



## The Southern India Mills' Association

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<b>SIMA RE-ELECTS SETHILKUMAR AS CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>Finre2fashion.com</b> <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/sima-re-elects-senthilkumar-as-chairman-191758-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/sima-re-elects-senthilkumar-as-chairman-191758-newsdetails.htm</a>
<p>The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) has unanimously re-elected M Senthilkumar, MD of BKS Textiles, Palladam as chairman of the association for 2016-17. P Nataraj, MD of KPR Mill, Coimbatore and K Vinayakam, MD of SCM Textile Spinners, Avinashi and MD of The Chennai Silks have been re-elected as deputy chairman and vice chairman respectively.</p> <p>Senthilkumar has over 40 years of experience in the textile field and has actively participated in various national and state level textile forums. He served as the chairman of Powerloom Development &amp; Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) – set up by the Union ministry of textiles, from December, 2002 to January, 2005. He is the promoter, chairman and managing director of Palladam Hi-tech weaving park (PHWP). PHWP is the first park to have been established under the Government of India scheme for integrated textile parks and this park became operational from April 2008. He is the director in Apparel, Made Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council, Gurgaon, Textile Sector Skill Council, New Delhi and SIMA Textile Processing Centre Limited, Cuddalore. He is the principal member on the Committee of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), New Delhi.</p> <p>P Nataraj is a member of the Committee of CITI, and also a member in the Textile Panel of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Coimbatore. He is also a committee member of the ICMF Cotton Development and Research Association. He is also vice president of Indian Cotton Federation, Coimbatore.</p> <p>K Vinayakam has turned The Chennai Silks as an icon for textiles in Tamil Nadu. He is MD of Space Textiles (P) Limited, Coimbatore which includes The Chennai Silks, Sree Kumaran Thangamaligan and SCM Textile Spinners. A product of The Chennai Silks has earned World Guinness Record in the textile field for “The Richest Sari” in the world.</p>	

<b>SIMA-CDRA NEW OFFICE-BEARERS</b>	<b>Business Line</b> <a href="http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/simacdra-new-officebearers/article9141304.ece">http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/simacdra-new-officebearers/article9141304.ece</a>
<p>B Lakshminarayana, Managing Director, Vantax Ltd has been unanimously elected Chairman of the SIMA Cotton Development and Research Association for the year 2016-17.</p> <p>R Elango, Executive Director, Sangeeth Textiles and R Ravichandran, Director, Veejay Yarns and Fabrics elected as the Deputy Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the association, as its 41st Annual General Meeting.</p>	

<b>KNITWEAR SECTOR WELCOMES CHANGES MADE IN EPCG SCHEME</b>	<b>The Hindu</b> <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/knitwear-sector-welcomes-changes-made-in-epcg-scheme/article9144501.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/knitwear-sector-welcomes-changes-made-in-epcg-scheme/article9144501.ece</a>
<p>Industrialists in Tirupur knitwear cluster are delighted as Union Government on Friday had accepted their pleas and made fresh changes with respect to availing of zero duty benefits under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme for machinery import.</p> <p>The new changes announced on the day, subsequent to the direct representations made by Tirupur delegation led by Tirupur Exporters Association president –elect Raja Shanmugam to Union Ministers over last few months, was that the person who runs a unit that carry out job works for the exporters could avail the zero duty benefits for machinery import by simply getting classified as ‘Common Service Provider’.</p> <p>This has come as a big relief as the garment industry was facing problems subsequent to an amendment in the Foreign Trade Policy that came into effect from July 1 last year, mandating the job working units in printing, dyeing and knitting, and other segments to establish a direct link between machinery imported and the finished goods exported.</p> <p>The said amendment last year had compulsorily made the EPCG licence holder to show documents such as copy of agreement entered between the licence holder and the ultimate exporter undertaking to export the goods manufactured, proof of despatching goods from the licence holder’s factory to the exporter’s firm and lorry receipt to show logistical movement, among others, to get the zero duty benefits for machinery import.</p>	

