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Bharat Tex 2025 Kicks Off With Great Fanfare In New Delhi

With over 6,000 foreign buyers and 5,000 exhibitors, the event highlights India's growing role in global textiles, focusing on trade, sustainability, and innovation.

Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh inaugurated Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the beginning of one of the world's largest textile expos. The event, organized by a consortium of 12 Textile Export Promotion Councils with support from the Ministry of Textiles, runs from February 14-17 and showcases India's entire textile value chain.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to address domestic and international textile industry participants on February 16. The event has drawn 6,000 foreign buyers—double than last year's participation—reinforcing its status as the world's largest textile fair. With over 5,000 exhibitors and participants from more than 120 countries, Bharat Tex 2025 is a key platform for global trade, investment discussions and policy dialogues.



PM Modi to address the textile industry on 16th February at Bharat Tex 2025 Exhibition

With the theme "Resilient Global Value Chains and Textile Sustainability," the expo highlights India's growing influence in global textiles. Alongside the core exhibition, complementary showcases on ac-

cessories, garment machinery, dyes, chemicals and handicrafts are being held at the India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, from February 12-15.

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Bharat Tex 2025 will feature CEO roundtables, B2B and G2G meetings, and over 70 conference sessions covering critical topics such as global trade shifts, technical textiles, AI-driven manufacturing and sustainable fashion. A fusion of India's rich textile heritage with modern innovations is also a key highlight, with fashion shows, trend forecasts and cultural performances celebrating the country's craftsmanship.

The event reinforces India's 5F vision—Farm to Fibre, Fabric, Fashion, and Foreign Markets—positioning



The Union Minister of Textiles, Giriraj Singh along with the Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita lighting the lamp during the visit of Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi on February 14, 2025.

the country as a sustainable and reliable sourcing hub. Bharat Tex 2025 is set to drive high-value trade dis-

cussions, strengthen international collaborations and shape the future of the global textile industry. □

LNJ Bhilwara Group And Birla Cellulose Collaborate To Manufacture Functional Textiles With Graphene

LNJ Bhilwara Group companies, RSWM Ltd and TACC Ltd, have announced the signing of a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with Birla Cellulose, the cellulosic fibres division of Grasim Industries Ltd. This partnership marks a significant step in advancing the development of graphene technology for textile applications.

Graphene, a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice, is renowned for its exceptional strength, conductivity and lightweight properties. With applications spanning electronics, energy storage, coatings, composites, construction materials and textiles, graphene promises to revolutionize various industries, including textiles.

Key Highlights of the Collaboration:

- **TACC Ltd** will supply graphene derivatives to **Birla Cellulose**.



- **Birla Cellulose** will incorporate TACC's graphene derivatives into the production of viscose fibres.
- **RSWM Ltd** will utilize these graphene-enhanced viscose fibres for manufacturing high-performance textiles. This collaboration aims to drive textile

innovation by integrating graphene's remarkable properties into fabrics, improving durability, performance and sustainability. The partners are committed to exploring new possibilities for advanced, functional textiles that meet the demands of a rapidly evolving market. □

Reliance Industries Showcases Innovative Polyester Technologies At Bharat Tex 2025

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), India's largest private sector company, is making a significant impact at Bharat Tex 2025, showcasing its latest advancements in polyester technologies. The company is highlighting its industry-leading sustainable and performance-driven innovations, including R|Elan SuPer, HEXaREL Quanta, and other high-tech fabrics designed for circularity, functionality and consumer well-being.

BharatTex 2025, spanning 220,000 sq. metres with over 5,000 exhibitors and 120,000 trade visitors, provides an ideal platform for RIL to reinforce its commitment to sustainability and technological innovation. The event aligns with RIL's vision of driving growth through cutting-edge textile solutions that prioritize sustainability, waste reduction and circularity, strengthening India's position as a global leader in sustainable textiles.

Showcasing RIL's Pioneering Innovations

RIL is introducing several breakthrough products at Bharat Tex 2025, including:

- **HEXaREL Quanta** – A revolutionary fabric powered by graphene, a Nobel Prize-winning material, utilizing Far Infrared (FIR) technology to enhance comfort and well-being. With thermal regulation (Tog and Clo ratings), sweat-wicking, UPF sun protection, anti-static properties, and antimicrobial functionality, this fabric adapts intelligently to wearers' needs. Ideal for sportswear, innerwear, formal wear and home textiles, it ensures advanced comfort, hygiene and energy efficiency.
- **R|Elan SuPer** – A 3-in-1 fibre derived from post-consumer recycled PET bot-



tles, offering a natural fibre feel, superior moisture management and enhanced durability.

