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“Textiles Summit 2026” concludes with focus on Sustainability, Exports and Global Market Expansion

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The Ministry of Textiles successfully concluded the two-day Textiles Summit 2026, held from 23rd to 24th June 2026. The summit brought together representatives from State Governments, industry, and academia, fostering collaborative dialogue on the sector’s growth and future roadmap.

Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh in his concluding remarks stated that the time was for executing the District and State plans with a proactive mindset. Emphasis was laid on appropriate product-market mix, value addition, compliance with sustainability and environmental standards, leveraging FTAs and focus on niche products.

Secretary, Ministry of Textiles,Smt.Neelam Shami Rao in her closing remarks, emphasised that the deliberations at the Summit mark a decisive step towards transitioning from dialogue to action. She highlighted to translate recommendations received from States, districts, industry stakeholders and Export Promotion Councils into a comprehensive National Textile Export Roadmap. The sector will prioritise high-value segments, quality, innovation and sustainability, supported by stronger institutional coordination to boost exports and enhance India’s global textile trade presence.

In a Special Session of the Summit, Commerce Secretary, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, in his address, urged the textiles industry to intensify efforts to leverage the benefits of recently concluded Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) at the earliest so as to maximise gains. He emphasised the need to address information asymmetry at the district level as a critical step towards enabling exporters to effectively utilise FTAs, and highlighted the range of export promotion interventions undertaken by the Government of India. The booklets on "Leveraging recent FTAs- a Textiles perspective" was commended by Secretary while indicating that the Department of Commerce had done 500 workshops. Moreover, he exhorted the States/UTs to be part of the revived District as Export Hubs (DEH).

On its second and concluding day, following the engagements of Day 1, the summit commenced with group presentations by representatives from States and Union Territories. These presentations summarized the key discussions and outcomes of the breakout sessions held on 23rd June 2026, highlighting strategic recommendations and actionable insights for enhancing the textiles sector exports in alignment with the textiles sector target of USD 100 billion export by 2030.

The second day of the Textiles Summit 2026 featured the concluding two of the five key sessions held over the two-day event. Among these, the first session focused on ‘*Quality, Sustainability Certifications and Sourcing Decisions*,’ encompassing a wide range of deliberations. Discussions highlighted the translation of global brand requirements into actionable state-level cluster strategies, promotion of digital product passports for traceability, and exploration of closed-loop recycling pathways to advance circularity in the textiles sector. The session also underscored the importance of strengthening collaboration between municipal bodies and states for textile waste management, bridging the gap between academic R&D and commercially viable recycling systems, simplifying compliance frameworks for MSMEs, and harmonising national policies with evolving international regulatory standards to enhance sustainability and global competitiveness.

The final session of the summit focused on ‘*Export Enablement, FTA Utilisation and Market Diversification*’, setting out a comprehensive roadmap to strengthen India’s textile export ecosystem. Deliberations from a cross section of speakers entailing representatives from State Governments, academia and industry emphasised leveraging tariff advantages under Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) to drive export growth, while prioritising sustainability, standards, and mutual recognition frameworks. The session highlighted the need to improve ease of doing business, market diversification, attract anchor investors, and promote product diversification with a strengthened focus on man-made fibres (MMF). Discussions also underscored the importance of developing in-house design capabilities, responding to evolving consumer preferences, and building globally competitive ‘Champion MSMEs.’ In addition, enhancing export finance, risk mitigation mechanisms, and strategic market access initiatives were identified as critical enablers for boosting exports and promoting Brand India in international markets.

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