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<b>BHADOHI SOON TO BE HOME TO TEXTILE UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>The Times of India</b> <a href="http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/varanasi/Bhadohi-soon-to-be-home-to-textile-university/articleshow/54671198.cms">http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/varanasi/Bhadohi-soon-to-be-home-to-textile-university/articleshow/54671198.cms</a>
<p>VARANASI: Senior BJP leader and MP from Bhadohi Virendra Singh Mast said that a textile university will soon come up on 23-acre land purchased by Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) at Piparish in Bhadohi. Singh, who formally inaugurated the 32nd India Carpet Expo at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University (SSU) ground on Monday, told reporters that although textile-related work, including design creation and development, research and development and others are offered at institute, there was a need for a textile university for research along with manufacture of all types of clothes with advanced mechanisms.</p> <p>The four-day carpet expo is being organized by Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) under the aegis of Union government. This is the 12th expo to be held in the city. According to CEPC chairman Kuldeep R Watal, the council received registration of over 400 overseas buyers from 60 countries, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece and others for the largest extravaganza of handmade carpets, rugs and floor coverings.</p>	

<b>TEXTILE INDUSTRY BEING AFFECTED BY IMPORT OF SECOND HAND MACHINERY: SMRITI IRANI</b>	<b>The Indian Express</b> <a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/textile-industry-being-affected-by-import-of-second-hand-machinery-smriti-irani-3065091/">http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/textile-industry-being-affected-by-import-of-second-hand-machinery-smriti-irani-3065091/</a>
<p>Import of second hand machinery with subsidies provided by the government is affecting the technical textile sector and garment designers, Union Minister Smriti Irani said on Tuesday. "If you look at the Indian economy from a textile perspective, most of our subsidies have gone in importing of second hand machines in our country which widely impacts any designer — be it a designer for a garment or technical textiles," Irani said, while addressing the convocation of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in New Delhi.</p> <p>"As a nation that prides itself of self sufficiency, I think that it is a department that needs strengthening with all the support that we can possibly give," she added. The convocation was also presided over by ex-cricketer and former BJP MP Chetan Chauhan. A controversy recently surrounded Chauhan's appointment as the Chairman of the NIFT, with political parties and fashion designers questioning the government's decision. Set up in 1986, the institution with centres across the country, comes under the Union Ministry of Textiles. As per the NIFT Act 2006, the Chairperson of its Board of Governors should be eminent academician, scientist or technologist or professional, who is to be nominated by the Visitor — in this case, the President of India.</p>	

<p><b>ARUNACHAL TO GET COMPOSITE TEXTILE PARK SOON</b></p>	<p><b>The Hindu</b>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/aranachal-to-get-composite-textile-park-soon/article9186657.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/aranachal-to-get-composite-textile-park-soon/article9186657.ece</a></p>
<p>Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani on Tuesday agreed to sanction a Composite Textile Park for Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Park would have facilities for skill development, design and product upgradation and facilities for export of finished handicrafts, the Minister said during a meeting with Chief Minister Pema Khandu at New Delhi.</p> <p>Ms Irani assured of deputing a group of experts to handhold the State government in preparation of the DPR and running the centre there after, an official release said.</p> <p>On a request to assist the State in exploring the usage of geo-textiles to mitigate and prevent frequent landslides in the State, Ms Irani asked the State government to get the vulnerability mapping done and submit a proposal. - PTI</p>	

