mumbai Unit.

International Seminar on "Texturising Scenario in 21st Century" was organised on 8th & 9th June 2002 at Silvassa. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Kashiram Rana, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Government of India. Mr. Mohanbhai Dalkar (the Member of Parliament from Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli) and Mr. R K Srivastava, (Finance Secretary of Union Territory of Darran, Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli) were Guests of Honour. Mr. Subodh Kumar (Textiles Commissioner, Government of India) was the Key Note Speaker. About 400 participants have taken advantage of this seminar.

2004 - Seminar on "Chemical Processing - Challenges for Indian Textile Industry" held on 10th January 2004 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Mumbai. Chief Guest Mr. Subodh Kumar, Textiles Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India inaugurated the seminar. Guest of Honours were Mr. Arvind Lalbhai, Chairman, The Arvind Mills Ltd. and Mr. Atul Bhagwati, Chairman, ATE Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Seminar was attended by more than 250 participants and was a grand success.

The 8th International & 60th All India Diamond Jubilee Textile Conference was organised on 5th & 6th Dec 2004 at Hotel Intercontinental the Grand, Mumbai. The theme of the Conference was "Textile Vision 2010".

Mr. Shankersinh Vaghela, Honorable Minister of Textiles, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Conference. The Textile Association (I) (T.A.) conferred the Honorary Membership on Mr. Nikhil R. Meswani, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Limited for his valuable contribution to the textile industry. Mr. V. K. Ladia, Chairman, Indian Cotton Mills Federation delivered the Diamond Jubilee Commemorative address. Mr. Subodh Kumar, Textiles Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and Mr. Subodh P. Sapra, President, Polyester Sector, Reliance Industries Ltd. were the Guests of Honour.

Dr. B. L. Mungkar, Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. 19 papers were presented by eminent Speakers from India & abroad. The Conference was attended by more than 800 participants and it was a big achievement for TAI, Mumbai Unit.

2006 - International Seminar on "Textile Processing & Beyond" held on 17th & 18th Feb 2006 at Hotel Intercontinental the Grand, Mumbai.

Mr. Atul Bhagwati, Chairman, ATE Group of Companies was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the seminar. Mr. U. P. S. Gill, Sr. Executive Vice-President, PFY Business, Reliance Industries Ltd. was the Guest of Honour. TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Dr. M. V. Nirmak with Life-Time Achievement Award and Mr. D. P. Patil with Meritorious Service Award for his contribution to textile processing. This seminar was attended by more than 250 participants.

2007 - One day Seminar on "Indian Textile Processing Industry - Poised for a Quantum Leap" was organised in Mumbai on March 17, 2007.

Mr. J. N. Singh, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest who inaugurated the seminar. Mr. Bart van Kuijk, Managing Director, Dystar India Pvt. Ltd. was the Guest of Honour. TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. H. A. Shah, Ex CEO, NTC (MN) Ltd. and Past President, TAI, Mumbai Unit with Life-Time Achievement Award and Mr. Natubhai M. Patel, Managing Director, Meghani Dynas & Intermediates Ltd. with Meritorious Service Award for his contribution to the textile processing. In all 7 papers were presented with the attendance of 275 participants.


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The TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Dr. W. B. Achwal with Life-Time Achievement Award and Dr. Bart van Kuijk, Managing Director, Dystar India Pvt. Ltd. with Maritourous Service Award for their contribution in the field of textile processing. During the Seminar 9 papers presented by eminent speakers and expert professional from the industry. The Seminar was a grand success and was attended by over 350 participants.
2009 - International Conference was organized on 16th & 17th January 2009 at Hotel Intercontinental The Lalit, Mumbai. The theme of the Conference was “Global Textile Opportunities – Vision India”.

The Chief Guest was Dr. J. N. Singh, Jt. Secretary (Textiles), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and Guests of Honour were Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and Mr. Man Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Polyester Sector, Reliance Industries Ltd.

The TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. Atul K. Bhagwat, Chairman, A. T. E. Group of Companies and Mr. V. S. Chalke, Managing Director, Oriental Synthetics & Rayon Mills Pvt. Ltd. with Life-Time Achievement Awards for their contribution to the textile industry. Total 16 papers were presented by eminent speakers from India and abroad. The conference was attended by nearly 400 delegates.

2010 - The International Seminar organized on “Organic Textiles: Ensuring Product Integrity” on 12th March 2010 at Hotel ITC Maratha, Mumbai.

