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<b>TEA TO CONSTITUTE SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO BOOST TURNOVER</b>	<b>The Hindu</b> <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/tea-to-constitute-special-task-force-to-boost-turnover/article9175221.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/tea-to-constitute-special-task-force-to-boost-turnover/article9175221.ece</a>
<p>The Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA) is all set to constitute a special task force to achieve an overall business turnover of Rs. one lakh crore from Tirupur knitwear cluster by 2020, which include the exports and the domestic sales.</p> <p>Association general secretary T. R. Vijayakumar told The Hindu that the task force would include exporters, bankers, technocrats, industrial consultants and a few other stakeholders.</p> <p>“We are planning to liaison with the Union and State governments to speed up the infrastructure development works listed in the road map, which the textile industry here prepared and submitted to the governments”, he said.</p> <p>Another major aspect which the exporters here plan to raise to the government would be steps to reduce the delays happening in Walayar check post so that the exporters here could use Kochi port too instead of heavily depending on Thoothukudi port for dispatching apparels.</p> <p>“Presently, almost 75 per cent of the apparels are sent through Thoothukudi port as the delays in Walayar check post is a major deterrent when it comes to sending goods at the eleventh hour. Many decades back, a sizeable chunk of goods were actually sent through Kochi port”, Raja M Shanmugam, president of TEA, said.</p>	

<b>மத்திய அமைச்சர்கள் நவ., மாதம் வருகை</b>	<b>Dinamalar</b> <a href="http://www.dinamalar.com/news_detail.asp?id=1619209">http://www.dinamalar.com/news_detail.asp?id=1619209</a>
<p>திருப்பூர் : தொழில் துறையினர் அழைப்பை ஏற்று, மத்திய ஜவுளித்துறை மற்றும் சிறு, குறு நிறுவன துறை அமைச்சர்கள், வரும் நவ., மாதம் திருப்பூர் வரவுள்ளனர்.</p> <p>திருப்பூர் ஏற்றுமதியாளர்கள் சங்க தலைவர் ராஜாசண்முகம், பொது செயலாளர் விஜயகுமார், நிப்ட்ட-ஐ கல்லூரி தலைவர் முருகானந்தன் ஆகியோர், டில்லி சென்றுள்ளனர். நேற்று முன்தினம், மத்திய ஜவுளித்துறை அமைச்சர் ஸ்மிருதி இராணியும்; நேற்று சிறு, குறு நிறுவனங்கள் துறை அமைச்சர் கல்ராஜ் மிஸ்ராவையும் சந்தித்தனர்.</p> <p>ஜவுளித்துறை அமைச்சரிடம், "பஞ்சு விலை உயர்வால், நூல் விலை அதிகரித்து, ஆடை உற்பத்தி செலவினங்கள் உயர்ந்து வருகின்றன; போட்டி நாடுகளை சமாளித்து, ஆர்டர் பெறுவது சவாலாக உள்ளது. நடப்பு பருத்தி சீசனில், இந்திய பருத்தி கழகம், கூடுதல் பஞ்சு கொள்முதல் செய்யவேண்டும். கொள்முதல் செய்யும் பஞ்சு, நாடு முழுவதும் உள்ள ஜவுளி உற்பத்தி துறையினருக்கு மட்டும் வழங்க வேண்டும். ஆடையாக மாற்றி ஏற்றுமதி செய்யும்போது, அதிகளவு அன்னிய செலாவணி ஈட்டமுடியும்' என்று, கோரிக்கை வைத்தனர்.</p> <p>தொழில் வளர்ச்சிக்கான வழிகாட்டுதல் வழங்குவதற்காக, ஆண்டுதோறும் "வெற்றிப்பாதையில் திருப்பூர்' நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது.</p> <p>நடப்பு ஆண்டுக்கான இந்நிகழ்ச்சி, வரும் நவ., மாதம் நடைபெற உள்ளது. இதில் பங்கேற்க, ஜவுளித்துறை மற்றும் சிறு, குறு நிறுவனத்துறை அமைச்சர்களுக்கு அழைப்பு விடுத்ததுள்ளனர்; இரண்டு அமைச்சர்களும், தொழில் துறையினர் அழைப்பை ஏற்று, திருப்பூர் வர சம்மதம் தெரிவித்துள்ளனர்.</p>	

