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<b>கால் நூற்றாண்டாகத் தொடரும் நெருக்கடி: பரிதவிக்கும் விசைத்தறி நெசவாளர்கள்</b>	<b>Dinamani</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/2d39Scb">http://bit.ly/2d39Scb</a>
<p>கடந்த 25 ஆண்டுகளாக விசைத்தறி தொழிலில் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள நெருக்கடி காரணமாக ஏறத்தாழ 10 சதவீதம் அளவு விசைத்தறிக் கூடங்கள் மூடப்பட்டுவிட்டன. மேலும், 15 சதவீத அளவுக்கு விசைத்தறி உரிமையாளர்கள், விசைத்தறிக் கூடங்களை குத்தகைக்கு விட்டு மாற்றுத் தொழிலுக்குச் சென்றுவிட்டனர்.</p> <p>ஜவுளித் தேவையில் 60 சதவீதம்: இந்தியாவின் ஜவுளித் தேவையில் 5 சதவீதம் மட்டுமே ஜவுளி ஆலைகள் மூலம் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படுகின்றன. சுமார் 20 சதவீதம் கைத்தறி மூலமும், 15 சதவீதம் பின்னலாடை மூலமும், சுமார் 60 சதவீதம் விசைத்தறி மூலமும் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படுகின்றன. ஜவுளித் தொழிலில் விசைத்தறி முக்கியப் பங்கை வகிக்கிறது.</p> <p>நாடு முழுவதும் ஏறத்தாழ 19 லட்சம் விசைத்தறிகள் உள்ளன. 70 லட்சம் தொழிலாளர்கள் இத் தொழிலில் ஈடுபட்டுள்ளனர். மகாராஷ்டிரம் 8 லட்சம் தறிகளுடன் முதலிடத்திலும், தமிழகம் 5 லட்சம் தறிகளுடன் இரண்டாவது இடத்திலும், குஜராத் 3 லட்சம் தறிகளுடன் மூன்றாவது இடத்திலும் உள்ளன.</p> <p>15 லட்சம் தொழிலாளர்கள்: தமிழகத்தில் நேரடியாகவும் மறைமுகமாகவும் ஏறத்தாழ 15 லட்சம் தொழிலாளர்கள் உள்ளனர். தமிழகத்தில் கோவை, திருப்பூர், சேலம், நாமக்கல், ஈரோடு, கரூர் ஆகிய மாவட்டங்களில் பெரும்பான்மையாக இத் தொழில் நடைபெறுகிறது. தவிர, நெல்லை மாவட்டம், சங்கரன்கோவில், விருதுநகர் மாவட்டம் அருப்புக்கோட்டை ஆகிய பகுதிகளிலும் விசைத்தறித் தொழில் நடைபெறுகிறது.</p>	

நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்க பணியாளர்களுக்கும்  
நல்வாழ்வு காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டம்: முதல்வர் அறிவிப்பு

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சென்னை: தமிழகத்தில் இயங்கும் நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்க பணியாளர்களுக்கும் நல்வாழ்வு காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டம் நடப்பாண்டு முதல் செயல்படுத்தப்படும் என்று தமிழக முதல்வர் ஜெயலலிதா உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளார்.

இது குறித்து தமிழக அரசு வெளியிட்டுள்ள செய்திக் குறிப்பில், நெசவுத் தொழிலின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு தமிழக அரசு முன்னுரிமை அளித்து பல்வேறு நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்து வருகிறது.

கைத்தறி, கைத்திறன், துணிநூல் மற்றும் கதர்த் துறையின் மூலம் பின்வரும் திட்டங்களை செயல்படுத்த தமிழக முதல்வர் ஜெயலலிதா உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளார்.

