

Bharat Tex 2026 Day 3 Advances Sustainable Textiles, Circularity, Future-Ready Skills and Global Trade

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The third day of **Bharat Tex 2026** brought together policymakers, State Government representatives, industry leaders, investors, international organisations, brands, academic institutions and sustainability experts for focused discussions on circularity, responsible sourcing, textile financing, future-ready skills, global trade and technology-led growth. A series of panel discussions, roundtables, workshops, masterclasses and industry interactions highlighted practical pathways for building a competitive, inclusive and environmentally responsible textile sector. A key highlight of the day was the participation of **Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh**, who visited the Madhya Pradesh State Pavilion and interacted with representatives showcasing the State's textile heritage, manufacturing capabilities and investment potential. Dr. Mohan Yadav subsequently participated in the **Madhya Pradesh State Session**, organised by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The session highlighted the State's strengths across the textile value chain and its potential to attract investment, expand manufacturing, generate employment and support industry-led growth. A media interaction was also held following the session. Dr. Mohan Yadav highlighted the State's textile potential and investment opportunities.



Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, is interacting with exhibitors and exploring innovative textile solutions during a visit to the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion at Bharat Tex 2026.



Shri Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India, and Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, during the Madhya Pradesh State Session at Bharat Tex 2026.

The day's discussions featured leading voices from industry, international organisations and sustainability institutions. The National Institute of Fashion Technology-led discussion **“Indian Trends to Global Taste: Forecasting for Billion Consumers (VisionNxt)”** featured **Shri Nand Kishore Chaudhary, Chairman, Jaipur Rugs Company Private Limited**, and **Shri Riccardo Rami, Founder, Riccardo Rami Studio, Italy**. The discussion highlighted India's potential to shape global fashion trends by combining consumer insights, indigenous knowledge and contemporary design.



Shri Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India, joins dignitaries, international experts and industry representatives for the unveiling of the VisionNxt trend publication during the session “Indian Trends to Global Taste: Forecasting for Billion Consumers” at Bharat Tex 2026.

Sustainability and circularity remained central to the programme. The United Nations Development Programme session on the **India Sustainable Textile Mark** featured **Ms. Nalini Shekar, Co-Founder, Hasiru Dala**, and focused on establishing a credible social and environmental benchmark for Indian textiles and apparel. The session **“Wheat Straw to Wardrobes”** featured **Dr. Ravinder Tuteja, Material Program Lead, H&M**, and explored the development of next-generation textile fibres from agricultural residue. The roundtable **“Circular Textile: From Dialogue to Deployment”**, featuring **Shri Archish Kansal, Director, Respun**, focused on translating circularity commitments into practical and scalable solutions. The discussion **“Fair Commodity Pricing: An Industry Model for an Equitable and Resilient Organic Cotton Value Chain”** featured **Shri Jagjeet Singh Kandal, Country Director, India, IDH India Hub Private Limited**, and **Ms. Danique Lodewijks, Sustainable Raw Materials Manager, Bestseller**. The session underlined the need for transparent pricing, protection of farmer interests and long-term partnerships across the organic cotton value chain. The panel **“Financing a Globally Competitive, Sustainable, Inclusive Supply Chain”**, featuring **Shri Aakash Shah, Partner, Peak Sustainability Ventures**, examined financing mechanisms for resilient and responsible textile supply chains.

The Better Cotton Initiative roundtable **“Dialogue for Sustainable Sourcing Solutions to Drive Textile Trade”** brought together **Ms. Eva Benavidez Clayton, Senior Director of Demand and Engagement, Better Cotton Initiative**; **Shri Paul Wright, Group Environmental, Social and Governance Executive Director, PDS Limited**; **Shri Anant Ahuja, Director of Environmental, Social and Governance and Sustainability, Shahi Exports Private Limited**; **Shri Dilip Kumar, Traceability Manager, Marks and Spencer**; and **Shri Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Material Development Lead, IKEA Group**. The deliberations focused on responsible sourcing, traceability and stronger collaboration among brands, manufacturers and suppliers to support sustainable textile trade. The roundtable **“Weaving Capital In: Investor Perspectives on India’s Textile Sustainability Journey”** featured **Ms. Ranjna Khanna, Senior Director, Programs, Impact Investors Council**; **Shri Jai Kumar Gaurav, Senior Advisor for Climate Change and Circular Economy, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit**; and **Dr. Priya Nagaraj, Head, Green Economy and Innovation, Council on Energy, Environment and Water**. The discussion examined investment in clean technologies, circular business models and inclusive enterprises across India’s textile sector.



The e-commerce masterclass **“From Bharat to the World”**, featuring **Shri Pulkit Nanda, Head of New Seller Recruitment, Global Sales, Amazon Global Selling**, highlighted how export preparedness and digital marketplaces can help Indian textile enterprises reach global customers. A fireside conversation with **Dr. M. Beena, IAS, Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India**, and **Ms. Priyambada Jayakumar, Author and Historian**, reflected on India’s handloom heritage, the contribution of weavers and artisans, and the importance of connecting traditional knowledge with contemporary markets. The day concluded with the **“Sustainability Conclave: Learnings and Takeaways — Closing Plenary Session,”** featuring **Ms. Aarti Mohan, Co-Founder and Partner, Sattva Media and Consulting Private Limited**, which consolidated the day’s key insights and called for coordinated action across finance, sourcing, technology, skills and circularity.

A panel discussion **“Why Indian Fabric Players Struggle to Integrate into Garmenting and What It Will Take to Succeed”** included **Shri Shreyaskar Chaudhary, Managing Director, Pratibha Syntex Limited**, and **Shri Kartikayan Ravichandran, Associate Partner, Vector Consulting Group**. The session examined the operational and strategic capabilities required for Indian fabric manufacturers to expand successfully into garment production. The masterclass on **“Integrating Sustainable Chemical**

Management Frameworks into Policy”, led by Shri Saket Damodar Kulkarni, Senior Regional Manager for South Asia, ZDHC Foundation, discussed responsible chemical management, stronger environmental, social and governance compliance and internationally aligned production practices to support India-European Union textile trade.

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