- **R|Elan Smartex** – A graphene-embedded fabric with anti-static, UV protection, odour control and cooling properties, ensuring all-day comfort and freshness.
- **r-SHT** – A high-tenacity polyester sewing thread made from 100% post-consumer PET bottles, providing high strength and low shrinkage.
- **ecotherm** – An innovative fibre crafted from polyester waste, offering superior warmth with a unique soft hand feel.

These innovations underscore RIL's leadership in creating sustainable, high-performance textile solutions for diverse applications.

R|Elan Circular Design Challenge: Shaping the Future of Circular Fashion

The R|Elan Circular Design Challenge (CDC), in collaboration with the United Nations in India, takes centre stage at Bharat Tex 2025. This initiative showcases successful sustainability-driven fashion innovations by CDC alumni, inspiring a global shift towards

circular textile practices.

Hemant D Sharma, President - Polyester Business, Reliance Industries Ltd, says, "At Reliance Industries, we believe that the future of textiles lies in sustainable and circular solutions. Our participation in Bharat Tex 2025 reaffirms our commitment to pioneering innovative polyester technologies that cater to market needs while advancing global sustainability goals. The R|Elan Circular Design Challenge provides an exciting platform to engage and inspire the industry toward a more sustainable future."

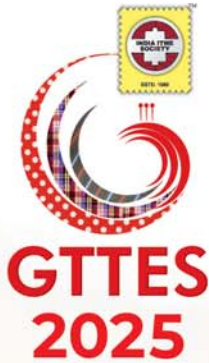
Driving Global Sustainability Efforts

Through its participation in Bharat Tex 2025, RIL aligns with the Ministry of Textiles' sustainability vision, further positioning India as a global hub for circular innovation. The event facilitates RIL's engagement with over 6,000 international buyers, fostering collaborations and expanding its global footprint. Sustainable products like GreenGold, EcoGold, ecotherm, and Kooltex continue to gain traction in global markets, reflecting the rising demand for high-performance and eco-friendly textiles. □

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Samir Joshipura
Group CEO, Trident Group

Sustainability Is Part Of Trident Group's Business Plan: Samir Joshipura

At Bharat Tex 2025, Trident Group, one of India's leading textile manufacturers, is showcasing a combination of heritage, luxury, and sustainability at their innovative stall. Under the leadership of **Group CEO Samir Joshipura**, the company is presenting its newest initiatives in both product design and operational sustainability, positioning itself as a frontrunner in the global textile industry.

Trident's stall is a visual and conceptual journey through time, representing the evolution of textiles from ancient civilizations to the modern-day. According to Joshipura, the theme of the stall is inspired by the various ages India and the world have witnessed, from the Stone Age to the

Puranic Age, each reflecting different aspects of health and wellness through the lens of Ayurveda. "In our stall, we don't just showcase products; we create an experience," he remarked. "We have four distinct areas, each focusing on a different theme. It's a unique way to engage our visitors and provide

them with an immersive experience."

One of the most notable aspects of Trident's display is the use of Kasturi cotton, which is gaining prominence in the textile industry. The Indian government's focus on boosting emissions for long staple fibres has further highlighted the significance of Kasturi, making it a key element in Trident's product offerings. Joshipura emphasized, "Kasturi is one of our key initiatives, and we plan to use it extensively across our products."

Sustainability is at the core of Trident's philosophy, not just in its operations but also in its product offerings. Trident's new luxury home collection, Luxe Home, was launched with a focus on eco-friendly designs. The collection features elegant, environmentally friendly products designed with a reduced use of chemicals and dyes, making them easier to recycle. Joshipura shared, "Sustainability is crucial for us. We are committed to creating products that are not only luxurious but also kind to the environment. Our premium customers understand this, and they are ready to invest in products that reflect these values."

Trident's commitment to sustainability extends beyond product design. The company is already operating as a zero-liquid discharge facility and is actively increasing its use of renewable energy. Joshipura revealed that Trident currently uses 20% renewable energy, with plans to increase this to 60% in the next couple of years. "Sustainability is not just a buzzword for us; it's a part of our business plan," he affirmed.