1. தமிழ்நாட்டில் இயங்கி வரும் ஆறு கூட்டுறவு நூற்பாலைகள் 175 கோடியே 23 லட்சம் ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் நவீனமயமாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவ்வாலைகள் தற்பொழுது விலையில்லா வேட்டி சேலை திட்டம், பள்ளி குழந்தைகளுக்கான விலையில்லா சீருடை வழங்கும் திட்டம் ஆகியவற்றிற்கு தேவைப்படும் நூல் வகைகளை உற்பத்தி செய்து வருகின்றன. கைத்தறி நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களுக்கு தேவையான தரமான நூல் வகைகளை உற்பத்தி செய்து தொடர்ந்து வழங்கிட ஏதுவாக இவ்வாலைகளுக்கு தேவைப்படும் புதிய நவீன இயந்திரங்களான “டு-பார் - ஒன்-டிவிஸ்டர்” டபுளிங் இயந்திரங்கள் கோம்பர் இயந்திரங்கள் மற்றும் ஒப்பன் எண்ட் நூற்பு இயந்திரங்கள் ஆகியவைகளை நிறுவிட தமிழக முதல்வர் உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளார். இவற்றுக்கு 14 கோடியே 20 லட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவு ஏற்படும்.

2. தமிழ்நாட்டில், 1,357 கைத்தறி மற்றும் விசைத்தறி நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

இவற்றில் 1,500 பணியாளர்கள் பணிபுரிந்து வருகின்றனர். கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களின் பதிவாளர் கீழ் இயங்கி வரும் கூட்டுறவு நிறுவனங்களில் பணிபுரியும் பணியாளர்கள் பயன் பெறும் வகையில் அவர்களுக்கு நல்வாழ்வு காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது. இதேபோன்று, நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்க பணியாளர்களுக்கும் நல்வாழ்வு காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டம் நடப்பாண்டு முதல் செயல்படுத்தவும் முதல்வர் ஜெயலலிதா உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளார். இத்திட்டத்திற்கான ஆண்டு காப்பீட்டுக் கட்டணத் தொகையில் 50 சதவீத மானியம் பணியாளர்களுக்கு வழங்கப்படும். இந்த 50 சதவீத மானியத் தொகையை நெசவாளர் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் செலுத்தும் என்று தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

<p><b>NEW SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM, TEXTILE, KHADI INDUSTRIES</b></p>	<p><b>The Indian Express</b>  <a href="http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/New-schemes-for-handloom-textile-khadi-industries/2016/09/21/article3625972.ece">http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/New-schemes-for-handloom-textile-khadi-industries/2016/09/21/article3625972.ece</a></p>
<p>CHENNAI: Chief Minister J Jayalithaa on Tuesday unveiled schemes for handloom, handicraft, textile and khadi industries. She said the six cooperative mills in the State, modernised at `175.23 crore, manufacture threads for the government's free dhoti and saree scheme and free uniform scheme to school children. For these mills, twister and doubling machines, comber machines and open end spinning machines would be procured at a cost of `14.20 crore.</p> <p>Stating that 1,500 people were employed in the 1,357 handloom and powerloom cooperatives, Jayalithaa said 50 per cent subsidy would be provided towards the insurance premium of powerloom workers. It would be provided by the weavers cooperative societies. Steps would be taken to boost 'Poompuhar' for which an Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicrafts scheme would be launched. The Centre would provide `17.14 crore, and the State government would provide `3.24 crore for this scheme.</p>	

