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SPECIAL TEXTILE PACKAGE IS YET TO TAKE OFF IN CREATING JOBS, PRODUCTIVITY	Yarnsandfibres.com http://www.yarnsandfibres.com/news/textile-news/special-textile-package-yet-take-creating-jobs-productivity#.V9yURVt97Dd
<p>The special textile package approval by the cabinet and announced by the government in June which involves a total outlay of Rs 6,000 crore aimed at improving competitiveness and generating higher number of jobs through a string of labour reforms is yet to take off in terms of significantly creating jobs and improving production.</p> <p>The apparel manufacturing, specific sub-sector within textiles targeted by the package, show that any significant rise in hiring is yet to happen under the new norms.</p> <p>The package paved the way for fixed term employment in apparel manufacturing looking at its seasonal nature. While manufacturers have welcomed the move saying it allows them to deal with excess demand and idle labour issues at different times of the year, workers have argued it affects their livelihood.</p> <p>The textile commissioner office is currently consulting with all stakeholders to iron out the difficulties in implementing the new norms. These include issues over wages, allowances and other statutory dues paid to workers. Also, the Textile ministry has fixed overtime hours for workers, not exceeding eight hours a week, in line with International Labour Organization norms. Manufacturers claim all this needs time to be incorporated in their operations, according to sources.</p>	

50 PER CENT STATE SUBSIDY FOR SETTING UP 'MINI TEXTILE PARKS'	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/50-per-cent-state-subsidy-for-setting-up-mini-textile-parks/article9117292_ece
<p>The District administration showcased to a group of entrepreneurs engaged in handlooms and textiles business, the subsidy available for creating infrastructure facilities if they came forward to set up 'Mini Textile Parks' (MTP) in the district.</p> <p>Addressing a group of about 20 entrepreneurs here on Thursday, Collector S. Natarajan said the State government has offered to bear 50 per cent of the total cost for creating infrastructure facilities such as laying of roads, sewage treatment plant, captive power plant and telecommunication, if they came forward to establish the parks.</p> <p>After Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa made an announcement to this effect in the State Assembly in September last year, the government passed a GO on December 30, 2015 to bear 50 per cent of the total infrastructure cost or Rs. 2.50 crore, whichever was low, he said.</p> <p>They should buy the land on their own and establish minimum 10 worksheds in the park to avail the subsidy for the infrastructure, he said.</p> <p>The Collector said establishment of MTPs would help to improve the standard of living of handloom and powerloom weavers in the district.</p> <p>There were more than 12,000 handloom and powerloom weavers in the district and they mostly lived in Paramakudi and Emaneswaram areas.</p>	

WEAVERS, SOCIETIES TOLD TO ADOPT 'INDIA HANDLOOM' BRAND	Business Standard http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/weavers-societies-told-to-adopt-india-handloom-brand-116091600881_1.html
<p>There is a need for more number of weavers and cooperative societies in Telangana to register their products under the 'India Handloom' brand which will enable them to produce high quality products and enhance sales and earnings, an official said today.</p> <p>"As many as 55 handloom-producing agencies are registered under the 'India Handloom' brand in Telangana. The premium branding will enable weavers to use good quality raw material and produce high quality products and enhance their sales and earnings through bulk marketing of the products," Telangana State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TSCO) VC and Managing Director Shailaja Rama Iyer told reporters.</p> <p>The presence of 'India Handloom' brand logo would differentiate their products and assure customers of their quality, she said here.</p> <p>The intention is to encourage and bring in overall paradigm improvement in the handloom sector by ensuring all products have a common quality in terms of various processes as well as the raw material used in the handloom sector which will result in uniformity, she explained.</p>	

NIGERIA: GOVT TO USE LOCAL TEXTILE FOR MILITARY, PARAMILITARY UNIFORMS	All Africa http://allafrica.com/stories/201609161096.html
<p>Benin — The federal government says plans are underway for Nigerian military and para-military personnel to use made in Nigeria textile for their uniforms.</p> <p>The Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment, Hajiya A'isha Abubakar, said this, yesterday, in Benin at the 28th Annual National Education Conference of the National Union of Textile, Garment and Tailoring Workers of Nigeria (NUTGTWN) and the Nigerian Textile, Garment and Tailoring Employers Association (NTGTEA). She said that the government, worried by the state of textile industry in the country, would revive the sector by ensuring that made in Nigeria textile was patronised by Nigerians. Earlier, the President of the NUTGTWN, John Adaji, urged the federal government officials to wear clothing from fabrics made in Nigeria to encourage local textile manufacturers.</p>	