<b>நெகமம் கைத்தறி நூல் சேலைகளுக்கு புவிசார் குறியீடு கிடைக்குமா?- எதிர்பார்ப்பில் நெசவாளர்கள்</b>	<b>Tamil The Hindu</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/2diMWSf">http://bit.ly/2diMWSf</a>
<p>தினந்தோறும் உடுத்தி மகிழ, பெண்களுக்கு எத்தனை ரக ஆடைகள் நாள்தோறும் அறிமுகமானாலும், விழாக்களில் பெண்களுக்கு தனி மரியாதையை ஏற்படுத்தி கொடுப்பது சேலைகள்தான். அதிலும் காட்டன் சேலைகள் தனி இடம் பிடித்துள்ளன. நெகமம் காட்டன் சேலை, தமிழகத்தில் உற்பத்தியாகும் கைத்தறி சேலைகளில், தலைமுறைகள் பல கடந்து இன்றளவும் பேசப்படும் உலகத்தரமிக்க தயாரிப்பு. வெளிநாடுகளுக்கு அதிகரிக்கும் இதன் ஏற்றுமதியே அதற்கு சாட்சியாக அமைந்துள்ளது.</p> <p><b>தனி முத்திரை</b></p> <p>தமிழகத்தில், மதுரை, சேலம் பகுதி நெசவாளர்கள் கலைநயத்துடன் தயாரிக்கும் கைத்தறி சேலைகள், கண்டாங்கி சேலை, சின்னாளப்பட்டி சேலை, உறையூர் சேலை, சுங்குடி சேலை, செட்டிநாடு சேலைகள் என பல்வேறு இடங்களில் பல ரகங்களில் சேலைகள் தயாரிக்கப்படுகின்றன. அதற்கு இணையாக நெகமம் சேலைகள் தனி முத்திரை பதிக்கின்றன. இங்கு அழகிய வடிவமைப்பில் நெய்யப்படும் சேலைகளுக்கு தரமான நூல்கள் பயன்படுத்துவதால், சேலையின் தரம் குறையாமல் பெண்களிடம் வரவேற்பைப் பெற்றுள்ளது. காட்டன் சேலைகள் உடலை பாதுகாக்கும் கவசங்களாக உள்ளன என்பதால் இந்தியாவில் நல்ல வரவேற்பைப் பெற்று வருகின்றன. நெகமம் பகுதியில் தயாரிக்கப்படும் சேலைகள் கோவை காட்டன் சேலை ரகம் என்ற பெயரில் வெளிநாடுகளில் விற்பனையாகின்றன. இங்கு உற்பத்தியாகும் காட்டன் சேலைகள், 600 முதல் 1600 கிராம் வரை எடையுள்ளவை. இந்த ரகங்கள் ரூ.1,500 முதல் 2,500 வரை விற்பனையாகின்றன.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>கர்நாடகாவில் காவிரி நதி நீர் பிரச்சினையால் ரூ 200 கோடி டெக்ஸ்டைல் வர்த்தகம் கரூரில் பாதிப்பு</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Tamil Web Dunia</b>  <a href="http://www.tamil.webdunia.com/article/regional-tamil-news/rs-200-crore-loss-in-karur-textile-business-116092400043_1.html">http://www.tamil.webdunia.com/article/regional-tamil-news/rs-200-crore-loss-in-karur-textile-business-116092400043_1.html</a></p>
<p>கர்நாடகாவில் கடந்த 19 நாட்களாக காவிரி நதி நீர் விவகாரத்தில் உச்சநீதிமன்ற தீர்ப்பை எதிர்த்து கன்னட இயக்கத்தினர் தாக்குதல் நடத்துவதோடு, ஆங்காங்கே தமிழக பதிவெண் கொண்ட வாகனங்கள் லாரிகள், கண்டெயினர் ஆகியவைகள் மட்டுமல்லாமல் தமிழர்களையும் தாக்கி வரும் சம்பவத்தில், தமிழர்களுக்கு சொந்தமான வாகனங்களும் தீயிட்டு கொளுத்தப்படுகின்றது.</p> <p>இதுகூறித்து தனியார் டெக்ஸ்டைல் அதிபர் ஒருவர் கூறுகையில், கரூர் மாவட்டத்தில் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் பொருட்கள் முற்றிலும் தேக்கமடைவதோடு, உற்பத்திக்கு தேவையான பொருட்களும் மும்பை வழியாக கர்நாடகா வந்து தான் தமிழகம் வரும், ஆனால் இந்த பிரச்சினையை தொடர்ந்து நாள் ஒன்றுக்கு ரூ 10 கோடி வீதம் சரக்குகள் தேங்கி இன்றுடன் 19 நாட்கள் ஆவதால் சுமார் 200 கோடி வர்த்தகம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.</p> <p>மேலும் காவிரி நதி நீர் பிரச்சினையால் தமிழகத்திலிருந்தும், கர்நாடகாவிலிருந்தும் வாகனங்கள் செல்லாமல் அதன் மூலம் பாம்பே, டில்லி ஆகியவைகளிலிருந்து வரும் பொருட்கள் வரும் வழியில் லாரிகளை கொழுத்தியுள்ளனர். மேலும் இதனால் அங்கிருந்து ஜவுளி தொழிலுக்கு வரும் பொருட்களும் வரமால், இங்கிருக்கும் தயார் படுத்தப்பட்ட பொருட்கள் அங்கே செல்லமுடியாமல் தவிப்பதால் வர உள்ள வாய்ப்பு தள்ளிப்போகும் நிலை ஏற்பட்டால் ஜவுளித்தொழிலை நம்பியுள்ள லட்சக்கணக்கான தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலை இழக்கும் அபாயம் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது.</p> <p>ஆகவே வர உள்ள தீபாவளியை முன்னிட்டாவது மத்திய, மாநில அரசு நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தால் மட்டுமே டெக்ஸ்டைல் தொழில் சீர் நிலை அடையும், ஆகவே இந்த நடவடிக்கையை துரித வேகத்தில் எடுக்காவிட்டால் ஜவுளித்தொழில் முற்றிலும் நலிவடைவதோடு, இதை நம்பி இருக்கும் டைலர்கள், டெக்ஸ்டைலில் பணியாற்றும் தொழிலாளர்கள், ஏற்றுமதி நிறுவனத்தில் பணியாற்றுவவர்கள் என்று லட்சக்கணக்கான நபர்களுக்கு பணியில்லா திண்டாட்டம் ஏற்படும் நிலை உருவாகியுள்ளது என்றார்.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>MAHARASHTRA PLANS NEW POLICY TO RESTORE COTTON YIELDS</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Fibre2fashion.com</b>  <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/maharashtra-plans-new-policy-to-restore-cotton-yields-191757-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/textile-news/maharashtra-plans-new-policy-to-restore-cotton-yields-191757-newsdetails.htm</a></p>
<p>In order to restore falling agriculture yields, particularly cotton in the state, Maharashtra is planning to bring in a new policy, which will focus on promoting indigenous seeds rather than GM seeds. The new policy would debut after studying measures adopted by states, which have posted good growth in farming yields and thereby production.</p> <p>This was informed by Maharashtra agriculture minister Pandurang Fundkar, who said that while only 7,000 saplings of BT cotton can be planted on one acre of land, farmers can plant 100,000 saplings of hybrid cotton seeds in the same area. Media reports quoted the minister as saying that Madhya Pradesh recorded the highest growth in farming output at 20 per cent in the last fiscal, with Gujarat posting 8.45 per cent, Andhra Pradesh 8.40 per cent and Chhattisgarh 7.8 per cent.</p> <p>An expert committee will visit these high growth states and study the policies adopted by them to increase agricultural growth rate in Maharashtra.</p>	