Mr. Dilip Jiwrajka, Managing Director, Alok Industries Ltd. was the Chief Guest, Mr. B. K. Patodia, Chairman & Managing Director, G. T. N. Textiles Ltd. was the Guest of Honour and Mr. Shreyaskar Chaudhary, Managing Director, Pratibha Syntex Pvt. Ltd. was the Key Note Speaker. TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. Sushil Sain, Past President, TAI & TAI, Mumbai Unit, Ex. CMD, NTC Ltd. with Life-Time Achievement Award and the Industrial Excellence Award was conferred on Mr. Rajendra Agarwal, Managing Director, Donear Industries Ltd.

In all 7 technical papers were presented during the seminar by the experts from the industry. The last session was the Panel Discussion which was conducted by the eminent experts. The theme of the panel discussion was “Brand India: An Organic Revolution”. The Seminar was grand success and was attended by over 300 participants.

2011 - Seminar on “Evolving Trends in Management for the Textile Industry” was held on 18th February 2011 at Hotel InterContinental The Lalit, Mumbai.

Mr. Hrishikesh Mafatlal, Vice Chairman & Chief Executive, Arvind Mafatlal Group of Companies was the Hon. Chief Guest, Mr. Man Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Polyester Sector, Reliance Industries Ltd. was the Chief Guest.

The TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. Subodh P. Sapra, Former President – Polyester Sector, Reliance Industries Ltd. with the Life-Time Achievement Award. The Industrial Excellence Award was conferred on Mr. Manish Kiri, Co-Chairman, DyStar World.

Total 8 technical papers were presented during the seminar. The Seminar was attended by over 250 participants and was a great success.

2012 - International Seminar on “Value Addition in Home Textiles & Apparels – The Way Forward” was organized on 26th January 2012 at Hotel InterContinental The Lalit, Mumbai.

The Chief Guest was Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and the Key Note Speaker was Mr. Ajay Arora, Managing Director, DDécor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd.

TAI, Mumbai Unit felicitated Mr. R. L. Toshniwal, Chairman & Managing Director, Banswara Syntex Ltd., Mr. Virender Kumar Arora, Chairman, DDécor Home Fabrics Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Suresh G. Vaidya, Managing Director, Vaidya & Associates & Past President, TAI, Mumbai Unit with Life-Time Achievement Awards. In all, there were 5 technical papers presented during the seminar. All the papers received very high response from the participants. The Seminar was grand success and was attended by over 275 participants.
2012 - On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of The TAI, 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 at Hotel ITC Maratha, Mumbai. The theme of the Conference was “World Textiles – Challenges towards Excellence”.

Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and Mr. R. D. Udeshi, President – Polyester Chain, Reliance Industries Ltd. delivered the keynote address. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Rajnikant S. Bachkaniwala, Chairman, India ITME Society.

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Dr. Chandan Chatterjee, Director, CED & Head (Project & Technology) INDEXTi, Govt. of Gujarat inaugurated the exhibition. The Guest of Honour were Mr. Rajnikant Backhakaniwala, Director, Palod Himson Machines Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Diven G. Dembla, President, ITAMMA & Managing Director, Precision Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd.

2013 - The TAI, Mumbai Unit for the first time organized INDIATEX 2013 Exhibition at VIA Ground, Vapi (Gujarat) from 18th to 20th October 2013. This exhibition was organized in a very professional manner with around 90 distinguished exhibitors from all over the country exhibited at the event. This exhibition was supported by Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and INDEXTi, Govt. of Gujarat was the State Partner of this exhibition. The exhibition covered the entire spectrum of the textile industry from Fibre to Fashion. This exhibition gave the excellent opportunity to the technologists and service providers to come under one roof and gave the platform for mutual advantage and commercial interaction.

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This special edition of the Newsletter congratulates the followings for their contribution in the historic journey of TAI, Mumbai Unit from 2002 to 2014.

Mr. C. Bose, Mr. V. C. Gupta, Mr. Mahendra Tanna, Mr. Rajesh Balakrishnan, Mr. D. R. Mehta, Mr. R. G. Malvankar, Dr. G. S. Nadiger, Mr. G. V. Aras, Mr. Arvind Sinha, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Mr. Rahul Bhajekar, Mr. A. V. Mantri, Mr. R. R. Mehta, Mr. Arun K. Narkar, Mr. K. D. Sanghvi, Mr. Haresh B. Parekh, Mr. K. L. Vicurashwatha, Dr. V. D. Gokhale, Mr. M. B. Nambiar, Mr. T. K. Sengupta, Mr. R. R. Patil, Mr. Rajiv Mohile.

Above all we cannot forget the contribution made by the legend Late Mr. P. S. Pawar in the successful activities of TAI, Mumbai Unit.