<p><b>BENGAL TEXTILE DEPT TO PROMOTE SILK MARRIAGE SARI AS ALTERNATIVE TO BANARASI</b></p>	<p><b>Webindia123</b>  <a href="http://news.webindia123.com/news/Articles/India/20160920/2948529.html">http://news.webindia123.com/news/Articles/India/20160920/2948529.html</a></p>
<p>West Bengal Textile department to promote silk marriage sari as an alternative to Banarasi, one of the finest wedding-wear for the brides across the nation.</p> <p>'Silk Marriage Sari' will be an alternative for 'Banarasi Sari' in West Bengal. The idea of creating a market competitor of Banarasi is now nurtured by the experts working under Bengal MSME and Textile Department.</p> <p>"I have confirmation from the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to go ahead with this project. She has instructed us to finish the research work and commence the production as soon as possible," the state MSME and textile minister Swapan Debnath today said.</p> <p>"Our production will be modern and gorgeous. The elegant look, stunning hand-made designs, colours would beat its competitors in wedding sari segment," said Mr Debnath.</p> <p>The State Government has hired some expert Banarasi artists, who are presently giving training, teaching and guidance to the Bengal weavers. The promotion and branding, marketing team would be done in a pre-planned way.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INDIAN KNITWEAR INDUSTRY GEARS UP TO DEFEAT CHINA IN APPAREL EXPORT</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>News Gram</b>  <a href="http://www.newsgram.com/indian-knitwear-industry-gears-up-to-defeat-china-in-apparel-export/">http://www.newsgram.com/indian-knitwear-industry-gears-up-to-defeat-china-in-apparel-export/</a></p>
<p>Sept 17, 2016: T.R. Vijaya Kumar, the great Indian clothes maker thinks it's time for his country to take on Bangladesh, Vietnam, and even China for leadership in the global apparel industry.</p> <p>He's a second-generation manufacturer, who transformed his small family clothing business in southern India into an apparel exporter of 1,700 employees and his goal is to double its sales by 2020. When it comes to his hometown of Tiruppur, which is mostly referred to as the knitwear capital of India, his ambitions are bigger and broader, tripling exports and adding 500,000 jobs in the process, reported Bloomberg.</p> <p>But the problem that is occurring is that other Asian countries are more ahead than India. India's \$17 billion exports of apparel were half as much as Bangladesh's last year and its 3.7 percent global market share were behind Vietnam's 5.1 percent. Apparel is a labor-intensive industry, which has helped developing economies transition out of agriculture. The Indian economy needs to generate more than eighty million new jobs by 2025 to keep up with its fast-growing population.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GARMENT EXPORT TO INDIA ON THE RISE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Daily Star</b>  <a href="http://www.thedailystar.net/business/garment-exports-india-the-rise-1287127">http://www.thedailystar.net/business/garment-exports-india-the-rise-1287127</a></p>
<p>Garment exports to India rose 30.86 percent year-on-year to \$136.43 million in fiscal 2015-16 thanks to rising demand from Western brands operating in the neighbouring country.</p> <p>Of the total earnings, woven items brought in \$102.18 million and knitwear \$34.26 million, according to Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh.</p> <p>Although Bangladeshi goods enjoy duty-free benefit in the Indian market, garment exports to India did not rise much due to the imposition of 12.5 percent countervailing duty on apparel items from Bangladesh.</p> <p>Bangladeshi garment exporters also face provincial taxes and non-tariff barriers in India, which has an apparel market worth nearly \$40 billion.</p> <p>Though India in 2011 allowed duty-free benefit to almost all Bangladeshi goods except 25 alcoholic and beverage items, it imposed the countervailing duty on apparel, Bangladesh's main export item, the following year.</p> <p>However, garment exports to India have been showing signs of pickup from last year when many Western clothing retailers started operating in that market.</p>	

<p><b>HALF A MILLION JOBS LOST AS TEXTILE CRISIS HITS PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY</b></p>	<p><b>Bloomberg</b>  <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-20/a-deserted-karachi-factory-signals-pakistan-s-textile-crisis">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-20/a-deserted-karachi-factory-signals-pakistan-s-textile-crisis</a></p>
<p>A neglected waiting area, empty reception and dim lights greet visitors at what used to be the biggest textile factory in the northern industrial area of Pakistan's economic hub.</p> <p>At its peak Al-Abid Silk Mills Ltd. employed 7,600 employees in Karachi, now only a handful can be seen in the near-abandoned garment workshop. It's one of hundreds that have shut down over the past few years, contributing to Pakistan's exports falling to their lowest in six years.</p> <p>Exporters from South Asia's second-largest economy, including textile manufacturers who account for more than half of all overseas shipments, say buyers have shifted to countries including Bangladesh and Vietnam as continual power outages impede their ability to meet order deadlines, while complaining that the government has provided scant support.</p> <p>"The government has never planned how we need to go forward with the textile industry," Naseem Sattar, the 80-year-old chief executive officer of Al-Abid, said as he smoked in his office in the derelict plant. "Such a factory is considered a national asset and we got no help."</p> <p>About 100 member factories have shut down and at least 500,000 people have lost jobs in the past two years, according to Saleem Saleh, acting secretary general of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association, the biggest contributor to the nation's textile exports. About two-thirds of the members of the Pakistan Bedwear Exporters Association have stopped working in the past five years, according to its head Shabir Ahmed.</p>	