<p><b>KHADI SALES TARGET FOR DEEPAVALI FIXED AT RS.56 LAKH</b></p>	<p><b>The Hindu</b>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/khadi-sales-target-for-deepavali-fixed-at-rs-56-lakh/article9186159.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/khadi-sales-target-for-deepavali-fixed-at-rs-56-lakh/article9186159.ece</a></p>
<p>The target for the Deepavali special sales of khadi and handloom items at khadi kraft outlets in the district has been fixed at Rs. 56 lakh.</p> <p>Collector M. Asia Mariam inaugurated the special sales at the khadi outlet near bus stand here on Sunday. She paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and inaugurated the sale.</p> <p>She said that Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board had fixed a target of Rs. 52 lakh for Deepavali 2015 which the outlets had achieved. For the current year, the target was fixed at Rs. 56 lakh, she said and expressed confidence that the target would be achieved.</p> <p>To improve the sales, a special discount of 30 per cent would be offered to khadi, polyester and silk products while 20 per cent discount would be offered for mats. She said that loan facility was also available to government employees, teachers and employees of private companies during purchase of products.</p> <p>She said that the discount was available at all three outlets functioning in the district at Namakkal, Tiruchengodu and Senthamangalam. Namakkal Revenue Divisional officer M. Rajsekaran, Assistant Director of Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board (in-charge) P.N. Giriyyappan, and outlet manager P. Kalyani were present.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>COTTON SPINNING MILLS SUFFER LOSS DUE TO DIP IN EXPORTS</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>The Hindu</b>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/cotton-spinning-mills-suffer-loss-due-to-dip-in-exports/article9186169_ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/cotton-spinning-mills-suffer-loss-due-to-dip-in-exports/article9186169_ece</a></p>
<p>The piling of stock due to the non-operation of inter-state lorries following violence in Karnataka over the Cauvery water row has hit the cotton spinning mills at Pallipalayam town and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The suspension of lorry service to Karnataka for the past about four weeks has affected the transportation of cotton and yarn from the cotton mills of Pallipalayam. The about 50 and odd cotton spinning mills in Pallipalayam have already been suffering heavy loss due to steep fall in export. They were managing with marketing of cotton and yarn to north Indian states.</p> <p>Due to this, each mill is suffering a whopping loss of Rs. 2.5 lakh per day, according to the mill sources. These mills have so far suffered a loss of more than Rs. 25 crore. The continuation of the situation will force the mills to declare holidays regularly, which in turn will only hit the hapless workforce, the sources said. Any further loss, will only force the mills to deny Deepavali bonus to the workers.</p> <p>The state governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have been providing power to the spinning mills at a tariff of Rs. two per unit. The Government of Maharashtra is providing power at a very low rate, besides various concessions. But, the cotton spinning mills are not enjoying any such concession in Tamil Nadu, they complain.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>GARMENT WORKERS OF KARNATAKA, TN NOT GETTING EVEN 'LIVING WAGE': STUDY</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Business Line</b>  <a href="http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/garment-workers-of-karnataka-tn-not-getting-even-living-wage-study/article9184851.ece?homepage=true">http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/garment-workers-of-karnataka-tn-not-getting-even-living-wage-study/article9184851.ece?homepage=true</a></p>
<p>More than one-third of workers, a majority of them women, in some factories in South India that produce clothing for Dutch brands, such as C&amp;A, Coolcat, G-Star, McGregor, MEXX, Scotch &amp; Soda, Suitsupply, The Sting and WE Fashion, are not being paid the official minimum wage leave alone a 'living' wage, says a new study.</p> <p>In fact, none of the garment workers in 10 factories located in Karnataka (Peenya and Bommassandra) and Tamil Nadu earns a living wage, and women workers get paid lower than men doing the same work, says the study, 'Doing Dutch – Research into the State of Pay for Workers in Garment Factories in India working for Dutch fashion brands’.</p> <p>The study was conducted by Clean Clothes Campaign, India Committee of the Netherlands, Asia Floor Wage Alliance and Cividep India. “As many as 53 of the 150 workers interviewed (between August-October 2015) earn less than the minimum wage, and thus, get paid less than required by the law. On average, workers earn just €100 per month (about ₹ 7,500), after deduction of various fines often not more than €90. That is about one-third of a living wage,” says the study.</p> <p>According to the Asia Floor Wage, a living wage for workers in India amounts to around €256 (₹ 18,727/month)With low wages and rising prices, 68 per cent of the workers interviewed said they were unable to make any savings from their monthly wages. In fact, the study found that well over 70 per cent of the interviewed garment workers were indebted, with most of them saying that they had taken loans for education of their children, weddings or leasing houses.</p>	