<b>CCI TO ORGANISE SEMINAR IN MUMBAI ON SEPT 29</b>	<b>Fibre2fashion.com</b> <a href="http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/cotton-news/ci-to-organise-seminar-in-mumbai-on-sept-29-191752-newsdetails.htm">http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/cotton-news/ci-to-organise-seminar-in-mumbai-on-sept-29-191752-newsdetails.htm</a>
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Cotton Council International is organizing an Invitation only seminar on September 29th at Trident, Nariman point, Mumbai, which will offer useful insights on the present scenario of "Cotton" and Cotton Textile Industry in India. Cotton represents about 1/3rd of the world fiber usage and has been one of the most sustainable fibers for more than 7000 years, used to clothe and nurture mankind. The success of Cotton primarily comes from passionate farmers who have dedicated themselves to grow the fiber from one generation to the next and have passed on a legacy of "Growing the Passion" so that the mankind can cherish the fiber of their choice. The Spinning Industry has given a new dimension to cotton as spinning mills, through their innovative approach, have catered to the needs of changing fashion and have made cotton a trend setting fiber. Both the farming community and the spinning community have their set of challenges. Cotton farmers have a wide variety of choices to grow other crops, and similarly spinners have choices to spin other fibers. Nevertheless, the passion and the dedication from the farmers and Spinners have made Cotton -"The fiber of our choice". The leaders from the textile industry would deliberate at the seminar how they can work collaboratively so that the same passion can be passed on to the next generation of mankind.

