

Union Minister of Textiles Inaugurates Bharat Tex 2026; India's Largest Global Textile Event Opens with Record International Participation

Bharat Tex 2026 -Where India's Textile Vision Meets the World's Trade Ambition

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Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, today inaugurated Bharat Tex 2026, India's flagship global textile event, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the commencement of the world's largest integrated textile value chain event with record international participation. Organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) with the support of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Bharat Tex 2026 has brought together more than 6,000 buyers from over 130 countries, and over 1.3 lakh trade visitors, spanning more than 1.6 million sq. ft. of exhibition space and featuring over 20,000 textile products, reaffirming India's emergence as a trusted global sourcing destination and a strategic partner in resilient, sustainable and innovation-driven textile value chains.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for Textiles; Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles; senior officials of the Government of India; Shri Naren Goenka, Chairman, and Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Co-Chairman, Organising Committee, Bharat Tex; Ministers and Officials from partner States; global buyers; sourcing heads; industry leaders; exporters; investors; and representatives from across the international textile ecosystem.





Reflecting on Bharat Tex's growing international profile, the ceremony was also attended by the Russian Ministerial delegation led by Timur Gavaev, Minister of Agriculture, Russian Federation and also attended by High Commissioner and Ministerial Delegations from New Zealand led by Mark Patterson, Associate Minister of Agriculture and Minister for Rural Communities, further reinforcing the event's emergence as a platform for global trade and policy dialogue.

Underlining the truly national character of this edition, the event has brought together eight Sponsor States, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, alongside nine participating States and Union Territories, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Manipur, Rajasthan and West Bengal, showcasing their industrial infrastructure, investment opportunities and policy support.

The event was also graced by the presence of Punjab Chief Minister Shri Bhagwant Mann and Bihar State Industries Minister Ms Shreyasi Singh. From Tamil Nadu Minister of Handlooms, Textiles and Khadi minister Thiru M. Vijay Balaji, and Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Minister Ms. Selvi



To further strengthen Centre-State-industry collaboration, dedicated State Investor Connect Sessions are being held for Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana and Tamil Nadu over the course of the event, including a focused PM MITRA Master Developer Session for Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, aimed at translating policy support into on-ground investment.

Beyond the inaugural stage, Bharat Tex 2026 will host over 350 speakers, including international experts, industry leaders, CXOs, policymakers and thought leaders from more than 20 countries, supported by a dedicated International Pavilion for structured cross-border engagement. Industry and business delegations from the United States, Japan, Spain, United Kingdom, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, New Zealand, the UAE, Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, among others, are expected over the four days.

Special bilateral sessions will cover the India-US cotton partnership, the India-New Zealand wool ecosystem, the India-UK FTA in action, a dedicated Japan delegation engagement and Russia-focused textile discussions.

Bharat Tex 2026 showcases India's complete textile ecosystem, with thousands of business exhibitors spanning fibres, yarns, fabrics, apparel and fashion, home textiles, technical textiles, handlooms, handicrafts, machinery and ancillary industries, alongside India's renowned textile clusters such as Tirupur, Ichalkaranji and Ahmedabad. International exhibitors from 14 countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Portugal, Spain, New Zealand, South Korea, South Africa and Nepal, are participating, alongside institutional representation from the United Nations and European Union, and key industry sponsors including Trident, Vardhman Textiles, RSWM, Shahi Exports, Colorjet, Arvind, PDS Limited and Sattva. Over four days, the event serves as a comprehensive platform for trade, investment, policy dialogue and international business engagement, bringing together stakeholders from across the global textile value chain.

Addressing the event, Shri Giriraj Singh said that Bharat Tex has, within just three editions, evolved into a globally recognised platform for trade, investment, innovation and policy dialogue, reflecting the confidence of the global textile industry in India's manufacturing capabilities, policy ecosystem and long-term growth potential. Referring to the Prime Minister's 5F Vision from Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign, he said Bharat Tex has become a powerful platform connecting Indian enterprise with global markets while strengthening India's position across international textile value chains.

Reflecting Bharat Tex's growing international stature, the inaugural ceremony also witnessed the exchange of a Letter of Intent (LoI) between the Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) and Première Vision Paris, one of the world's foremost textile and fashion sourcing platforms. The LoI was signed by Ms. Florence Rousson, Chief Executive Officer, Fashion Division, Première Vision SA, and Shri Naren Goenka, Chairman, BTTF, in the presence of Shri Giriraj Singh. The strategic partnership marks a significant step towards deepening India-Europe collaboration across innovation, sustainability, design excellence, trend intelligence, buyer-seller engagement and global market access, while creating new opportunities for Indian manufacturers, exporters, MSMEs and designers to engage with leading international brands and fashion houses.

The partnership establishes a framework across three areas: an exhibition partnership between Bharat Tex and Première Vision Paris, joint export promotion to enhance the visibility of Indian and French manufacturers in European and global markets, and a Joint Steering Committee to guide implementation. The collaboration is expected to facilitate greater institutional cooperation, reciprocal participation in major textile events, exchange of global best practices, promotion of sustainable sourcing and stronger business linkages between Indian industry and the international fashion ecosystem, further elevating Bharat Tex as a globally recognised textile platform.

Speaking on the partnership, Shri Giriraj Singh said, *“This partnership is another significant step in positioning Bharat Tex as a truly global platform. It will help Indian MSMEs, first-time exporters and manufacturers connect with leading European buyers, while showcasing India's strengths as a reliable, innovative and sustainable sourcing destination. It also reinforces India's growing role as a trusted partner in the global textile value chain.”*

Over the next four days, Bharat Tex 2026 will host more than 100 knowledge sessions, comprising 39 panel discussions, 16 roundtables, 37 masterclasses and 8 State sessions, supported by more than 50 knowledge partners and covering themes such as trade and investment, sustainability, Industry 5.0, innovation, technical textiles, fashion, policy and global sourcing. Alongside these sessions, the platform

is set to facilitate over 4,000 curated B2B meetings, more than 100 B2G meetings and the signing of over 30 MoUs spanning trade, investment, technology, sustainability and market access, translating conversations into commerce across the global textile value chain.

The event will also host the CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2026, recognising responsible business practices across seven focus areas: Resource Efficiency, Energy & Emissions, Circular Economy, Sustainable Materials, Social Responsibility, Responsible Business and Industry Collaboration.

To enable seamless engagement, Bharat Tex 2026 is leveraging its Mobile App and Pre-Fair Directory as integrated digital business platforms, enabling exhibitor discovery, meeting scheduling, event navigation, QR-based lead capture, digital badge access, AI-assisted support and advance buyer-seller matchmaking for a more efficient, data-driven business experience.

As India's flagship global textile event, Bharat Tex 2026 underscores the country's transformation into a globally trusted textile manufacturing and sourcing hub. By bringing together governments, industry, innovators, investors and buyers on a single platform, the event reinforces India's leadership in building resilient, sustainable and future-ready textile value chains while advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

About Bharat Tex 2026

Bharat Tex 2026 is India's flagship global textile event organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF), an umbrella body of Textile Export Promotion Councils and industry associations, with the support of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Being held from 14th – 17th July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, the event showcases India's complete textile value chain and serves as a premier platform for global trade, investment, innovation, sustainability and international collaboration in the textile and apparel sector.

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