<p><b>BREXIT MEANS BREXIT: IMPACT ON THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY</b></p>	<p><b>Innovation In Textiles</b>  <a href="http://www.innovationintextiles.com/brexit-means-brexit-impact-on-the-textile-and-clothing-industry/">http://www.innovationintextiles.com/brexit-means-brexit-impact-on-the-textile-and-clothing-industry/</a></p>
<p>On June 23, 2016, the British people voted in a referendum to end 43 years of membership of the EU. The result of the referendum came as a shock to many – not least to global financial markets. Within hours of the announcement of the referendum result, the value of sterling tumbled more than 10% to its weakest level against the US dollar since September 1985.</p> <p>Now, the business world is preparing for what will be a period of considerable uncertainty – as no country has left the EU before. The fall in sterling could work in favour of UK textile and clothing exporters, as it provides them with the option of maintaining their sterling prices in order to increase their sales volumes or increasing their prices to improve their margins. Also, the fall in sterling is likely to make UK textile and clothing imports more expensive and this could encourage UK retailers to source more from within the UK – with the added bonus of easier quality control and easier monitoring of compliance with environmental and employment standards.</p> <p>On the other hand, the fall in sterling could cause imports of raw materials to become more expensive. Another concern is the impact of Brexit on the UK automotive industry – which has thrived in recent years – and the potential knock-on effect this could have on the UK textile industry.</p>	

<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN FASHION &amp; TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS</b></p>	<p><b>Business2community</b>  <a href="http://www.business2community.com/fashion-beauty/opportunities-american-fashion-textile-manufacturers-01659891#QrZDp8HpkkZfUDhx.97">http://www.business2community.com/fashion-beauty/opportunities-american-fashion-textile-manufacturers-01659891#QrZDp8HpkkZfUDhx.97</a></p>
<p>The Fashion &amp; Apparel industry is one of the largest in the world. The industry generates over \$3 trillion a year, and none of it would be possible without a robust textile and apparel manufacturing sector. In 2014, manufacturers created nearly \$73 billion in revenue. Since the economic downturn of 2008, the clothing manufacturing sector has enjoyed a period of stability and growth. Since 2009, the industry has grown 11.4% and is expected to maintain a 0.7% annual growth rate.</p> <p>This is an excellent time to enter the textile manufacturing industry. Employment has decreased slightly, but is holding steady with 400 thousand workers employed in garment factories across the country. More importantly though, wages for workers have been increasing at a rate of 2.3% every year. The most encouraging news is the rate of business openings and closings. The rate of establishments being created is up 8.2%, and establishment deaths are down 13.8%. With promising figures and encouraging market trends, the future looks bright for clothing and textile manufacturers.</p>	

<p><b>GLOBAL PRICE DROP KEEPS AWAY BRAZILIAN COTTON TRADERS</b></p>	<p><b>Fibre2fashion.com</b>  <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/global-price-drop-keeps-away-brazilian-cotton-traders-191685-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/global-price-drop-keeps-away-brazilian-cotton-traders-191685-newsdetails.htm</a></p>
<p>Driven by a drop in global cotton prices, Brazilian cotton purchasers and sellers stayed away from the market, reducing liquidity in the Brazilian spot market in the fortnight ended September 15. The nearing of the end of cotton harvesting, with growers prioritising accomplishment of trades, also contributed to the trend in the reporting period.</p> <p>The CEPEA/ESALQ Index, with payment in 8 days, for cotton type 41-4, delivered in São Paulo, increased 1.07 per cent, closing at BRL 2.4827 or \$0.7509 per pound between August 31 and September 15.</p> <p>Quoting data from the Foreign Trade Secretariat, CEPEA said that in August alone, 56,100 tons of cotton was exported, up a staggering 238 per cent as against its previous month, in which 14,600 tons was exported.</p> <p>However, Brazilian cotton imports in the month of August fell to 2,900 tons, down a massive 58.4 per cent compared to July 2016.</p>	