Bharat Tex 2025 has quickly established itself as one of the most significant events in the textile industry, and Trident's involvement reflects the company's strategic commitment to global growth. As a Gold Sponsor this year,

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Trident has further elevated its presence at the event. Joshipura sees the show as an essential platform for connecting global textile buyers and sellers. He noted, "Bharat Tex has become a key event, not only for local customers but also for our global audience. It's an opportunity to showcase the diversity India has to offer, especially as the global textile market shifts towards China-plus-one strategies."

The diversity of participants at Bharat Tex 2025 has been particularly significant for Trident. With India emerging as a key sourcing hub, Joshipura sees the event's growth as a direct reflection of India's evolving role in the global textile supply chain. "This year, Bharat Tex has expanded its global reach. It's not just about India anymore—it's a global event, and it's only going to get bigger," he said.

While sustainability is increasingly vital in the textile industry, Joshipura views it as an ongoing journey rather than a challenge. He highlighted the regulatory changes and pressure from customers as factors influencing Trident's sustainability efforts. "Sustainability is part of our business strategy," he stated. "Yes, the costs associated with sustainable practices can sometimes be higher, but they are necessary. We are ahead of the curve when it comes to implementing these practices, and this is something that is crucial for the future."

Trident's commitment to circularity is evident in its operations. The company's largest setup in Budhni, Madhya Pradesh, is a zero-liquid discharge facility, where all water is recy-



cled internally. Additionally, Trident runs a non-profit initiative called Haskakala, where unusable waste is transformed into marketable products through handmade processes. "We are also looking to be a non-fossil power producer by 2027," Joshipura shared, underscoring the company's long-term

sustainability goals.

Trident's financial performance remains robust, with the company maintaining strong balance sheets and healthy cash flow. While the company's profits remained relatively flat in the last quarter due to order and delivery shifts, Joshipura remains optimistic about future growth. "We are poised for an expansion phase, and we plan to kick-start our investments in the next financial year," he said. The company is also exploring greenfield expansions, with a focus on Madhya Pradesh, where it has significant land and infrastructure capacity.

The response to Trident's presence at Bharat Tex 2025 has been overwhelmingly positive. Joshipura observed that this year, the footfall has been more targeted and quality-driven compared to previous years. "The response has been fantastic, with a lot of genuine interest in our products and company. It's not just general walk-ins; we are seeing more focused visitors who are genuinely interested in what we offer." □



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Rajeev Gupta
Joint Managing Director of RSWM Ltd

RSWM Is Leading The Charge Towards A Sustainable Textile Future: Rajeev Gupta

At Bharat Tex 2025, **Rajeev Gupta, Joint Managing Director of RSWM Ltd.**, shared insights on the company's sustainable vision and its commitment to environmental responsibility. According to Gupta, RSWM, a leader in the textile industry, has integrated sustainability into its core philosophy which is deeply rooted in the concept of Panchtatva—the five elements derived from Hindu mythology: Fire, Earth, Water, Air and Space.

"Panchtatva is about understanding the responsibility we have towards our planet. Whatever we take from Mother

Earth, we must give it back," Gupta stated, emphasizing that this principle guides RSWM's operations, especially in its commitment to sustainability.

At Bharat Tex 2025, RSWM showcased its strengths in yarn, melange yarn, knitting and dyeing. The exhibition facilitated the company to highlight new product categories and demonstrate its ongoing growth. "We are here to tell our story, focusing on sustainability, product development and expansion," said Gupta.

Gupta also emphasized the growing significance of Bharat Tex as a platform that unites all sectors of the textile industry. "Bharat Tex has become a vital space where everyone, from machinery suppliers to garment manufacturers and the ultimate customers gather. It's where we can collectively shape the future of the industry," Gupta added.

Gupta reflected on Bharat Tex's role in shaping the future of both the Indian and global textile industries. "India is a US\$ 184 billion textile market, with expectations to grow to \$350 billion by 2030," he noted. RSWM views Bharat Tex as a crucial platform to demonstrate its capabilities and leverage government's support for growth.