<b>INDONESIA TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS REQUEST LEGAL CERTAINTY ASEAN COMMUNITY</b>	<b>Indonesia Investment</b> <a href="http://www.indonesia-investments.com/news/todays-headlines/indonesian-textile-manufacturers-request-legal-certainty-asean-community/item7216">http://www.indonesia-investments.com/news/todays-headlines/indonesian-textile-manufacturers-request-legal-certainty-asean-community/item7216</a>
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Textile companies urge the government to provide more legal certainty in relation to the continuously rising flow of imported textile products. The rising flow is the result of the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) at the start of 2016. The AEC has created a single market and production base within ASEAN member countries, implying that goods - including textiles and textile products - can flow freely within the region. However, Indonesian textile players say that many textiles that are imported from other ASEAN countries (and thus are free from import tax) actually originate from non-ASEAN countries.

This inflow of relatively cheap textile imports puts pressure on Indonesia's domestic textile manufacturing industry, an industry that has already been under pressure due to external and internal factors. Since the launch of the ASEAN China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) in January 2010, the Indonesian market has seen a great surge in cheap textile imports from China. Meanwhile, Indonesian textile manufacturers have difficulty to be competitive on a global scale as local gas prices are high, while the industry is highly dependent on imports of raw materials from abroad, which cause high production costs, particularly in times of rupiah depreciation.

<b>TEXTILE MINISTRY STARTS TRAINING PROGRAM</b>	<b>The International News</b> <a href="https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/152382-Textile-ministry-starts-training-program">https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/152382-Textile-ministry-starts-training-program</a>
<p>ISLAMABAD: Ministry of textile industry started a training programme for cotton growers about pest control and crop management to enhance the cash crop output in the country.</p> <p>About 5,000 progressive farmers and workers of field extension departments of the provincial agriculture departments would be trained initially about the pest control and crop management, said Cotton Commissioner Khalid Abdullah.</p> <p>Talking to APP he said in first phase of the training programme, around 5,000 cotton farmers across the crop growing areas would be trained and the numbers be multiplied in next phase of the programme.</p> <p>The main objective of the programme is the capacity development of local farmers against the pest attacks on cotton crop and usage of proper pesticides in proper quantity to control the outbreak, he added. The other aim of the training is to train the farmers and field extension workers about the crop management to enhance per acre crop production and minimise the input cost, he added.</p>	

