

Bharat Tex 2026 Day 2 Spotlighted State Opportunities and India's Expanding Global Trade Partnerships

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The second day of **Bharat Tex 2026** placed a strong focus on state-led growth, investment opportunities and India's expanding textile trade partnerships with global markets. The programme for the day brought together State Governments, policymakers, industry representatives and trade experts to discuss measures to strengthen manufacturing, attract investment and improve the global competitiveness of India's textile and apparel sector. Bharat Tex 2026, being held from **14 to 17 July 2026**, provided a major platform that connected India's textile heritage, manufacturing capabilities, innovation, and international markets.



Shri Giriraj Singh, Union Minister, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, joined by Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, during an official interaction at Bharat Tex 2026.

A key highlight of the day was the **Uttar Pradesh State Session**, organised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The session presented the State's growing textile ecosystem and its potential across manufacturing, apparel, handloom, handicrafts and other segments of the value chain. **Shri Rakesh Sachan**, Minister for Handloom and Textiles, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and **Shri Ravindra Jaiswal**, Minister of Stamp and Court Fee and Registration, Government of Uttar Pradesh, were the key dignitaries associated with the session.



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The programme also featured the **Karnataka State Session**, organised by the Government of Karnataka. The session provided a platform to highlight Karnataka’s capabilities in textiles and apparel, its strong industrial base and the opportunities available for enterprises seeking to expand their manufacturing and sourcing operations. The **Government of Maharashtra** organised a State Session titled “**Maharashtra: An Attractive Global Destination for Technical Textiles in India.**” Shri Sanjay Savkare, Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, was the key dignitary associated with the session. The discussion showcased the State’s potential in technical textiles and its position as an important destination for technology-led manufacturing and investment. It also underlined the growing importance of high-performance and specialised textile products in supporting India’s industrial development.



Shri Sanjay Savkare, Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, visits Bharat Tex 2026 and attends a session titled “Maharashtra: An Attractive Global Destination for Technical Textiles in India.”

Global trade and Free Trade Agreements formed another important part of the Day 2 programme. The session titled **“Scaling Through Synergy: Building Local Capability to Power Global Textile Value Chains”** by ITMF & ASSOCHAM focused on strengthening domestic capabilities and connecting Indian enterprises more effectively with international textile value chains. The roundtable titled **“India’s FTA Moment: Gateway for Textile Value Chains, Market Access and Sourcing Decisions”** by Deloitte examined how India’s Free Trade Agreements could create new opportunities for textile and apparel manufacturers, exporters and sourcing organisations. The discussion focused on improved market access, stronger value-chain integration and informed sourcing decisions in a changing global trade environment. Famous Indian designers **Rahul Mishra and Vaishali Shadangule** participated in a discussion that was focused on Brand India, named **‘Global Ambitions: Redefining Retail Growth Beyond Borders’** at **Bharat Tex**. Besides that, a Fireside Conversation on ‘Building Global Fashion Enterprises from India: Innovation, Sustainability and Scale’ by NIFT also took place.



A productive session chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh on Brand India, named 'Global Ambitions: Redefining Retail Growth Beyond Borders' at Bharat Tex

A Ministerial Discussion titled **“India–UK CETA in Action: Shaping the Future of Textile Trade and Investment”** by Deloitte further strengthened the day’s international trade agenda. The session examined the opportunities emerging from the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and its potential to support textile trade, investment and business partnerships between the two countries. The session titled **“Beyond China: Building Tariff-Safe, Compliant & Traceable Hemp Supply Chains for Global Markets”** by Heartland Industries addressed the need for diversified and dependable supply chains. It highlighted the importance of tariff preparedness, compliance and traceability in enabling Indian businesses to serve global markets with greater confidence. Also, **CITI Textile Sustainability Awards 2026**, takes place, recognising responsible business practices across seven focus areas: Resource Efficiency, Energy & Emissions, Circular Economy, Sustainable Materials, Social Responsibility,

Responsible Business and Industry Collaboration. **Dr. Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh**, will be visiting on **Day 3** of the event to interact with exhibitors, encourage entrepreneurs, and witness the state's growing textile capabilities at the **Madhya Pradesh Pavilion**.

Through these focused engagements, **Day 2 of Bharat Tex 2026** reinforced the role of State Governments in building competitive textile ecosystems while advancing India's engagement with global markets. The discussions encouraged investment, strengthened domestic capabilities and helped Indian textile enterprises explore the effective use of emerging trade opportunities. Bharat Tex 2026 continued to bring India's complete textile value chain onto a common platform, enabling dialogue among governments, industry leaders, manufacturers, exporters, buyers and international partners. The State and FTA-related sessions held during the day reflected India's commitment to building a globally connected, investment-ready and future-focused textile sector.

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