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பொது வேலைநிறுத்தம்: திருப்பூரில் இயல்பு வாழ்க்கை பாதிப்பில்லை: போராட்டங்களில் ஈடுபட்ட 900 பேர் கைது	Dinamani http://bit.ly/2c0054t
<p>நாடு முழுவதும் நடைபெற்ற பொது வேலைநிறுத்தத்தால் திருப்பூரில் இயல்பு வாழ்க்கை பாதிக்கப்படவில்லை. எனினும், திருப்பூர் மாநகரில் 750-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன. திருப்பூர் மாவட்டத்தில் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளில் மறியல் உள்ளிட்ட போராட்டங்களில் ஈடுபட்ட 935 பேர் கைது செய்யப்பட்டனர்.</p> <p>பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள்: 12 அம்சக் கோரிக்கைகளை வலியுறுத்தி, மத்திய தொழிற்சங்கங்கள் சார்பில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை நாடு தழுவிய அளவில் வேலைநிறுத்தப் போராட்டம் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. அதன்படி, திருப்பூரில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை தொழிற்சங்கங்கள், அரசு ஊழியர் சங்கங்கள் சார்பில் பொது வேலைநிறுத்தப் போராட்டம் கடைபிடிக்கப்பட்டது.</p> <p>இதில் திருப்பூரின் பிரதான தொழிலாள பின்னலாடை ஏற்றுமதி மற்றும் உள்நாட்டு பனியன் உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள் ஓரளவு மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன. மாநகர எல்லைக்கு உள்பட்ட பகுதிகளில் சுமார் 750-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன. திருப்பூரின் புறநகர் பகுதிகளில் 25 சதவீதம் பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன.</p> <p>புது திருப்பூர், முதலிபாளையம் சிட்கோ, ஹார்வி சாலை சிட்கோ உள்பட முக்கிய பனியன் தொழில் மையங்களிலும் பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன. பின்னலாடை உற்பத்தி சார்ந்த சிறிய அளவிலான ஜாப்ஆர்டர் நிறுவனங்களும் பல மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன.</p> <p>இதனால் நேரடியாகவும், மறைமுகமாகவும் பின்னலாடை துறையைச் சார்ந்த 6,000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட தொழிலாளர்கள் இதில் பங்கேற்றனர். இத்துடன் விசைத்தறி, கைத்தறி, பாத்திர உற்பத்தி உள்ளிட்ட தொழிலாளர்களும் வேலைநிறுத்தப் போராட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டனர். சரக்கு வேன்கள், ஆட்டோக்கள் முழுமையாக வேலைநிறுத்தப் போராட்டத்தில் பங்கேற்றன.</p>	

<p>GENERAL STRIKE: TRADE UNIONS CLAIM SUCCESS, NORMAL LIFE UNAFFECTED</p>	<p>The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/general-strike-trade-unions-claim-success-normal-life-unaaffected/article9067931.ece</p>
<p>Workers affiliated to various trade unions staged a protest near the Coimbatore Collectorate on Friday morning, as part of the all-India general strike. Around 1,200 of those workers courted arrest.</p> <p>Trade sources said that shops were kept open and business was as usual. According to industries, operations were not affected by the strike, be it at textiles or engineering units. Banks were kept open. But, transactions were not much as very few customers came to the banks because of the strike. Except officers, other unions took part in the strike, said a bank officer here.</p> <p>In Coimbatore, workers from spinning mills, manufacturing industries and small and medium enterprises were part of the strike. The protest was also against the State Government that did not support the strike by operating buses, he added.</p> <p>Members of LMW workers' union, two-wheeler mechanics' association from Coimbatore and Palladam, goldsmiths' association affiliated to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board workers' union, bank employees' union were among those who participated in the protest. The trade unions that participated included AITUC, CITU, INTUC, LPF, AICCTU, MLF, HMS and a few others.</p> <p>Tirupur</p> <p>The general strike called by various trade unions evoked varied response in the district. Most of the shops and almost 95 per cent of the textile units in Tirupur knitwear cluster functioned as usual. Public transport bus services too were not affected, though a good chunk of auto rickshaws kept off the road.</p>	

