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TEXTILE MINISTRY PLANS POLICY INTERVENTION FOR JUTE SECTOR	The Economic Times http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/garments/-textiles/textile-ministry-plans-policy-intervention-for-jute-sector/articleshow/54031880.cms
<p>KOLKATA: The Union Textile Ministry is considering policy intervention, both long-term and shortterm, to address the issues impeding the growth of the jute industry upon which the economy of West Bengal is highly dependent.</p> <p>"We are trying to find out what can be done through long-term policy intervention to promote the sector. Separate brainstorming sessions will be held with mill owners and farmers," Textile Secretary Rashmi Verma informed after a meeting of the jute industry stakeholders chaired by Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani.</p> <p>Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Sukehndu Sekhar Roy, who was also present at the meeting, said that under no circumstances the mandatory Jute Packaging Act should be diluted as livelihood of lakhs of people was associated with it.</p> <p>"The Jute Commissioner office has taken action against 11 jute mills on divergent issues of violation of the jute control order. We are not against any action but have said that government should also look into the fact that mills do not get closed," Roy said.</p>	

<p>DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL SUPPLY CHAINS GROWING IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY</p>	<p>Yarnsandfibres.com http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/demand-sustainable-and-ethical-supply-chains-growing-textile-industry#.V89brit97Dc</p>
<p>A symbol of India's freedom struggle, handloom attire was once regarded as fit only for politicians and villagers. It is now seeing a revival, with demand growing for sustainable and ethical fashion, even as mass-market clothing still dominates malls and pavement stalls.</p> <p>Arvind Singhal, chief executive of retail consultancy Technopak Advisors said that there's a greater desire among the youth and the middle class, who are frustrated with dirty politics and crooked companies, for something better.</p> <p>Having a greater sensitivity to people and the environment is 'in,' and people are even willing to pay a small premium for what they perceive to be ethical and responsible, he said.</p> <p>India is among the biggest manufacturers of textiles and apparel in the world, supplying leading international brands. But the domestic market is large too, and accounts for more than 40 percent of the industry's revenue.</p> <p>The sector is dominated by small and medium-sized firms that are under enormous pressure to reduce costs and produce garments quickly. Many use forced labor, while abuses including withheld salaries and debt bondage are rife.</p>	

<p>SRI LANKA'S TEXTILE EXPORTS UP 4.5% IN H1 2016</p>	<p>Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/sri-lanka-s-textile-exports-up-4-5-in-h1-2016-191448-newsdetails.htm</p>
<p>Continuing with the positive trend since the beginning of this year, exports of textiles and garments from Sri Lanka increased by 4.5 per cent year-on-year in the first six months of this year.</p> <p>During January-June 2016, Sri Lanka's export earnings from textiles and garments stood at \$2.514 billion, compared to \$2.405 billion earned in the corresponding period of last year, according to the data released by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>Export growth in June mainly came from the US and non-traditional markets. "Earnings from textiles and garments exports, which account for around 48 per cent of total export earnings, grew by 1.4 per cent year-on-year to \$430 million in June 2016, as a result of higher garment exports to US and non-traditional markets such as Canada, China and UAE," the Central Bank said.</p> <p>Textiles and apparel accounted for about 63.15 per cent of all industrial exports and about 49.23 per cent of all exports made by the South Asian nation during the six-month period.</p> <p>In 2015, the island nation's export earnings from textiles and garments declined by 2.2 per cent year-on-year to \$4.820 billion, compared to \$4.929 billion in 2014.</p>	

ENERGY COST FOR TEXTILE MILLS IN PUNJAB SOARS TO RS 10	Business Recorder http://www.brecorder.com/cotton-a-textiles/185/83178/
<p>The energy cost per unit for the textile mills in Punjab has crossed Rs 10 from earlier Rs 8 with a sudden rise in the Brent crude oil-linked price of Regasified Liquid Natural Gas (RLNG) in Pakistan. As many as 100 textile mills are at the verge of closure, out of which some 35 have already closed down operations while another 35 planning a closure sooner than later, industry sources told Business Recorder here on Tuesday.</p> <p>"Our utility bills have inflated by millions of rupees with a rise in energy cost per unit, said one miller who is planning to close down operations from Eid onwards. It may be noted that the availability of RLNG had brought a sigh of relief to the textile mills in Punjab early this year, as the generation cost had become at par with the gas-based energy generation in Sindh. Since the price of RLGN was linked to the Brent crude oil, which has jumped to \$46 per barrel now against \$30 a barrel in the month of March.</p> <p>One former chairman of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had spent some five hours with the industry representatives on September 11 last year and partially resolved its issues with a promise to address the remaining ones on his return from New York. But no further progress has taken place on the subject since then despite repeated appeals.</p>	

OGUN TO BRING OVER 10,000 HA UNDER COTTON CULTIVATION	Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/cotton-news/ogun-to-bring-over-10-000-ha-under-cotton-cultivation-191447-newsdetails.htm
<p>More than 10,000 hectares of land will come under cotton cultivation in Nigeria's Ogun state, as the provincial government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ArewaCotton Limited, an indigenous natural fibre company. The MoU has been signed with an aim to focus on production, processing as well as marketing of cotton in the state.</p> <p>The memorandum states that cotton farmers in Ogun would mandatorily sell their produce to ArewaCotton, Nigerian media reports said. As a result, investment opportunities of billions of naira are expected to be created. A ginnery will also be established in the state for faster buying of cotton.</p> <p>The Ogun government has agreed to give 10,000 hectares of land to the company for cotton cultivation in the beginning. As soon as cultivation starts on this land, ArewaCotton can apply to get more land to fulfill its hopes of ultimately having 20,000 hectares of land under cultivation.</p> <p>Ogun is now in a position to grow, spin and weave cotton as well as produce textiles for home furnishings, clothing and other uses. Thus, it can now exploit the complete cotton value chain and generate over tens of thousands of job opportunities. This partnership will also be helpful in boosting productivity and increasing foreign exchange earnings for cotton farmers in the state.</p>	

**R+F SHOWING TRAVELLERS FOR
SPINNING VARIOUS FIBRES AT ITMA**

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<http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-machinery-news/r-f-showing-travellers-for-spinning-various-fibres-at-itma-191449-newsdetails.htm>

Ring travellers producer Reiners + Fürst (R+F) will show travellers for spinning yarns from various fibres like cotton, wool and glass at ITMA Asia in hall H1, stand B30. Among which is a traveller for Siro-Compact technology, which has optimised geometry and new surface characteristics, with benefits of low yarn hairiness and longer traveller service life.

According to the company, customers in China prefer the latest generation of Turbo rings especially for Compact and Siro yarns and already more than 2.5 million Turbo ring units are running successfully in the market.

“The enhanced surface allows increasing machine efficiencies by up to 10 per cent, especially when producing yarns from sensitive fibres or with higher spindle speeds,” Reiners + Furst said.

With regards to worsted spinning, R+F will introduce J-travellers for ring heights of 9.1 and 11.1 mm with enhanced surface for better performance of the spinning process and which is available in different shapes.