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| <b>UNDERDEVELOPED INFRASTRUCTURE<br/>AFFECTS FDI IN TEXTILES</b>  | <b>Fibre2fashion.com</b><br><a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/underdeveloped-infrastructure-affects-fdi-in-textiles-191964-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/underdeveloped-infrastructure-affects-fdi-in-textiles-191964-newsdetails.htm</a> |
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| <p>Underdeveloped infrastructure, restrictive environment and a lack of trade agreement with key markets have been identified as the main reasons for the unsatisfactory foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow in the Indian textile sector, says a recent study. Stringent labour laws were also cited as one of the major challenges that hamper the FDI inflow.</p> <p>In order to attract large scale investments, acquire global scale and bring India at par with other competing countries, there is an immediate need to review the labour laws to make them investor and labour friendly, says the study that was commissioned by the Indian ministry of textiles.</p> <p>Labour laws restricting women from working in night shifts and the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 that stipulates that companies employing over 100 people must obtain necessary approvals for lay-offs need to be amended to rectify the situation.</p> <p>“Despite India offering a large domestic market, competitive labour costs and a well working democracy, its performance in attracting FDI flows has been far from satisfactory. The country's weakness lies in underdeveloped infrastructure and restrictive operative environment and lack of trade agreement with key markets,” notes the study.</p> <p>Apparel and textile exporting nations like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Turkey, Cambodia and Pakistan have duty advantage ranging from 10 per cent to 30 per cent for different products in the US and EU markets. This advantage enables them to achieve exports growth rates higher than that of India, according to media reports.</p> <p>The report points out that the cumulative FDI in Indian textile sector from 2000-01 to 2014-15 is approximately \$1.5 billion.</p> |   |

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| <b>AIFW SS'17 GIVES EXTRA ATTENTION TO<br/>HANDLOOMS, TEXTILES</b>   | <b>Sify News</b><br><a href="http://www.sify.com/news/aifw-ss-17-gives-extra-attention-to-handlooms-textiles-news-others-qkhoEffihbdba.html">http://www.sify.com/news/aifw-ss-17-gives-extra-attention-to-handlooms-textiles-news-others-qkhoEffihbdba.html</a> |
| <p>New Delhi, Oct 7 (IANS) The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) will dedicate the first two days of the upcoming Amazon India Fashion Week (AIFW) Spring Summer 2017 to the power of Indian handlooms and textiles. The 28th edition of AIFW, in association with Maybelline New York, will be held from October 12 to 16 at the NSIC Grounds, Okhla, here. With an aim to capture and continue the handloom legacy of various regions of India, 23 style gurus will showcase on the first two days of the five-day fashion gala their designs, interpreting the possibilities the sector offers, read a statement.</p> <p>The designers participating in the project are: Abraham &amp; Thakore, Anavila, Anita Dongre, akaaro by Gaurav Jai Gupta, Krishna Mehta, Payal Pratap, Rina Dhaka, Samant Chauhan, Pinnacle by Shruti Sancheti, Urvashi Kaur, and Virtues by Viral, Ashish &amp; Vikrant.</p> |   |

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| <b>SHARP RISE IN YARN PRICE FORCE<br/>LOOMS TO CUT OUTPUT</b>  | <b>Yarnsandfibres.com</b><br><a href="http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/sharp-rise-yarn-price-force-looms-cut-output#.V_hFquV97Dc">http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/sharp-rise-yarn-price-force-looms-cut-output#.V_hFquV97Dc</a> |
| <p>Sharp increase in yarn prices has hit the powerloom units very badly and most of suppliers have now decided to cut production by downing their shutters once in a week to stay in the business by avoiding huge losses.</p> <p>"We are trying our best to clock a handsome business ahead of Diwali. But, we are finding it difficult to meet the orders as yarn prices have gone up," said K Suresh, president of Erode Powerloom Owners Association (EPOA).</p> <p>Six months back, 1kg of Viscose Rayon yarn was priced at 193. "Now, it has increased to 215," said B Kandavel, executive member of EPOA. When it comes to bulk deals, he said, the rise in prices would affect our profit margins. Similarly, the price of 1kg of cotton yarn has also shot up to 205 from 170.</p> <p>Usually, powerloom units do brisk business during Diwali time. But this year, business is dull for most units. "About 60% of the units have decided to stop production for one day in a week," Kandavel said, adding that the remaining units would continue to work around the week as they have bagged tenders from the state government for its free dhoti and sari scheme.</p> <p>Most powerloom unit owners refuse to take more orders, citing rise in yarn price. "Because of the price hike, we have decided not to opt for Viscose Rayon and cotton yarns," the powerloom unit owners said. But, the move would hit the units and eventually force them shut the units. They have decided to take up the issue with both the state and Central governments.</p> |  |

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| <p align="center"><b>GOVT APPROVES RS185M FOR TEXTILE<br/>SETOR GROWTH</b></p>   | <p align="center"><b>Daily Times</b><br/> <a href="http://dailytimes.com.pk/business/08-Oct-16/govt-approves-rs185m-for-textile-sector-growth">http://dailytimes.com.pk/business/08-Oct-16/govt-approves-rs185m-for-textile-sector-growth</a></p> |
| <p>ISLAMABAD: The government on Friday approved Rs 185 million under Export Development Fund (EDF) for the development of textile sector in the country.</p> <p>The meeting of EDF was held under the chairmanship of secretary of Ministry of Textile Industry, which approved various development projects for promotion of textile sector and boost its exports.</p> <p>A senior official of Ministry of Textile Industry said that allocations of Rs 100 million has been approved for washing facilities in Karachi garments institute, while Rs 75 million was also approved by the EDF for land acquisition of new training institute in Saikot and was also allocated Rs 10 million for garment training institute in Lahore.</p> <p>The production of up to 11.2 millions bales of cotton was expected this crop season, as compared to 10 million bales produced in the same period of previous year, he added.</p> <p>The selling price of cotton seeds was also decreased from Rs 3,200 to Rs 3,000 per 40 kilogrammes in order to encourage farmers to cultivate cotton crops on more land and enhance the cotton production in this season, the official said.</p> |   |

