

India Responding to Global Textile Demand with Strength and Confidence: MoS Pabitra Margherita

Outstanding performers across various categories of Technical Textile Exporters Honoured at MATEXIL's Export Award Function in Mumbai

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Global demand for textiles is at an all-time high, with the world increasingly turning toward high-performance, functional and sustainable materials. India is responding to this shift with strength and confidence, said Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, while addressing the Manmade and Technical Textiles Export Promotion Council (MATEXIL)'s Export Award Function for 2023-24 and 2024-25 in Mumbai today.



MoS Shri Margherita conferred awards for export excellence in technical textiles. Nearly 80 outstanding performers from the sector were honoured across various categories.



Congratulating the awardees, Shri Margherita said the celebration was not only about recognising winners but also about acknowledging every worker, engineer, designer, entrepreneur and exporter who drives the textile sector forward. “Your work gives strength to millions of families and pride to our nation,” he remarked.



The Minister noted that man-made fibres (MMF) and technical textiles are at the forefront of the global shift toward sustainable and advanced materials. MMF today accounts for nearly 70–75% of the global fibre market, signalling a significant transformation in consumer demand and industrial applications. “India is responding to this shift with strength and confidence,” he added.

Shri Margherita highlighted that India’s MMF exports grew by 6.5% in 2024–25, while technical textiles exports increased by over 15%, reflecting the nation’s rising competitiveness in this sunrise sector. With global demand continuing to grow, India is poised to capture a larger share of the expanding international market. He emphasised that India’s high-quality products are strengthening the country’s reputation as a trusted global partner.

“Together, we move towards the goal of USD 100 billion in textile exports and a USD 350 billion textile market by 2030, aligned with our vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047,” he said.

Shri Margherita also stressed the practical approach of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Textiles Minister Shri Giriraj Singh in easing industry constraints and strengthening value-chain opportunities. He said the Ministry of Textiles has implemented transformational initiatives such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme and the National Technical Textiles Mission, which are enhancing capabilities at every stage of the value chain. He assured that the Ministry stands firmly with all stakeholders in the textile ecosystem.

The dual-year awards highlighted strong performance across 2023–24 and 2024–25, a period during which India’s technical textiles sector recorded robust growth driven by innovation, diversification and global expansion. Awards were presented across twelve categories—including agro, medical, industrial and protective textiles—in recognition of exemplary contributions to India’s export excellence.

Prominent awardees included Garware Technical Fibres Ltd., Arvind Limited and KT Exports India Pvt. Ltd., among other leading industry players. Special awards were also presented to organisations and individuals for their significant contributions to strengthening India’s technical textiles ecosystem.



MATEXIL’s Technical Textiles Dossier was also released during the event. A panel discussion on “Prospects and Potential for Technical Textiles Exports by GenNext” featured young entrepreneurs and thought leaders who discussed emerging market trends, sustainability imperatives and global opportunities.

Dignitaries present at the event included Chairman of MATEXIL Shri Shaleen Toshniwal; Convenor of the Technical Textiles Subcommittee Shri Pramod Khosla; Immediate Past Chairman Shri Bhaderesh Dodhia; and Vice Chairman

Shri Anil Rajvanshi, along with senior government officials and key stakeholders from the textiles industry.

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