<p><b>'BRANDED' COTTON FROM AFRICA, PERU STRANGLE INDIA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS</b></p>	<p><b>Business Standard</b>  <a href="http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/branded-cotton-from-africa-peru-strangle-india-s-global-competitiveness-116100400644_1.html">http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/branded-cotton-from-africa-peru-strangle-india-s-global-competitiveness-116100400644_1.html</a></p>
<p>Even as the Monsanto-NSA tussle is on, India's indigenously developed hybrid quality cotton variety, Shanker-6, is being globally threatened by African cotton and Peru Pima cotton.</p> <p>Lack of global branding of the medium staple high quality Shanker-6 could lead to sluggish export demand going forward, amidst rising popularity of the Sudanese cotton from Africa and Peru Pima cotton which are being heavily branded by the respective countries.</p> <p>On the production front, India pipped China in 2015-16 to emerge as the world's largest cotton producer at 5.7 million metric tonnes as against the latter's 4.7 MMT.</p> <p>However, in absence of any branding efforts of its prominent Sanker-6 variety, international clients are increasingly turning towards Africa, Peru and US, who have in recent times engaged in branding activities. For instance, Africa has been running international campaigns and branded its cotton as CMIA which stands for Cotton Made in Africa.</p>	

<p><b>COTTON MAY TURN COSTLIER WITH FALL IN ACREAGE, RAINS</b></p>	<p><b>The Economic Times</b>  <a href="http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/commodities/news/cotton-may-turn-costlier-with-fall-in-acreage-rains/articleshow/54668437.cms">http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/commodities/news/cotton-may-turn-costlier-with-fall-in-acreage-rains/articleshow/54668437.cms</a></p>
<p>NEW DELHI: A 12 per cent drop in acreage and rains that hit soon to be harvested crop have led to concerns over cotton supplies, making the fibre as much as 20 per cent costlier than at this time last year.</p> <p>Prices are ruling at Rs 5,400 per 100 kg of raw cotton, even as fresh crop has started arriving in the wholesale markets of Punjab and Haryana. Because of the firm prices, people are buying only as per their requirement, traders, ginner and millers said.</p> <p>"The prices are higher than anticipated as arrivals are slow. Major spinning companies from Trident to Vardhman have entered the market, buy buying as per their requirement... trading companies from Louis Dreyfus, Glencore, Olam to Reinhart are watching the situation," said Rakesh Rathi, president of the Indian Cotton Association.</p> <p>Rathi predicts raw cotton prices to ease to Rs 4,700-4,900 per 100 kg by December when arrivals will pick up across the country.</p> <p>On Monday, the spot cotton lint (cotton without seed, accounting for roughly about a third of the weight of raw) price was Rs 21,970 per bale of 170 kg on the Multi Commodity Exchange of India.</p>	

<p><b>'80% TEXTILE WORKERS DO NOT USE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS'</b></p>	<p><b>The Express Tribune</b>  <a href="http://tribune.com.pk/story/1193512/80-textile-workers-not-use-safety-precautions/">http://tribune.com.pk/story/1193512/80-textile-workers-not-use-safety-precautions/</a></p>
<p>KARACHI: Improving the health and safety of workers in the textile sector, Pakistan's largest industry, can boost productivity, competitiveness and compliance, according to studies released by the Aga Khan University (AKU) and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (Giz), a German development agency, at a collaborative event Monday.</p> <p>The textile mill employees are exposed to cotton dust leading to respiratory diseases such as byssinosis and complaints of chest tightness, shortness of breath and persistent coughing, said AKU community health sciences department assistant professor Asaad Nafees.</p> <p>"About one in every 10 textile workers developed byssinosis, two in 10 suffered from shortness of breath and three in 10 complained of chest tightness," he shared.</p> <p>The MultiTex research project, carried out by AKU's community health sciences department, found that employees most at risk of chest ailments were the least aware of health hazards, said Dr Natasha Shaukat, adding that while interviewing 300 employees at seven textile mills in Karachi – with a workforce of approximately 9,000 people – it was found that almost 90% of them are uneducated and had little awareness of the health risks of cotton dust.</p>	

<p><b>SHIFTING TEXTILE UNITS TO PAKISTAN: 'CHINESE PREFER PAKISTAN OVER BANGLADESH OR VIETNAM'</b></p>	<p><b>The Express Tribune</b>  <a href="http://tribune.com.pk/story/1193574/shifting-textile-units-pakistan-chinese-prefer-pakistan-bangladesh-vietnam/">http://tribune.com.pk/story/1193574/shifting-textile-units-pakistan-chinese-prefer-pakistan-bangladesh-vietnam/</a></p>
<p>LAHORE: Pak China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (PCJCCI) newly-elected president Wang Zihai said that China's textile millers in the Shandong province are in talks with their Pakistani counterparts for a possible repositioning in Pakistan.</p> <p>Wang said that Chinese millers prefer Pakistan over Bangladesh or Vietnam when it comes to investing in the region.</p> <p>"Pakistan has some advantages, especially for textiles, chemicals and shoe manufacturing sectors," Wang told a group of journalists Tuesday. "We have contacted Pakistan's top textile lobbies- All Pakistan Textile Mills Association and Punjab Board of Investment and Trade- and they have expressed an interest in such joint ventures," he added.</p> <p>Wang said that Pakistan's textile sector would be able to upgrade its dilapidated technology and China can have access to European markets under through the country's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) Plus status, he added.</p>	