<b>WORKSHOP FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY</b>	<b>The Tribune</b> <a href="http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/workshop-for-textile-industry/303552.html">http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/workshop-for-textile-industry/303552.html</a>
<p><b>Amritsar, October 1</b></p> <p>Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) held an interactive session on design clinic scheme for the betterment of local textile industry today. The conference was organised by the FIEO in collaboration with the MSME Development Institute, Ludhiana. The workshop was attended by more than 50 participants.</p> <p>In his welcome address, MSME director Vijay Kumar stressed on the need to be more proactive to avail all benefits of the micro, small and medium enterprises sector. He said the Union government had introduced many schemes for the benefit of industrialists and they should make efforts to get familiar with those to avail subsidies.</p> <p>Bindoo Ranjan from National Institute of Design, New Delhi, gave a brief presentation on case studies of design clinic scheme. She said the scheme was launched in 2010. Many designs from Punjab and also from industrialists of various regions were approved by the ministry, she added.</p>	

Rajya Sabha MP Shwait Malik appreciated the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Institute team, who had come to spread awareness on the scheme. He also credited the FIEO for organising such sessions at regular intervals for the betterment of industry. He told industrialists that the pending Bill of the MSME for enhancement in the value of SMEs would be passed in the coming parliament session.

<b>MSME POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT LIKELY IN OCTOBER</b>	<b>Fibre2fashion.com</b> <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/msme-policy-announcement-likely-in-october-191870-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/msme-policy-announcement-likely-in-october-191870-newsdetails.htm</a>
<p>The medium, small and micro enterprises (MSME) policy is likely to be launched in October, according to Union minister for MSMEs, Kalraj Mishra.</p> <p>In an interview with Fibre2Fashion, Mishra said, "A lot of people have asked for and made suggestions towards the MSME policy. We have a one man committee for the same. Our cabinet secretary earlier, Prabhat Kumar, is developing the policy, which will be launched by October." The interview was published in the September issue of Fibre2Fashion.</p> <p>The minister emphasised on the close connection between the textiles and MSME ministries, and said, "The textiles industry can be developed only through MSMEs. This is all because of the coordination. Without any coordination, how can an MoU be signed and how can we open a technology centre in Kanpur.</p> <p>"Within textiles, there are looms that weave fabrics. We have KVIC, KVIP and khadi. We have now also begun the use of solar energy. Things are developing. We also seek to support artisans. Artisans now use solar energy for the charkhas to earn more and for increasing productivity. We introduced solar energy very recently."</p> <p>The MSME ministry is also planning to impart training in the field of textile engineering. Mishra said in the context, "Textile engineers today follow the same education process that was prevalent years ago. But we aim to provide training using latest technology. Technological developments are taking place at a fast pace nowadays. Advanced and latest technologies being used in the textiles industry will be brought to the centres for training purposes so as to improve the state of affairs in the textiles sector."</p>	

**GINNING & PRESSING MILLS IN VID,  
M'WADA TO GET POWER REBATE IN  
POWER**

**The Times of India**

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/Ginning-pressing-mills-in-Vid-Mwada-to-get-power-rebate-in-power/articleshow/54633891.cms>

Nagpur: The BJP-Shiv Sena government is planning to give another boost to industrialization in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions. Energy minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has announced that cotton ginning and pressing mills will be provided subsidized power on the lines of powerlooms.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Bawankule said that while cotton was grown in Vidarbha and Marathwada, the powerlooms were located in Bhiwandi and Ichalkaranji. "While powerlooms get power at the rate of Rs2.60 per unit, the ginning and pressing mills have to pay at industrial rates, which are quite high. We have therefore decided to reduce their rates and bring it in the range of powerlooms," he added.