<p>CALL FOR CHANGE IN AGITATION STYLE</p>	<p>The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/call-for-change-in-agitation-style/article9068075.ece</p>
<p>Even though the Friday's general strike did not directly affect the garment production and normal life much in Tirupur knitwear cluster, there has been clear voices of concern emerging among industrialists and common man against the strike calls that threaten to paralyse daily life.</p> <p>In the garment sector, the manufacturing of the garments per se went on usual this time despite the trade unions' combined call for strike. However, the industrialists had to face lots of other operational difficulties due to strike by certain cadre of employees in banks except State Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank and a few private sector new generation banks.</p> <p>"It is high time that the strike observers should think of other forms of agitations like slowdown of work pace in government offices instead of trying to bring the life to standstill. Such reworked agitations can automatically bring the attention of the government to the issues they raise", opined R. Damodaran, a garment manufacturer and joint secretary of South India Hosiery Manufacturers' Association. Garment exporters, who walk on a 'tightrope' to meet the extremely sensitive deadlines, feel that the strikes upset the production schedule, especially when it was called on short notice.</p>	

<p>NATION-WIDE STRIKE: NORMAL LIFE UNAFFECTED IN TN</p>	<p>Webindia.com http://news.webindia123.com/news/Articles/India/20160902/2929292.html</p>
<p>Normal life remained unaffected in Tamil Nadu as the one-day general strike called by major trade unions to press their 12-point charter of demands, evoked poor response today.</p> <p>Though several central government offices, including post offices remained closed, and the bank's observing a day-long strike today, normal life was not affected in the State.</p> <p>In districts like Tiruppur, powerloom and knitwear weavers stayed away from work.</p> <p>Members of various trade unions staged protest demonstrations across the State and in Chennai, where the normal life was not affected.</p> <p>The trade unions were demanding, among other things, minimum monthly wages of Rs 18,000, monthly pension of Rs 3,000 per month and revocation of certain amendments in labour laws proposed by the NDA government. UNI GV CS 1256</p>	

<p>VARDHMAN TEXTILES DILUTES 40% UN VARDHMAN YARNS AND THREADS</p>	<p>Business Standard http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/vardhman-textiles-dilutes-40-in-vardhman-yarns-and-threads-116090200418_1.html</p>
<p>Ludhiana-based vertically integrated textile group, Vardhman Textiles Limited, has sealed a share sale and purchase agreement ("SPA"), an amended and restated shareholders agreement, and other incidental and ancillary agreements (collectively called "Transaction Documents") envisaging sale of 2,28,02,541 equity shares held by the Company in Vardhman Yarns and Threads Limited (VYTL) aggregating to 40 per cent of the issued, subscribed and paid-up equity share capital of VYTL to American & Efirid Global, LLC (A&E Global) subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.</p> <p>Sources in the company said that the textile giant now plans to focus on the yarn and fabric business and is eyeing organic and inorganic expansion to consolidate its presence in yarn and fabric segments. The proceeds from this stake sale would be used for expansion purpose in yarn and fabric manufacturing, he informed.</p> <p>Pursuant to this SPA, the Company has sold 2,28,02,541 equity shares held by the Company in VYTL to A&E Global against a total consideration of Rs. 412.99 crores. Consequently, VYTL has ceased to be the subsidiary of the Company.</p> <p>The business of sewing thread is a complex business and requires significant management time and attention. In addition, the business definitely gets a boost if it is aligned to a global partner or it operates globally. In view of the Company's focus on other related textile business like yarn and fabric, it was inconceivable for the Company to spread sewing thread business in competition to the global players.</p>	