<p><b>IFC, VF CORP TO HELP TEXTILE SECTOR</b></p>	<p><b>Dhaka Tribune</b>  <a href="http://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2016/10/05/ifc-vf-corp-help-textile-sector/">http://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2016/10/05/ifc-vf-corp-help-textile-sector/</a></p>
<p>International Finance Corporation and VF Corporation are working together to enhance the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of the textile wet processing sector in Bangladesh by reducing excessive groundwater extraction and surface water pollution, energy and chemical use.</p> <p>The project will be carried out by IFC’s Bangladesh Partnership for Cleaner Textile (PaCT) programme, said IFC in a press release.</p> <p>VF Corporation joins 12 other brands in the PaCT family bringing the total partner brands to 13.</p> <p>The programme has contributed to water and energy savings of 14.4 billion liters and 1.23 million MWh per year, respectively, reduced GHG emission by 188,000 tonnes carbon-di-oxide equivalent per year and resource saving worth US\$10 million annually in 162 partner factories.</p>	

<p><b>GARMENT SECTOR NEEDS TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO SOLVE DISPUTES: ANALYSTS</b></p>	<p><b>The Daily Star</b>  <a href="http://www.thedailystar.net/business/garment-sector-needs-tripartite-council-solve-disputes-analysts-1294171">http://www.thedailystar.net/business/garment-sector-needs-tripartite-council-solve-disputes-analysts-1294171</a></p>
<p>Garment entrepreneurs, trade unionists, government officials and development partners are all in favour of a permanent tripartite consultative committee to sort out disputes confronting the country's apparel sector.</p> <p>“We need a permanent tripartite consultative mechanism for the garment sector to build sound relations between employers and employees,” said Roy Ramesh Chandra, an advisory council member of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS).</p> <p>“The consultative council will be an authority and its recommendations have to be accepted by the policymakers and other stakeholders. Otherwise, it will be a paper-based committee,” he said at a roundtable at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka yesterday.</p> <p>BILS, in association with non-profit German Foundation FES, has commissioned a study on formulation of a tripartite consultative council for the garments sector. The study report was shared at the roundtable.</p> <p>The report, presented at the programme by Jakir Hossain, a professor of Rajshahi University, said there are nine tripartite forums working in the apparel sector.</p>	

**COTTON PRICE DROPS  
FURTHER**

**Dawn**

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1287815/cotton-price-drops-further>

KARACHI: Steady conditions prevailed on the cotton market on Monday as buyers indulged in short covering to meet their near-future demand. However, undertone remained easy and outlook uncertain.

Floor brokers said higher flow of phutti (seed cotton) in front of slow demand from spinners was keeping prices under pressure. But it was encouraging that there was sustained demand for lint from needy spinners.

The Karachi Cotton Association cut its spot rate by another Rs50, to Rs5,950 per maund (around 37 kilograms).

Major deals on the ready counter were: 2,000 bales from Shahdadpur (Rs5,800 to Rs6,000), 1,200 bales Mirpurkhas (Rs5,850 to Rs5,900), 1,800 bales San-ghar (Rs5,850 to Rs5,950), 1,600 bales Tando Adam (Rs5,900 to Rs6,000), 1,600 bales Nawabshah (Rs6,075 to Rs6,100), 1,600 bales Saleh Pat (Rs6,125 to Rs6,150), 3,000 bales Rohri (Rs6,125 to Rs6,150), 5,000 bales Khairpur (Rs6,170 to Rs6,175), 1,200 bales Mian-wali (Rs6,150 to Rs6,200), 24,00 bales Haroonabad (Rs6,175 to Rs6,200), 1,600 bales Layyah (Rs6,175 to Rs6,200), 800 bales Tonsa Sharif (Rs6,200), 800 bales Rajanpur (Rs6,200) and 400 bales Hasilpur (Rs6,200).