Gupta also praised the government's initiatives, including increased textile budget allocations and import duties on fabric, which further strengthen Indian textile industry's potential. "This event brings together not just entrepreneurs and government officials but also foreign delegates and key players from both the backward and forward supply chain," he said, underscoring the importance of these global collaborations.

On the global stage, Gupta sees both challenges and opportunities. While India faces stiff competition from Bangladesh, which enjoys duty-free access to certain markets, Gupta believes India has the potential to capitalize on changing dynamics. "As Bangladesh stabilizes, buyers are considering

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'Bangladesh plus one' in their sourcing strategies. India must position itself as a strong alternative," he said.

Gupta remains optimistic about India's role in the global textile supply chain, noting that India is already a significant player in segments like home textiles and denim. "India is equipped with the best spinning, weaving and knitting capabilities, and with the right focus, we will secure a larger share of the garmenting business," he stated.

Sustainability, however, presents its own set of challenges, particularly in investment and waste management. Gupta stated that the unorganized waste collection process in India is a major hurdle. "The process of collecting

recycled PET bottles, for example, involves many intermediaries, and contamination remains a significant issue," he explained.

Despite these challenges, RSWM is actively working to address them. The company currently uses 20% green power and has set a target of 50% in the next five years. Additionally, RSWM is converting around 183 crore PET bottles annually into fibre, alongside transitioning from coal to biofuels in its boilers. "There is no plan B for sustainability. We are fully committed to making our planet better," Gupta affirmed.

Gupta also shared his optimism about the future of Bharat Tex. "This year, we're seeing greater international participation with the presence of for-

eign delegates and key industry stakeholders. Bharat Tex is becoming India's international textile showcase," he said. His enthusiasm for the event was evident, as he noted the high footfall on the first day, which offered RSWM valuable opportunities to connect with industry peers, customers, suppliers and government officials.

RSWM's participation in Bharat Tex 2025 reflects the company's enduring commitment to sustainability, growth and innovation within the textile industry. Gupta's leadership and the company's holistic approach to environmental responsibility position RSWM as a forward-thinking organization poised for success in the future in an ever-evolving global market. □



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Sanjay Jain
Group CEO, PDS Limited

We Are Expanding Our Operations In India & Showcasing Our World Class Products At Bharat Tex 2025: Sanjay Jain

At the Bharat Tex 2025 exhibition, **PDS Limited's Group CEO, Sanjay Jain**, shared insights into the company's key motivations for participating in the event, its sustainable initiatives and the exciting expansion plans in India.

Sanjay Jain emphasized the tremendous support from the Indian Government, highlighting the impact of initiatives like the PLI scheme and textile parks. He stated, "This is a fantastic effort by the Government of India and the Ministry of Textiles. PDS is committed to supporting India's growth

as a global textile player."

PDS has strong global connections, with over 60 offices in 24 countries. Jain explained, "We have the customer connect across the world, and our participation in Bharat Tex is a way to bring those buyers here and showcase India's growing manufacturing capabilities."

PDS is showcasing an assortment of products at Bharat Tex, including flagship offerings from Poeticgem, its UK-based business, and Techno, a subsidiary in Germany. "We bring a variety of products, from private brands to our sustainable initiatives, all with a focus on enhancing value for everyone in the supply chain," Jain noted. PDS is also highlighting their investments in sustainability through ventures like Upcycle Labs. Jain described how the company has turned discarded garments into anti-combustible bricks and other products, demonstrating their commitment to ESG practices. "We want to show the industry that we are invested in sustainable processes and technologies," he added.

Jain believes Bharat Tex 2025 will play a crucial role in shaping India's textile industry on the global stage. He said, "Bharat Tex is creating a significant buzz, and the combination of PLI schemes, textile parks and strong capital markets is positioning India as an emerging global textile hub."

PDS is expanding its operations in India, with a recent acquisition of a 55% stake in a manufacturing facility in Tirupur. "We want to demonstrate our commitment to our buyers and retailers by investing in India's key manufacturing clusters. We're focused on scaling up exports from India," Jain shared.

The facility, Knit Gallery, serves major customers such as Primark and TJ Maxx, and Jain sees great potential in scaling its operations. "We plan to increase exports significantly from this facility. This acquisition represents a combination of strategic intent and the opportunity to provide world-class products to our global customers," he explained.