The minister further said that most ginning and pressing mills had either closed down or were struggling to survive due to high power tariff. "Their revival will provide jobs to thousands of people. It will cost the government Rs164 crore annually. The energy ministry has cleared the file and sent it to the textile ministry. It is the latter, which has to pay the subsidy," he further said.

Turning to recovery of dues from consumers, the minister said that electricity bills were being linked with property cards issued by city survey and gram panchayats. "A rough estimate shows that only 75% people who own properties have electricity connections. This means that they are stealing power. A detailed report will be available in a month and then we will know the identities of such persons," Bawankule added.

The village electricity manager scheme will be launched partly with recovery of dues in mind. The minister said that the manager would approach all disconnected consumers and urge them to clear the dues and get connected. "We will train him and then he will look after the village's power system. He will be an employee of gram panchayat. Some 23,000 managers will be employed," he further said.

<p><b>CAUVERY AGITATION: BANGALORE GARMENT FACTORIES MAKE WORKERS BEAR THE BRUNT</b></p>	<p><b>Catch News</b> <a href="http://www.catchnews.com/india-news/cauvery-agitation-bangalore-garment-factories-make-workers-bear-the-brunt-1475307967.html">http://www.catchnews.com/india-news/cauvery-agitation-bangalore-garment-factories-make-workers-bear-the-brunt-1475307967.html</a></p>
<p>The Cauvery agitation in Karnataka has come at a huge cost for the garment factory workers in the state.</p> <p>To make up for the work lost during the agitations, apparel firms in Mandya district near Bengaluru have been compelling workers to work on Sundays. They have also raised working hours on other days without paying them overtime or following due procedure, the largest trade union of the textile workers has said in a complaint to the state government.</p> <p>The clothes made in these factories are supplied to multinational brands such as H&amp;M.</p> <p>Karnataka had come to a standstill in early September after the Supreme Court ordered the state to release water from the Cauvery river to the downstream Tamil Nadu state.</p> <p>Karnataka is itself facing water scarcity, which prompted hundreds to take to the streets. As a result, no work took place in the garment factories from 6 to 9 September and then on 12 (half day) and 13 September.</p> <p>As a result, workers have been made to work an extra hour every day since 15 September, and have been continuously working without their Sunday offs on 11 and 18 September, the Garments and Textile Workers Union (GATWU) has alleged in a complaint filed with the Karnataka government's Factory and Boilers department on 22 September.</p> <p>There are over 3 lakh textile workers in Mandya and Bengaluru and just a fraction of them are unionised. GATWU represents around 8,000 workers, it is the largest union. The complaint is specifically against a unit of Shahi Exports Ltd, a major player in the textile export market in the region, although the practice is prevalent in all other companies.</p>	

<p><b>DESIGNTEX CRAFTS INTERACTIVE HUMAN LOOM FOR NEW YORK TEXTILE MONTH</b></p>	<p><b>Interior Design</b> <a href="http://www.interiordesign.net/articles/12415-designtex-crafts-interactive-human-loom-for-new-york-textile-month/">http://www.interiordesign.net/articles/12415-designtex-crafts-interactive-human-loom-for-new-york-textile-month/</a></p>
<p>Contract fabric manufacturer Designtex created WEave: Inviting Warp and Weft, an interactive loom, in celebration of the inaugural New York Textile Month. Aiming to raise awareness of the textile manufacturing process, the company invited everyday New Yorkers—assisted by textile enthusiasts—to forge a human-scale fabric by physically operating the warp and weft in a manual loom. London-based boutique textile studio Wallace Sewell provided the weft material, comprising colorful patterns in silk, chenille, and lambswool. The event took place last week in Washington Square Park.</p>	