<p>IN INDIA, DEMAND GROWS FOR ETHICAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY</p>	<p>The Christian Science Monitor http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Making-a-difference/Change-Agent/2016/0902/In-India-demand-grows-for-ethical-supply-chains-in-textile-industry</p>
<p>MUMBAI — When Indian Textiles Minister Smriti Irani tweeted a picture of herself recently in an electric-blue silk saree with the hashtag #IWearHandloom, her tweet was favorited more than 10,000 times and retweeted 4,000 times.</p> <p>Hundreds responded to Irani's request to post pictures of themselves in handloom apparel, including politicians, actors, athletes, models and designers, ahead of National Handloom Day on Aug. 7, to celebrate the humble hand-woven fabric.</p> <p>A symbol of India's freedom struggle, handloom attire was once regarded as fit only for politicians and villagers. "There's a greater desire among the youth and the middle class, who are frustrated with dirty politics and crooked companies, for something better," said Arvind Singhal, chief executive of retail consultancy Technopak Advisors.</p> <p>Wages in India's textile and garment industry are about \$1.06 an hour, compared with \$2.60 in China, according to the World Bank.</p>	

<p>TEXTILESMINISTRY TO ALLOT HANDLOOM STALLS ONLINE</p>	<p>Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/textiles-ministry-to-allot-handloom-stalls-online-191418-newsdetails.htm</p>
<p>India's ministry of textiles has launched an online portal for handloom stall allotment. This weaver-friendly platform has been introduced to streamline the process of allotting handloom stalls and to ensure a level playing field for fresh applicants. It is expected to provide transparency, simplify procedures and offer ease of access to handloom weavers.</p> <p>Weavers and organisations can apply on the online portal as and when online applications are called by way of advertisements in leading newspapers. They need to register themselves for applying for allotment for the first time and the database will be updated from then on. A login ID and password will be allotted to them for the purpose of submitting an application.</p> <p>After getting registered, they can apply online. These applications will automatically be forwarded to the Weavers Service Centre (WSC) based on the applicant's jurisdiction. WSCs will scrutinise the applications of eligible applicants online within a stipulated time period and also state the reasons for not recommending a particular application. The recommended applications will be compiled centrally by the system and will be ready for computerised draw. A state-wise and slot-wise computerised list of selected candidates will be prepared along with a waitlist.</p> <p>The system will send an alert SMS and email mentioning allotment of stall along with a stall number to the allottee. The applicant can print the allotment letter from portal after logging into it. With the printed copy of allotment letter, they can approach the organisers for handing their stalls over to them. Launching the website, textiles secretary Rashmi Verma said the ministry will take up a similar exercise for providing convenience to handicraft artisans too.</p>	

INDIA'S WOOLLEN INDUSTRY FACING DOUBLE WHAMMY	Yarnsandfibres.com http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/india%E2%80%99s-woollen-industry-facing-double-whammy#.V8ob91t97Dc
<p>India's woollen industry is facing distress with decline in exports of woollen yarn, fabric and made-ups by 48 percent and woollen garments by 9 percent in the first quarter of the current financial year, due to fall in demand for woollen products and prices of raw materials increasing, according to the Wool & Woollen Export Promotion Council.</p> <p>Wool production and consumption in India is largely import-dependent for finer quality wool used in garments and shawls, where Australia and surrounding regions are among the leading suppliers. While domestically produced wool is used for blankets and rugs.</p> <p>The Kashmir unrest has played a part because demand for making high quality products comes from the Valley, which has been hampered lately, impacting exports.</p> <p>Jawahar Lal Oswal, chairman of Oswal Woollen Mills, said that the demand for woollen garments has been tapering due to global warming as well as sluggish orders from Europe. The price of 20.5-micron wool has risen to Rs 800-900 from Rs 600-700 a kilo two years ago. However, manufacturers find it difficult to pass this on to consumers because it might further affect demand.</p>	