PDS Ltd's participation in Bharat Tex 2025 reflects its dedication to advancing India's textile industry on the global stage, showcasing a commitment to innovation, sustainability, and continued growth. □



Vinod Kumar
Managing Director, Hohenstein India & Sri Lanka

Bharat Tex 2025 Is A Global Platform For Compliance & Sustainability: Vinod Kumar

Vinod Kumar, Managing Director of Hohenstein India & Sri Lanka, shares insights on the company's role in helping textile and chemical companies achieve global compliance and sustainability through OEKO-TEX certifications. At Bharat Tex 2025, Hohenstein is also expanding its outreach through a newly signed MoU with PDEXCIL to enhance awareness and compliance among its members.

Hohenstein has been at the forefront of textile testing and certification, with OEKO-TEX marking its 75th year in 2024. The journey began with OEKO-TEX Standard 100, a globally recognized certification for textiles, gar-

ments and fabrics. Over the years, additional standards such as Eco Passport for dyes and chemicals, STEP for sustainable production, and the recently introduced Organic Certification for organic cotton have strengthened their commitment to

quality and sustainability.

"Our certifications cover the entire supply chain - from raw materials to finished products," says Kumar. "By adhering to stringent OEKO-TEX standards, Indian manufacturers can align with global market expectations and enhance their exports."

With increasing regulatory demands from the EU, US and Indian markets, compliance has become a critical challenge for textile and chemical manufacturers. Hohenstein's expertise in international regulations, such as CPSIA in the US and evolving EU consumer protection laws, enables them to assist companies in adapting to changing requirements.

"We continuously evolve our testing parameters and standards," Kumar explains. "Regular training sessions, awareness programmes and direct industry engagement help companies stay updated on compliance changes and prepare for future regulations."

As the demand for sustainable and circular textile solutions grows, Hohenstein plays a key role in ensuring chemical safety and responsible manufacturing practices. "Sustainability is no longer an option but a necessity," Kumar notes. "Our STEP certification evaluates factories on six modules, including chemical management, environmental impact and recyclability, ensuring end-to-end compliance."

The company's Eco Passport certification is particularly significant in promoting cleaner chemistry in textile production. "With over 49,000 products listed in the ZDHC Gateway, Eco Passport has become a global benchmark for non-hazardous chemical formulations," Kumar adds. "By ensuring safe chemistry at the base level, we eliminate compliance risks before production even begins."

In a major step towards expanding compliance awareness in India, Hohenstein has signed an MoU with PDEXCIL at Bharat Tex 2025. This collaboration aims

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Rajesh S.
Standard Manager, GCL International Ltd.

GCL International Expands Its Reach At Bharat Tex 2025

The biggest innovation we see is in minimizing water use during textile processing, says **Rajesh S., Standard Manager, GCL International Ltd.**

At the Bharat Tex 2025 exhibition, GCL International Ltd., a UK-based certification body, made its presence felt as it aimed to expand its market reach beyond South India. "We are doing well in the southern part of India, but now we want to explore the northern part," said Rajesh S., Standard Manager at GCL International. GCL International specializes in sustainability standards for the textile and chemical industries. "For textiles, we certify GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard), OCS (Organic Content Standard), GRS (Global Recycled Standard), and RCS (Recycled Claim Stan-

dard). The key difference between them is that while OCS and RCS focus on organic and recycled materials, GOTS and GRS incorporate social, environmental and chemical criteria," Rajesh explained.

The organization also conducts environmental verifications, including Higg Index assessments. "Another emerging standard in the market is FSC (Forest Stewardship Council), which is gaining relevance due to the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)," he added. EUDR mandates compliance for wood-based products like viscose, lyocell, and modal imported into the EU, with a dead-

line set for December 31, 2025.

GCL International is an accredited certification body for Better Cotton Initiative (BCI). "We are one of the accredited certification bodies for BCI, just like for GOTS and GRS," Rajesh clarified. Their certifications cover multiple regions, including the UK, Europe, Turkey, India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, and other South Asia-Pacific nations.

With increasing global regulations like the EU's REACH, the US's TSCA, and India's evolving compliance landscape, GCL International helps companies navigate these frameworks. "We offer ZDHC (Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals) certification, which is equivalent to REACH compliance," Rajesh noted. "Furthermore, ISEAL, a recognized global body, is now scrutinizing sustainability standards to ensure alignment with evolving due diligence regulations."