<p><b>GOVT PLANS TO ENHANCE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO \$26BN</b></p>	<p><b>Business Recorder</b>  <a href="http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/business-a-economy/320862-govt-plans-to-enhance-textile-exports-to-\$26bn.html">http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/business-a-economy/320862-govt-plans-to-enhance-textile-exports-to-\$26bn.html</a></p>
<p>ISLAMABAD: The government plans to enhance textile related exports to twenty six billion dollars by 2019.</p> <p>According to Radio Pakistan, the officials said that under the five year textile policy, over sixty four billion rupees will be spent on the textile sector to bolster its exports.</p> <p>They said that with reduction in discount rate by the State Bank of Pakistan, the availability of affordable finance for the export sector has considerably increased.</p> <p>The officials said that technology up gradation fund scheme for the textile sector has been formulated added that this scheme will particularly benefit the SMEs to invest in new technologies to make Pakistan's exports globally competitive.</p> <p>Besides, the facility of duty free import of textile machinery has been extended for the current financial year.</p>	

<p><b>NICARAGUA TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS SUFFER FROM EXPENSIVE ENERGY</b></p>	<p><b>Q Costa Rica</b>  <a href="http://qcostarica.com/nicaragua-textile-manufacturers-suffer-from-expensive-energy/">http://qcostarica.com/nicaragua-textile-manufacturers-suffer-from-expensive-energy/</a></p>
<p>(TODAY NICARAGUA) The textile sector claims that the high cost of electricity in the country has become a limiting factor to foreign investment.</p> <p>The union of textile companies states that more foreign investment could reach the industry if the cost of electricity was not so high. According to Dean Garcia, executive director of the Nicaraguan Association of the Textile and Apparel Industry (Anitec), "... there could be benefits from the entry of textile companies and spinning mills setting up in Nicaragua and producing sufficient raw material for the industry that already exists in the country."</p> <p>Laprensa.com.ni reports that the Anitec "... has repeatedly raised the issue with the Agency for Investment Promotion and the National Free Zone Commission itself, which between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm does not penalizes the rate paid for electricity. 'To get an idea, if a company needs to work at night, its more viable for them to install fuel plants to pay for energy'.</p> <p>Up to June this year, the free zones counted with 177 companies operating in the country, of which sixty percent were textile manufacturers.</p> <p>Some 112,000 people are employed in free zones, according to statistics by the BCN for first half of this year.</p>	

**DUTCH MINISTER TELLS GARMENT SECTOR TO DEMAND FAIR PRICING**

**Fibre2fashion.com**

<http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/manufacturing-news/dutch-minister-tells-garment-sector-to-demand-fair-pricing-191869-newsdetails.htm>

Netherlands minister for foreign trade Lilianne Ploumen exhorted Bangladesh garment exporters to demand fair pricing from their buyers and gather the courage to refuse the deal, if the demand was not met. Ploumen who was addressing the media on the sidelines of a conference held in Dhaka, added that transparency was missing in supply chains.

While delivering the inaugural address of the conference, she had earlier said, "Buyers do not want to share how much they pay, while producers also do not share how much they charge, which needs to be changed."

Ploumen advised the exporters to share their experience with brands to the world outside, by making use of their online presence, which offers transparency.

"Since, everyone will be able to see this information, it will give you the power, which brands will have to take with all seriousness," she observed.

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN TEXTILE & GARMENT SECTOR FALLS**

**Vietnamnet.vn**

<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/business/164307/foreign-investment-in-textile---garment-sector-falls.html>

A series of huge projects with investment capital of billions of dollars were registered in 2014 and 2015. Experts described the investors as 'early birds waiting to catch worms' who believed that if they arrived in Vietnam soon, they would be able to take full advantage of the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) agreement, of which Vietnam is a member.

However, there has been no more information about the investment in the field so far this year.

Nguyen Hong Giang, deputy chair of the Vietnam Cotton and Spinning Association (Vcosa), attributes this to the news about the presidential election in the US.

The first comprises large enterprises, mostly Chinese or enterprises operating in China. They came to Vietnam in recent years in anticipation of the big benefits to be brought by TPP.

The second comprises enterprises which also have large operation scale, but don't have much experience in making outward investment or are still cautious investing in another country.

The third group comprises smaller enterprises, which would come after the second group.

Vietnam exported \$18.7 billion worth of textile & garment products in the first eight months of the year.