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| <p align="center"><b>TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO HELP<br/>SOLVE RMG'S LABOUR PROBLEMS</b></p>  | <p align="center"><b>Fibre2fashion.com</b><br/> <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/clothing-news/tripartite-council-to-help-solve-rmg-s-labour-problems-191972-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/clothing-news/tripartite-council-to-help-solve-rmg-s-labour-problems-191972-newsdetails.htm</a></p> |
| <p>Formation of a Tripartite Consultative Council (TCC) for addressing labour disputes faced by workers in the RMG sector was discussed at a roundtable organised by Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). Speakers suggested that workers and owners from the industry should have a clear understanding of labour laws.</p> <p>It is necessary for the owners of companies in the RMG industry as well as the workers to understand and apply labour laws for effectively forming the TCC. The council will help solve labour problems related to wages, workplace safety, working hours and social security among others.</p> <p>The roundtable called 'Formulation of Tripartite Consultative Council in RMG sector: Scope and Challenges, Role of Stakeholders' was organised to explore the possibilities of the council and getting suggestions from the stakeholders for addressing the challenges in its formation, said Bangladeshi media reports.</p> <p>Bangladesh worker organisations' leaders believe that formation of TCC will not be enough to reduce labour problems in the apparel sector as such bodies can only provide suggestions and are not empowered to make decisions. However, Mikail Shipar, labour secretary, was of the opinion that TCC should be formed for the improvement of the Bangladesh's RMG sector. He suggested BILS to propose a framework to the labour ministry to assist the government in analysing the issue. Shipar also thinks that the council should be linked to the National Tripartite Consultative Council.</p> |   |

| <b>IAF TO START TRAINING COURSE ON COLLABORATIVE SOURCING</b>   | <b>Fibre2fashion.com</b><br><a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/manufacturing-news/iaf-to-start-training-course-on-collaborative-sourcing-191971-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/manufacturing-news/iaf-to-start-training-course-on-collaborative-sourcing-191971-newsdetails.htm</a> |
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| <p>The International Apparel Federation (IAF) with other organisations is leading the development of a training course on collaborative sourcing, for both buyers and manufacturers in Bangladesh. The course will create a unique opportunity for buyers and manufacturers to learn about collaborative sourcing in a joint and collaborative training course.</p> <p>The decision to start a training course was taken at a conference on 'Sustainable Sourcing in the Garment Sector' (SSGS) organised by the embassy of Netherlands in Dhaka, hosted in partnership with IAF and the BGMEA.</p> <p>This conference clearly identified knowledge as a key factor in creating more sustainable sourcing practices. It also concluded that for management of both, buying firms as well as manufacturing companies, more knowledge of setting up collaborative sourcing arrangements is needed.</p> <p>IAF will lead the formation of a consortium involving major Bangladeshi and international partners to build and finance the training course. The course will also serve as a benchmark for similar training courses to be developed in other countries with a major apparel industry.</p> |   |

| <b>BRAZILIAN COTTON PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE IN SEPT</b>   | <b>Fibre2fashion.com</b><br><a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/cotton-news/brazilian-cotton-prices-continue-to-rise-in-sept-191961-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/cotton-news/brazilian-cotton-prices-continue-to-rise-in-sept-191961-newsdetails.htm</a> |
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| <p>Driven by rise in Ice Futures at the New York Stock Exchange, Brazilian cotton prices continued to increase in late September. Cotton prices also grew on expectations of low cotton availability until the beginning of harvesting of the new crop. Besides, cotton buyers too expressed higher interest in purchasing, while sellers remained firm in asking prices.</p> <p>The CEPEA/ESALQ Index for payment in 8 days, for cotton type 41-4, delivered in São Paulo, increased 2.77 per cent, closing at BRL 2.5244 or \$0.7764 per pound on September 30.</p> <p>Quoting data from the Brazilian Commodity Exchange, CEPEA said 73.8 per cent of the Brazilian 2014/15 cotton crop, forecast at 1.563 million tons, had already been traded until late September. Of this volume, 50.8 per cent was sold in the domestic market and the rest in the international market.</p> <p>With regards to the 2015/16 crop, projected at 1.289 million tons, 60.4 per cent had already been traded in September. Of this total, 43.9 per cent was sold in the local market and the rest in the global markets.</p> |   |

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More than 1,600 exhibitors will take part in the ITMA Asia + CITME 2016 international exhibition for textile solutions to be held at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre in Shanghai from October 21 to 25. Textile makers from around the world will showcase their cutting-edge solutions to over 100,000 trade visitors from the global textile industry.

Products will be showcased based on categories for the convenience of visitors, and stringent controls are being adopted to protect intellectual property, organisers said. The exhibition enjoys strong support from all major trade associations around the world. It will be held at a venue that spreads across 180,000 square metres.

Visitors can explore innovative yet cost-effective solutions for the industry, and evaluate and compare them on the spot. Live demonstrations of machines will be held at the exhibition and visitors can get first-hand information from manufacturers.

The event combines the unique strengths of the ITMA brand and China's most important textile event - CITME. This move to combine the two shows into one mega high-quality event is strongly supported by all nine CEMATEX European textile machinery associations, China Textile Machinery Association (CTMA) and Japan Textile Machinery Association (JTMA).