As circularity gains momentum, GCL International is engaging with emerging standards. "We are in talks with a UK-based standard called WRAP, which focuses on circular economy practices. It involves product certification, lifecycle assessment and traceability," Rajesh revealed. Amazon is currently running a pilot project with WRAP to test its viability.

Bharat Tex 2025: A Platform for Growth

GCL International's participation in Bharat Tex 2025 is not only about certification promotion but also about market expansion. "We see a growing awareness among Indian manufacturers regarding sustainability standards like ZDHC and GOTS," Rajesh noted. "Earlier, only Western markets were concerned with compliance, but now Indian businesses are also integrating these standards."

The exhibition has been promising for GCL International. "On the first day itself we've had good visitor engagement. The kickstart has been positive, and we look forward to further interactions," Rajesh concluded. □



Suchit Dodhia
Director of Dodhia Group

NexTex: Empowering Next Generation Of Textile Entrepreneurs

The textile industry in India is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by innovation, sustainability and new business strategies. At the forefront of this change is NexTex, a dedicated leadership forum for second-generation textile entrepreneurs. Founded by **Suchit Dodhia, Director of Dodhia Group** and a leading force in the industry, NexTex aims to create a strong, collaborative community of young leaders who will redefine the future of India's textile sector.

In an insightful conversation, Dodhia shared his thoughts on the vision behind NexTex, its impact on the industry, and the role of the second generation in shaping the future.

The idea of NexTex was born from a

growing need for connection among second-generation textile entrepreneurs. According to Dodhia, while the first generation has played a pivotal role in building successful businesses, the second generation often lacks the same level of con-

nectivity. "The first generation is well connected, and they are the drivers for business. Many entrepreneurs have grown their businesses from zero to multiple crores. However, the second generation is already in the business, but we are not as well connected," he explained.

Dodhia noticed that young entrepreneurs were often not involved in industry councils, events or decision-making platforms. "That's when my brother Bhadresh got involved in such a council. The energy was different, and I thought, 'Why can't we also have a platform where our energy, our thoughts and our vision can be collaborated?'" he reflected.

The core idea behind NexTex is to create a space where young entrepreneurs can connect, share ideas and solve common problems together. "A problem for me could be a solution for someone else. If we are well connected, these problems can be easily mitigated rather than hiring professionals," Dodhia added.

The first event of NexTex will take place on February 15, 2025, at Bharat Tex 2025 in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This launch event is expected to attract over 300 registrations, signaling strong interest from young entrepreneurs eager to connect and collaborate. "This is just a launch event where we will show the vision of NexTex to the ministry and the crowd. We have invited panelists who are second-generation business leaders, and they will share how they scaled their businesses when they joined the family business," said Dodhia.

In addition to the keynote speeches, the event will provide ample networking opportunities. Delegates will gain insights into legacy expansion, modern business strategies and the importance of collaboration. "The value they will earn by joining this community is immense. It's all about building connections, learning from each other and growing together," he em-

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phasized.

Looking beyond the launch event, Dodhia shared his plans for NexTex's growth. He envisions regional chapters in the North, South and West zones of India, each led by influential leaders who will drive local initiatives. "We will need influencers or leaders from each zone. North, South, West will have their individual chapters, and the national chapter will be a place for quarterly or yearly events," he outlined.

NexTex will also bring mentors, industry experts and government officials into the fold. By connecting young entrepreneurs with experienced mentors, the platform will help address key business challenges. "We have a database of 400-500 people, and they will share their problems and solutions. We'll bring in the right mentors who can guide them," Dodhia said.

When asked about his message to the young generation of textile entrepreneurs, Dodhia emphasized the importance of taking risks and being bold in decision-making. Reflecting on his own journey, he shared, "When I joined the business, I was fortunate enough that the first generation gave me the leverage to take bold steps. I



introduced SAP and Kaizen Lean Implementation. It was a risk, but I succeeded and received the best manufacturing award in textiles by SAP."

He encouraged the young generation to innovate, even if it means stepping into uncharted territory. "My message is: take risks, try something new that your first generation may not have done. Even if you fail, remember there are people who have already succeeded and can guide you," he advised.

Dodhia also highlighted the significance of connectivity within the industry. "Your problem could be someone else's solution. So, the more connected we are, the more we can achieve. That's why NexTex is so important—it's about building these connections," he added.

