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AWARD TO BOOST WEAVERS' MORALE IN WARANGAL	Deccan Chronicle http://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/in-other-news/050916/award-to-boost-weavers-morale-in-warangal.html
<p>Warangal: Handloom weavers in mechanised world neither get adequate facilities nor proper recognition. Promising textile-park and other facilities, the state government called back many local weavers who had settled in Surat to Telangana. The state government may take at least three years to fulfil its promise.</p> <p>Many families from Ellanda in Wardhannapet mandal and Kothawada in Warangal depend on weaving for livelihood. About 150 families returned to Ellanda on the assurance of Kadium Srihari and local MLA, Aroori Ramesh.</p> <p>Pitta Ramulu of Kothawada in Warangal decided to change the scenario and worked hard to promote the work of his community. His true grit got him national recognition as the union textile ministry overseeing handloom weavers, felicitated him with the Sant Kabir Award for the year 2015.</p>	

UNIONS REVEAL GARMENT MINIMUM WAGE GOAL FOR 2017	The Phnom Penh Post http://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/unions-reveal-garment-minimum-wage-goal-2017
<p>With annual wage talks just around the corner, a joint group of independent and government-affiliated garment worker unions has informed the Ministry of Labour they plan to target a new minimum wage of about \$180 for the Kingdom's key export industry.</p> <p>The new figure, which was identified in a letter delivered to the ministry on Friday, represents a nearly 30 per cent increase from the current \$140, which includes an additional \$5 mandated by Prime Minister Hun Sen after last year's negotiations had concluded.</p> <p>The letter sets the groundwork for a series of meetings to begin on Saturday between unions, the government and employer representatives, including the Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia (GMAC), to determine the 2017 minimum wage. The tripartite meetings will conclude in</p>	

January.

“All of the unions now agree that the final figure that will be sent to the Ministry of Labour to begin negotiations is \$179.60. This figure will be presented as the minimum wage for the garment and footwear industries,” confirmed Som Aun, president of the National Union Alliance Chamber of Cambodia (NACC).

TEXTILE INVESTMENT: CHINESE LACK INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES IN PAKISTAN	The Express Tribune http://tribune.com.pk/story/1175987/textile-investment-chinese-lack-interest-joint-ventures-pakistan/
<p>ISLAMABAD: On June 20, 2016, the China Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (CASME) officially launched a textile-focused industrial park to be built near Ahmedabad in the Gujarat province of India.</p> <p>Phase-I of this \$1-billion industrial park is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. More than 100 Chinese enterprises have shown their willingness to invest in the park.</p> <p>Vietnam has also become a hot investment destination for Chinese textile companies, which are pouring millions of dollars for establishing manufacturing facilities there. Texhong, a large Chinese textile group, has four production bases in Vietnam, which are churning out 300,000 tons of textiles each year and make up 43% of its total production capacity.</p> <p>The Chinese textile industry is indeed on the move. It has not only invested in the emerging economies of Asia and Africa, but is also taking stakes in the European and American textile enterprises. Matter of the fact is that the bulk of Chinese textile investments reside in developed countries.</p>	

BED-WEAR EXPORTS EARN \$167.665 MN TO PAKISTAN	Daily Times http://dailytimes.com.pk/business/04-Sep-16/bed-wear-exports-earn-167665-mn-to-pakistan
<p>ISLAMABAD: Bed wear exports from the country posted 5.64 percent increase during the first month of current financial year as compared to the exports of the corresponding month of last financial year.</p> <p>About 27,183 metric tons of bed wear worth \$ 167.665 million were exported during the month of July, 2015 as compared the exports of 24,644 metric tons valuing \$ 158.71 million of same month of the previous year. According the data of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, bed wear exports during month of June, 2016 were recorded at 25,054 metric tons costing US\$ 154.89 million.</p> <p>Meanwhile, exports of tents, canvas and tarpaulin increased by 18.28 percent as about 1,712 metric tons of the above mention items worth US\$ 5.557 million were exported. The exports of tents, canvas and tarpaulin were recorded at 1,208 metric tons of US\$ 4.69 million during the month of July, 2015.</p> <p>During the first month of current financial year, the exports of art, silk and synthic textile witnessed an</p>	

increase of 4.8 percent as compared to the exports of same month of last financial year. During the period under review, about 10,759 thousand square meters of art, silk and synthetic textile worth US\$ 23.83 million were exported as compared to 27,248 square meters worth US\$ 22.76 million in same month of last year.