<p><b>PM HASINA SEEKS DUTY &amp; QUOTA-FREE RMG ACCESS TO US</b></p>	<p><b>Fibre2fashion.com</b>  <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/international-textiles-trade-news/pm-hasina-seeks-duty-quota-free-rmg-access-to-us-191686-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/international-textiles-trade-news/pm-hasina-seeks-duty-quota-free-rmg-access-to-us-191686-newsdetails.htm</a></p>
<p>Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina has sought duty and quota-free access of readymade garments (RMG) from her country to the US. This would help Bangladesh expand its apparel industry, employ and empower more girls and help establish a modern society, she said. It would also push bilateral trade beyond the current \$7 billion between the two countries.</p> <p>“As Bangladesh strives to achieve its aspired goals, I urge you to come forth and partner with us in this journey of mutual profits and prosperity ... importantly, such a lucrative partnership would also strengthen our two countries' friendship,” the prime minister said while speaking at the luncheon meeting hosted by the Business Council of International Understanding (BCIU) in New York.</p> <p>The prime minister said that it would be vital for the US to give Bangladesh apparel duty and quota free access to its market in a bid to expand Bangladesh apparel industry, employ and empower more girls and help establish a modern society, BSS reported.</p> <p>The apparel industry in Bangladesh employs 4 million workers, of which 90 per cent are girls from poor families. The earnings of these girls now provide better nutritional food, allow siblings to go to schools, and give them a respected voice at home. Their empowerment is also helping reduce poverty, control population growth and increase literacy, Hasina said.</p>	

<p><b>39PC FEMALE GARMENT WORKERS GET MONTHLY WAGE BELOW TK 5,300</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Express Bangladesh</b>  <a href="http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2016/09/20/46573/39pc-female-garment-workers-get-monthly-wage-below-Tk-5,300">http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2016/09/20/46573/39pc-female-garment-workers-get-monthly-wage-below-Tk-5,300</a></p>
<p>Some 39 per cent of the female garment workers, interviewed in a survey, get monthly wage below Tk 5,300, while almost cent per cent of them have to work for 10 hours a day on an average.</p> <p>Besides, 30 per cent of the workers feel insecure in their workplace due to factory structure and inadequate emergency exits, and 55 per cent responded that their rights are violated due to absence of trade union.</p> <p>However, about 60 to 70 per cent ready-made garment (RMG) workers said their well-being has improved, and they can take part in decision-making in different issues of their family.</p> <p>The findings were disclosed at the launching ceremony of a research book titled 'Vulnerable Empowerment: Capabilities and Vulnerabilities of Female Garments Workers in Bangladesh.' It is jointly authored by Zahidul Arefin Choudhury, Samina Lutfu and Kaberi Gayen.</p> <p>Women get lower wages compared to their male counterparts, not only in RMG sector but also in agricultural and construction sectors, and the disparity is visible in RMG sector, he also said.</p>	

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Vietnam garment and textile sector due to order shortage likely to fail in achieving its export turnover target of US\$31 billion this year which will be decade's lowest growth level of 4.3 percent. Therefore, Truong Van Cam, deputy chairman of Viet Nam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) want to lower its export target to \$29 billion.

Cam said that domestic garment and textile firms should discuss with each other the difficulties in competing with foreign companies. They have also urged their member companies to avoid internal competition while enhancing co-operation to share orders. The local firms should strive to reach the export turnover of around \$2.66 billion a month in the year-end months to meet the whole year's target.

In fact, the sector will need basic and synchronous investments to not only overcome difficulties and ensure sustainable and fast growth.

Hung Yen Garment Joint Stock Corporation has 13 businesses with more than 14,000 labourers. The corporation targeted an export turnover of \$280 million, but by the end of last month had only reached \$160 million, posting a 10-per cent drop compared to last year.

Nguyen Xuan Duong, chairman of the corporation's management board, said that his firm had enough orders for this month, but in previous years the number of contracts at this time was usually enough for production until the end of the year.