NexTex represents a new era of growth and innovation for India's textile industry. As young entrepreneurs come together to share their insights and build stronger networks, the industry is poised for a future defined by collaboration, sustainability and strategic growth. With the guidance of experienced leaders and the energy of the next generation, NexTex is set to make a lasting impact on the future of textiles in India.

Dodhia's vision is clear: empower the second generation, foster strong connections, and drive India's textile industry forward. With the launch of NexTex, this vision is just beginning to take shape. "This could become a massive movement for second-generation entrepreneurs," he concluded. □

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to equip Indian textile exporters with the necessary knowledge and certifications to compete in international markets.

"Many small and mid-sized companies struggle with meeting global compliance requirements," Kumar explains. "Through this partnership, we will provide training, awareness programmes and hands-on support to help Indian manufacturers align with international sustainability and quality standards."

With increasing emphasis on bio-based dyes, circularity and stricter chemical regulations, Kumar believes the industry must proactively adapt to cleaner and greener chemistry. "Regulations will only get stricter, and companies that invest in compliance today will be ahead of the curve," he says. "By certifying products at the raw material stage, we help manufacturers reduce production failures, lower costs and improve sustainability."

Hohenstein sees Bharat Tex 2025 as a

crucial platform for fostering sustainability and compliance awareness within the textile industry.

"This is one of the biggest initiatives by the Indian government," Kumar remarks. "Unlike regional fairs, Bharat Tex 2025 brings together global brands, retailers and supply chain stakeholders under one roof. It provides an unparalleled opportunity for Indian manufacturers to showcase their compliance capabilities and attract international buyers." □

GHCL Textiles Showcases Innovative Products At Bharat Tex 2025

GHCL Textiles, a prominent manufacturer of premium yarn and fabrics, presented its innovative products at Bharat Tex 2025. The company is showcasing its diverse product range at stall no E19, Hall 1F during the event, which is one of the most anticipated gatherings in the textile industry. Bharat Tex 2025 offers a unique platform for GHCL Textiles to highlight its commitment to innovation, sustainability and excellence.

With a legacy spanning 95 years, GHCL Textiles has earned a reputation for delivering high-quality products and maintaining a customer-centric approach. The company operates two advanced manufacturing facilities in Tamil Nadu, with a total production capacity of 44,000 MTPA. Powered by state-of-the-art technologies and sustainable processes, GHCL Textiles serves major markets, both domestically and internationally.

GHCL Textiles shares Prime Minister



Narendra Modi's vision of 5F approach—Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign—and remains dedicated to enhancing India's textile ecosystem by integrating sustainability, advanced technology and high-quality manufacturing practices to meet both global and domestic market demands.

Balakrishnan R, CEO of GHCL Textiles, commented, "We are excited to be part of

Bharat Tex 2025, India's largest-ever global textile event. Our focus on innovation and sustainability, driven by values of integrity and reliability, ensures we offer the highest levels of customer satisfaction. The event presents a perfect platform to network with global and domestic buyers and exhibitors, while gaining insights into the latest trends and advancements in the textile sector." □

Enviu Showcases Circular Solutions For Textile Waste At Bharat Tex 2025

Enviu, a leading organization in circular solutions for environmental challenges, is set to showcase its ventures at the Textile Waste Value Chain display at the Sustainability Pavilion at Bharat Tex 2025. With over 20 years of experience in creating sustainable solutions, Enviu is transforming the textile waste landscape in India by recovering and reclaiming value from discarded textiles.

Closing the Loop: A Comprehensive Circular Solution

Enviu's Closing the Loop Program, co-developed with partners, focuses on creating an efficient textile waste management system that minimizes environmental impact while turning waste into valuable products. This programme helps close the loop by diverting textile waste from landfills and generating new products that contribute to a circular economy. By partnering with stakeholders across the textile waste value chain, Enviu is setting a new standard for sustainable practices in the

industry.

Pioneering Circular Solutions in the Textile Industry

The Textile Waste Value Chain Showcase at Bharat Tex 2025 tells the story of textile waste management—from collection by waste pickers and informal workers, to sorting, segregation, pre-processing and recycling. The display highlights Enviu's ventures, which turn textile waste into valuable products, driving both environmental and social progress. □



