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TAMIL NADU HANDLOOM EXPO	Webindia.com
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Tamil Nadu handloom weavers cooperative society limited, opened its `Co-optex' branded handloom products exhibition at TTD Kalyanamandapam in this port city today.

District Public Relations officer M. Francis, who was the chief guest called upon the people to patronise the handloom textiles known for the quality and durability.

He said the handloom products on display included computer designed fabrics such as pure silk sarees of Kancheepuram, Arani, Salem and cotton sarees from Coimbatore, Madurai besides special fabrics made with organic materials. Co-optex Marketing Manger K Yuvaraj said that they would organise exhibitions all over the state where the Co-optex showrooms are not in place. The exhibition would be kept open for public till September 11, he added.

COTTON GROWERS ADVISED FOR	Business Recorder
TIMELY MEASURES	http://www.brecorder.com/cotton-a-textiles/185/82420/

The Punjab Agriculture Department (PAD) has advised the cotton growers of both traditional and BT varieties to carry out twice a week pest scouting of their fields to ensure eradication of insects. In an advisory issued here Saturday, the department asked the growers to take timely measures to avoid damages by recent rain spells which include proper drainage of rain water from fields to some nearby place. It also urged to take care of weeds and using insecticides of new chemistry in consultation with local experts of the agriculture department.

TEXTILE SECTOR: MINISTRY VOWS TO RESOLVE ISSUES

The Express Tribune

http://tribune.com.pk/story/1175600/textile-sector-ministry-vows-resolveissues/

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Textile Industry reiterated the government's resolve to modernise infrastructure and resolve the sector's issues to enhance exports. The ministry is following a multipronged strategy to facilitate research and technology upgrade for the protection and development of the textile sector, said an official. Responding to a question, he said that experts and scientist trained 8,000 farmers to control the loss of cotton crops and evolve measures against the pin ball virus that harmed the cotton crops in the past. He cited shortage of skilled labour and use of old techniques as barriers to enhancing trade volume. The preliminary meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) would be held from October 30, in which stakeholders would discuss challenges being faced by the textile sector, the official added.

WORLD COTTON OUTPUT UP 6% IN 2015/16: ICAC

Fibre2fashion.com

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A new International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) report informs that world cotton production is projected to increase 6 per cent year over year to 22.5 million tons in 2015/16. However, ICAC also estimates world ending stocks to have fallen by 13 per cent to 19.5 million tons in 2015/16, as global cotton demand outpaced production.

World cotton consumption is forecast to remain stable at 23.8 million tons, with China likely to be the largest consumer in 2016/17, despite an expected decrease in mill use of 3 per cent to 7.1 million tons, which would be the seventh consecutive season of contraction. As per the report, world cotton consumption in 2016-17 is expected to exceed world cotton production by 1.4 million tons, which would bring ending stocks to 18.1 million tons, down 7 per cent from 2015/16.

Imports by Bangladesh are projected to increase 12 per cent to 1.2 million tons, making it the world's largest importer, while Vietnam's imports are forecast to grow also by 12 per cent to 1.1 million tons.

MINTEX VOWS TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO ENHANCE TRADE VOLUME

Business Recorder

http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan/industries-a-sectors/316746-mintex-vows-to-resolve-issues-of-textile-industry-to-enhance-trade-volume.html

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Textile Industry has reiterated governments resolve to modernize the textile infrastructure and resolve the issues of textile sector industry in order to enhance exports for economic growth. The ministry of textile was following a multi-pronged strategy to facilitate research and technology up-gradation for the protection and development of textile sector, a top official of the ministry told APP here.

He said in a recent meeting of Federal Textile Board (FTB) Cotton Committee, National Food Security and Research, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA), All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association (APTPMA) including all other members decided to resolved the issue of Textile Industry. Replying to a question, he said the experts and scientist trained 8000 farmers to control the losses of cotton crops and evolve measure against the pin ball virus that harmed the cotton crops in past.

SINDH TO TAKE UP ISSUE OF 'TEXTILE CITY' WITH CENTRE: WASSAN

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Minister for Industries and Commerce Sindh, Manzoor Hussain Wassan has assured business community that the Sindh government will take-up the issue of textile city with federal government after consultation of Chief Minister. Addressing members of Site Association of Industry (SAI) and later taking to newsmen, he said we will not allow it to be closed down and added that around Rs 1.8 billion has been encore on this project.

Referring to property valuation issue, he said that the valuation of property is not an issue of federal government and Sindh government will soon resolve this issue. He expressed that water crisis will be resolved after completion of K-4 project. He articulated that the department alone can not resolve issues related to industries. All departments have to work jointly and in coordination with each other to resolve the issues, he added. He agreed to increase water quota for industries.

Referring to Layari expressway, he said that the project will be completed by the end of December this year. The minister said that Sindh produce around 71 percent of total gas produced in the country and 44 percent crude oil. Sindh did not get its due share although it has huge share in total gas and oil production, he added.