LOOMS DISTRIBUTED TO SELECTED WEAVERS	The Sangai Express http://www.thesangaiexpress.com/looms-distributed-selected-weavers/
<p>IMPHAL, Sep 16 : The State's 15 handloom entrepreneurs awarded with incentives under the Export Development Approach Scheme, 2015-16, distributed looms to loom seeking weavers in a function held at Wangkhei Panthoibi Arcade, Imphal, today.</p> <p>The distribution function that was held under the theme, 'Know your weavers', was attended by Minister of Commerce and Industries Govindas Konthoujam, Commerce and Industries Director B John Tlangtinkhuma, Weaver's Service Centre (WSC) Officer-in-charge C Rajasekaran and All Manipur Handloom Entrepreneurs' Development Consortium (AMANHEDEC), Manipur, president Ng Bimolata Devi, as presidium members. Minister Govindas Konthoujam handed over the looms to selected weavers during the function today. The fact that the State has been celebrating Handloom Day for 15 years whereas National Handloom Day has been celebrated only for three years testifies Manipur's key position in the handloom sector.</p>	

SPINNING SOLUTIONS FROM RIETER COMPONENTS GRP AT ITMA ASIA	Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/rieter-showing-innovative-spinning-solutions-at-itma-asia-191625-newsdetails.htm
<p>At ITMA Asia in Shanghai, a market with a large share of synthetic fibres, Rieter is showing latest and innovative solutions for spinning preparation and end spinning of synthetic staple fibres. The company will be represented at the show by its subsidiaries including Bräcker, Graf, Novibra, Suessen also, and its three business groups too. Rieter Technologies on display include RSB-D 50 Draw Frame, J 26 Air-Jet Spinning Machine and E 86 Comber, while Bräcker, Graf, Novibra and Suessen are presenting Starletplus traveler; Orbit and Redorbit rings; new clothing cards; EasyTop clothing; high-performance spindles with Crocodoff; and the ring spinning compact system, Elite Compact Set.</p> <p>Also on show is the mill management system Spiderweb, with six new modules for optimising the spinning mill, through which, the mill manager has firm control of the data of the facility at all times.</p>	

<p>SAURER SHOWCASING SOLUTIONS ACROSS VALUE CHAIN AT ITMA ASIA</p>	<p>Fibre2fashion.com http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-machinery-news/saurer-showcasing-solutions-across-value-chain-at-itma-asia-191621-newsdetails.htm</p>
<p>Saurer Group is showing technologies in fibre processing, from raw material to various yarns and finishing at this year's ITMA Asia. Saurer has a multitude of companies within its fold like Schlafhorst and Zinser in spinning; Allma and Volkmann in twisting; Jintan in pre-spinning; Saurer Embroidery; and lastly the Saurer Components division.</p> <p>Saurer is the only full range supplier in the world, offering complete automation from roving with an interspersed transport system, to ring spinning and up to linked winding, leading to twisting applications, setting standards in yarn processing components, while also having the fastest shuttle embroidery machine and finally a revolutionary rotor spinning technology.</p> <p>The E³ label on Saurer technologies represents triple added value, namely Energy, Economics and Ergonomics, who together ensure that, all innovations are based on customer demands.</p>	

<p>MORE TROUBLE FOR WELSPUN INDIA: TWO CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST TEXTILE MAKER IN US</p>	<p>The Financial Express http://www.financialexpress.com/companies/more-trouble-for-welspun-india-two-class-action-lawsuits-filed-against-textile-maker-in-us/379964/</p>
<p>In more trouble for textile manufacturer Welspun India and its US subsidiaries, two class action lawsuits have been filed against the company here alleging it perpetrated “widespread fraud” for years by using inferior and less expensive cottons in its bedsheets and towels and marketing them as premium Egyptian cotton.</p> <p>The lawsuit has been filed in the US District Court in the Southern District of New York by Meghan Abbott, a North Carolina resident who purchased bed linens by Welspun from retail store Target.</p> <p>A second lawsuit has been filed in a St Louis federal court. Both lawsuits are claiming minimum damages of USD 5 million each.</p> <p>The lawsuit alleges “widespread fraud perpetrated by one of the world’s largest textile makers” Welspun India and its US subsidiaries.</p>	