GOVT TO CUT EXCISE DUTY ON MAN-MADE FIBRE SOON	Business Standard http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/govt-to-cut-excise-duty-on-man-made-fibre-soon-116090200558_1.html
<p>The government is considering lowering excise duty on man-made fibre (MMF) in order to boost investment to meet growing demand from the synthetic textiles industry.</p> <p>The Ministry of Textiles is set to announce a cut in excise duty on MMF in the new policy, which is scheduled to be announced in a month. While cotton fibre attracts no duty, the government has levied 10 per cent excise duty on MMF. The MMF industry has on several occasions represented to the government seeking exemption on MMF from excise duty, arguing that the garments produced through MMF are primarily used by the economically weaker sections of society.</p> <p>India's fibre demand is likely to more than double in 10 years on the government's increasing impetus on textiles sector for both domestic consumption and exports of readymade garments.</p> <p>India's cotton fibre output currently stands at 6.5 billion kg, which may go up to 8 billion kg by 2025.</p> <p>MMF requirement for Indian textiles industry would jump by at least five times to 12 billion kg by 2025, from 2.5 billion kg currently, given the kind of impetus we have given to the textiles sector.</p>	

**INVISTA TO OFFER SMALL LOT DYED
NYLON 6,6 FIBRES TO BCF MARKET**

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<http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/nylon-news/invista-to-offer-small-lot-dyed-nylon-6-6-fibres-to-bcf-market-191410-newsdetails.htm>

Invista is investing \$30 million in the latest technology at its plant in South Carolina to offer customers the industry's first ever offering of one step and small lot capability, specifically for solution dyed nylon 6,6 fibres. This small lot capability is particularly targeted to fulfill carpet fibre demands, by offering a palette of hundreds of colours.

The specialty fibre manufacturer developed this innovative and proprietary small-lot technology by working with German textile machinery manufacturer Truetzschler. The company will be supplying these dyed fibres under its Antron Lumena brand.

“Our mill customers and the design community rely on Invista to offer a palette of hundreds of solution-dyed nylon 6,6 colours for each of their unique design preferences,” Marc Ahrens, vice president of specialty flooring business at Invista said. “The new technology will expand our capability to offer sophisticated colour families while at the same time improving service.”

**BCI TO TRAIN PAK FARMERS IN
GROWING SUSTAINABLE COTTON**

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<http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/bci-to-train-pak-farmers-in-growing-sustainable-cotton-191413-newsdetails.htm>

Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) will offer training to produce cotton with sustainable practices to nearly 200,000 cotton farmers in Pakistan, particularly in the Sindh and Punjab provinces in the 2017 cotton season. Once trained and a licence is issued, these farmers will be able to sell the raw cotton as Better Cotton in the world market.

Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) is a global organisation working towards sustainable means of cotton production and is partnered in this initiative by the Australian Government and Cotton Australia.

Cotton Australia will share with Pakistan cotton growers, best practices, skills and experience in a bid to improve the overall standards of global cotton production and increase the world's sustainable cotton supply.

According to Cotton Australia, this is the first time a government outside Europe has contributed to BCI, and sets an example of a global partnership to help meet a complex challenge, with benefits for all involved.

**NEW PLASTIC CLOTHING TEXTILE
COULD KEEP PEOPLE COOL**

Bangkok Post

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/world/1076664/new-plastic-clothing-textile-could-keep-people-cool>

WASHINGTON - American researchers have created a low-cost textile made of a plastic base that could cool the body when woven into clothing.

The engineers suggested in the US journal Science that the textile could become a way to keep people living in hot climates cool without using air conditioning.

"If you can cool the person rather than the building where they work or live, that will save energy," said Yi Cui, an associate professor of materials science and engineering and of photon science at Stanford.

Like cotton, the textile allows sweat to evaporate through the material, but the new development allows it to also let through heat the body gives off as infrared radiation.

The cotton fabric made the skin 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) warmer than the new material, suggesting that wearing the "cooling textile" might make people less likely to resort to turning on fans or air conditioners.