<b>TEXTILE-GARMENT EXPORT GROWTH COOLS</b>	<b>Vietnamnet.vn</b> <a href="http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/business/164245/textile-garment-export-growth-cools.html">http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/business/164245/textile-garment-export-growth-cools.html</a>
<p>Vietnam shipped abroad US\$18.7 billion worth of textile-garment products in the January-August period, up 4.4% year-on-year, according to the Vietnam Cotton and Spinning Association (VCOSA).</p> <p>VCOSA vice chairman Nguyen Hong Giang said the growth slowed compared to that in previous years and below expectations due to a lack of orders and falling demand on global markets.</p> <p>If the tough situation continues, it will be hard for the sector to earn US\$29 billion in revenue this year, which is even lower the target of US\$31 billion set earlier this year, Giang said at a news briefing on Tuesday to introduce the 16th Vietnam International Textile and Garment Industry Exhibition (VTG 2016) slated to take place in November.</p> <p>The decrease in export orders resulted from mounting competition from rivals including China, India, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. In addition, Cambodia and Myanmar enjoy tax incentives when selling textile-garment products to the European Union (EU), making their products even more competitive.</p> <p>In the past two weeks, a number of textile and garment exporters have had no orders to fulfill, said Pham Xuan Hong, chairman of the HCMC Association of Garment-Textile-Embroidery-Knitting (AGTEK).</p> <p>Given fierce competition on global markets, Hong suggested firms invest in advanced machinery and equipment, choose high-quality materials to cut production costs and raise the competitiveness of their products, and focus on free-on-board (FOB) contracts.</p>	

<p><b>SAJJAD TEXTILE MILL ANNOUNCES SHIT DOWN</b></p>	<p><b>Daily Times</b>  <a href="http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/25-Sep-16/sajjad-textile-mill-announces-shut-down">http://dailytimes.com.pk/sindh/25-Sep-16/sajjad-textile-mill-announces-shut-down</a></p>
<p>110 textiles mills have already closed their operations in Pakistan due to unfavourable market conditions and continuous losses</p> <p>KARACHI: During the ongoing tenure of the pro-business government, another textile unit in Pakistan, Sajjad Textile Mills Limited, has announced its closure while 110 textiles mills have already closed their operations mainly due to increasing cost of doing business.</p> <p>The company stated in a filing with the stock exchange that the board of directors of the company in its latest meeting had decided to suspend the manufacturing operations of the Company with immediate effect.</p> <p>Sajjad Textile Mills reasoned that the company is going to close its manufacturing operations due to persistent unfavorable market conditions and continuous losses being sustained by the company.</p> <p>Sajjad Textile Mills Limited, a spinning company, was engaged in producing high quality combed and carded yarn.</p> <p>'In order to settle certain outstanding liabilities, the Directors proposed and approved to dispose off the machinery of the company in accordance with the prescribed procedure'. The company further informed its shareholders. It is important to mention here that the Sajjad Textile Mills limited, in a bid to deal with unfavorable business environment had installed new machinery last year in Card, Drawing and Ring Departments.</p>	

<p><b>VIETNAM'S GARMENT INDUSTRY CAN'T KEEP 'WAITING FOR THE TPP'</b></p>	<p><b>Vietnamnet.vn</b>  <a href="http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/business/163985/vietnam-s-garment-industry-can-t-keep-waiting-for-the-tpp.html">http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/business/163985/vietnam-s-garment-industry-can-t-keep-waiting-for-the-tpp.html</a></p>
<p>2016 is expected to be the most difficult year in the last decade for Vietnam's textile and garment industry. While waiting for preferential tariffs to be offered by the TPP, Vietnamese companies are seeing orders 'flee' to other countries.</p> <p>Fulfilling the business plan in the first six months of the year, Phong Phu JSC saw its export turnover decrease significantly against the first half of last year.</p> <p>The textile and garment industry this year expects a modest 6 percent growth rate in output and 2.5-3 percent only in turnover this year. Phong Phu's CEO said this shows stiff price competition in the world market.</p> <p>The EU market has shrunk with importers trying to force prices down or canceling orders. The Japanese and South Korean markets in the first six months of the year were also weaker than the same period last year, according to Vu Duc Giang, the chair of Vitas (Vietnam Textile &amp; Apparel Association).</p> <p>Giang said Vietnamese companies still can 'hold back' in the first half of the year, but since August, the lack of orders has put pressure on them. Not only small enterprises, but a Japanese-invested enterprise in Long An has also closed its workshops because of the lack of orders.</p>	