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ABOUT T CONFERENCE

TEXTILES 2030 — Navigating Geopolitics, Technology Innovations and Global Expectations

The conference aims to bring together industry, tech innovators, trade bodies and academia to chart a pathway for the textile sector to 2030 that is resilient, sustainable, compliant, and competitive addressing the global expectations

The Indian Textile & Apparel (T&A) industry is the second-largest employer after agriculture and the third-largest foreign exchange earner after IT and jewellery. Today, the industry stands at a turning point - facing mounting challenges from shifting global trade policies, geopolitical conflicts, tariff pressures, intense global competition and growing industry expectations on sustainability. While government policies have offered partial relief, further support and industry-led initiatives are critical to safeguard competitiveness.

India's domestic market for the textile industry remains a pillar of strength. Valued at $147 billion (with textiles and apparel at $108 billion, technical textiles at $28 billion, and home textiles at $11 billion), it has grown at 7% CAGR over the past five years and is projected to grow at more than 9% in the next five. In contrast, exports - currently $37 billion (apparel $16B, home textiles $6B, others $15B) - have remained stagnant, growing at only 2% annually. Government plans aim to double export earnings, but recent global uncertainties - including the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza conflicts, as well as new tariff barriers - pose serious risks to margins, employment, and market share. Timely action will help India remain competitive against other producing countries.

To counter these headwinds, India is actively pursuing new Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with strategic partners. At the same time, producers must rethink their product mix - focusing on value-added, design-led apparel, technical textiles, and innovation-driven categories that are less price-sensitive.

Innovation is no longer optional - it is the lifeline for growth. Textiles today are becoming smarter, sustainable, and increasingly personalized. Indian producers must embrace:

- Sustainability and traceability as central drivers of supply chains
- Adoption of international certifications and compliance standards
- Automation, digitalization, and robotics in manufacturing
- Expansion through textile parks and MITRA schemes to reduce logistics costs
- Investment in advanced processing and value-added capabilities
- Skill development, especially in advanced technologies, to offset rising labour costs
- Domestic production of long-staple cotton to reduce import dependency
- Positioning India as a true end-to-end global sourcing hub

At the same time, challenges persist and need to be focused R&D infrastructure, strong industry – academia collaboration, and active investment in sustainable process technologies. Addressing these require collective action and stronger collaboration with all stakeholders in the supply chain.

This conference will bring together leading global and Indian experts to share insights on navigating geopolitics, addressing global expectations, sustainability, and technology frontiers. A highlight of the event will be a special all-women panel discussion - the first of its kind in an Indian textile conference - signalling the industry's commitment to inclusivity and fresh perspectives.

About TAI, Mumbai Unit

The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit is the largest Unit of the Association having around 4500 members. The Unit has reputation of organizing events of topical interest both at national and global level. In this pursuit, Mumbai Unit is organising one day International Conference on “TEXTILES 2030 - Navigating Geopolitics, Technology Innovations and Global Expectations”.

An Appeal

The successes of our Conferences / Seminars depend on the financial support from our valued sponsors. Industry has been very supportive and proactive in the activities of TAI, Mumbai Unit and we look forward for the same support and active participation in this conference. We assure you to provide maximum publicity and visibility to your valued products / activities. Your participation in this conference by way of sponsorships, advertisements and delegates would provide a common platform to meet the experts from the industry. The main advantage will be an opportunity to exchange the views on the latest developments in the field of the textiles.

We appreciate your support to The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit in its activities and it is our pleasure to invite you to be part of this event. Let us join hands to make this conference a great success.

Topics to be covered

- **Geopolitics & Global Textile Realignments**
- **Materials Innovation**
- **Process Innovation and Technology**
- **Global Sustainability Initiatives**
- **Women Leadership Driving a Change in T & A Sector**

Speakers & Panelists

All the conferences organized by The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit have always selected contemporary & innovative topics presented by high profile speakers. This Conference is also no exception to this.

This conference will be addressed by policy makers, reputed textile professionals and renowned experts from different parts of the world and India who are subject matter experts. This high profile conference will be attended by over 400 quality participants who will get the rare opportunity to listen to such high quality experts.