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UAE May Pick Up In 2018

The UAE remains Brexit situation. And India's second largest exports to UAE have noteworthy that apparel market, even recorded a fall of UAE's reexports share as exports to the coun- around 25% com- in total imports of textry have recorded a sig pared to the previous tiles and apparel has nificant drop in 2017- year. 18. According to a report by India's credit textile and apparel now account for 42% rating agency ICRA, a imports have been of total textile and slowdown in exports declining since 2014. apparel imports of to UAE is one of the In 2014, textile and UAE. reasons for overall apparel imports into apparel exports show- UAE amounted to India's apparel expo ing a negative trend.

have also been AED 27.28 billion in apparel consumption impacted due to the 2017.

been rising since UAE's overall 2014. And reexports

And while AED 24.10 billion. In rts to the US and Exports to 2015, imports were Europe may not India's number one down 1.91% to AED improve much this market USA have 33.17 billion. In 2016, year, exports to UAE increased only mar- imports fell 11.59% to could pick up, if ginally in the last fis- AED 29.32 billion, Indian exporters folcal. Exports to UK and further by 7% to low the changing (Contd.... page 4)

India's Apparel Exports to US all set to preempt Indian Apparel **Export Subsidies at WTO Body**

Matters have come to a apparel and other key head with the US Gover exports to the world. nment in recent times threatening to take India to 2010 when India crossed task in the World Trade the threshold in the appar-Organization forum for con- els and textiles sector by tinued provision of export attaining a 3.25 percent pie subsidies in the apparel and in the global export market. other sectors, it was reli- This had highlighted ably learnt. Interestingly India's export competitive-India's apparel export to ness in the sector. As per the world for the period stipulations when the between April 2017 and threshold is crossed the January 2018 stood at USD country gets an eight year agreement that was offset by the 13,783.14 million.

contention at WTO as if the an end in 2018. decision f the world body adversely impact India's vailing Measures (SCM) (Contd... page 5)

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period of reprieve to phase World Trade Organization to prevent Currently the outsubsidies. However, the distortion of fair trade practices, Indian government has bad news for India is that there was a call for discipline on the plans to challenge the US the eight years will come to subsidies granted to industry. Accordingly, the WTO imposed a set As per the of rules and regulations to ensure the goes against India it would Subsidies and Counter same. These rules pertain to restric

Tirupur Cluster Pleads With Centre To Classify Bio-sludge Textile Waste As Non hazardous

The centre has recently ment implemented the zero liq-year back, the textile cluster in treatment plants (ETPs) under of wastes.

Ever since the govern-

received a request from the uid discharge (ZLD) system, Tirupur managed to discover Tirupur Textile Exporters to ETPs were struggling against a method to convert the reclassify biological sludge or the odds to safely discharge biosludge into fuel. However, microbes generated in effluent 30 tons of biosludge that was generated on a routine basis as from the centre. the non-hazardous category this was classified as hazardous waste.

Recently, nearly a (Contd... page 5)

this move has to gain approval

The textile cluster has taken the initiative to submit a





IIT Textile Engineers Do Not Find A Fit In The Industry

neering students are seemingly not finding a good fit in the textile ing. In the past five industry. This was one of the findings of an RTI query that a newspaper made to including both under IIT Delhi.

a report, campus so far. Campus place placements overall in ments in 2013-14, IIT-D have been fall ing, and this is more were 32.3%, 31.3% so for textile engi neering. The report tively. states that students of branches such as tex tiles and biotechnol ogy do not have as many choices as from other fields of engineering.

According to IIT-D data, textile engineering is one of 1,900 students take the branches that saw the lowest number of Graduate Section campus placements over the years even as MTech, MSc, MBA,

number of seats (105) with civil engineeracademic sessions, 2014-15 saw 32.5% campus placements, graduate and masters According to courses, the highest 2015-16 and 2016-17 and 28.04%, respec-

> Every year, between 850 to 900 students enroll in the institute's Under graduate Section (UGS), that includes BTech, dual degree and integrated MTech progra mmes, and 1,700 to admissions in Post (PGS), that has

Indian textile engi- it shares the highest PhD, and Master of hours of work in Science (Research) programmes. How ever, on average, 700 students get jobs dur ing campus placements sessions.

The debate on low placements of engineering students started when Union Human Resource Development (HRD) minister Prakash Javadekar raised the issue in Parliament in March, last year. He said that in 2016-17 only 40% of engineering graduates got placements after passing out.

few reasons for this trend. The textile industry is not one of the most glamorous among industries, and has difficult working conditions and

mills, which is no longer attractive to engineers and others looking for jobs. As opposed to this are the technology startups which offer a more international set-up to the newbies, who prefer a certain lifestyle even before getting a job. Most of re are only a handful the textile mills are situated in semi-rural or rural areas, a deterrent for young engineers. The salaries offered by the textile industry are not as attractive either. According to a pro-There are a fessor in IIT Gand hinagar, almost 60% of their students are not practically oriented to work in the industry and have a harsh learning curve to cross.

This is someor textile engineering, the students are not found quite suitable by the industry.

Moreover, the of professionally and successfully managed large companies in the textile industry.

Companies such as Alok, Reid & Taylor are now in the red, obviously cases of gross mismanagement. There are many others like this. Besides, the vast majority of the industry is still family-run businesses, which operate very differently.

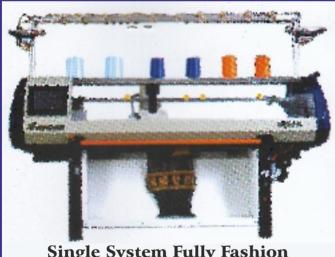
thing that the industry also points to a trend ing in the textile indushas been harping on where engineering try. This is a mistoo - the disconnect graduates from pre- matched situation between academics mier institutes prefer when we talk about and industry. So, be it to look for greener pastransitioning to fashion technology, tures overseas, prefer Industry 4.0. Getting

The report research, over work-(Contd. on page 5)



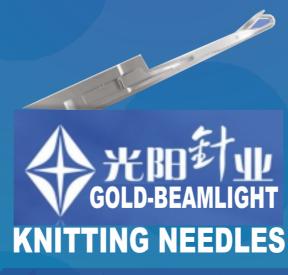


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TAI's Conference On Textile 4.0 Hails Smart Factory Concept

The Textile Association (Ingural address said "With the not just want to purchase a production quality. Indian dia), Mumbai Unit recently implementation of Textile product, rather they are look-textile companies are funcorganized International 4.0 and automation, we ingforend to end solutions. tioning at various stages of Textile Conference on "Tex- should maintain a balance tile 4.0 – Global and Indian between man and machine ence Chairman said that the size of company. He said top Perspective", the first such and be careful that machines world is on the threshold of a management professions conference on the subject to don't overtake human new industrial revolution like CEOs etc, need to be be held both in Asia and beings." She observed, we characterized by Automa educated, trained and India and therefore, need human beings and a littion, Robotics, Artificial aligned with this technologireceived an overwhelming tle bit of unpredictability in Intelligence and Internet of caladvancement. response from the industry.

V. C. Gupte, Chair ing. man, TAI, Mumbai Unit and cess of this conference.

ment of India and other key delegates.

IAS, Textile Commissioner, on planning today for a new lowed by the industry. Ministry of Textiles, Govern and better tomorrow. In terms of changing dynamics stry 4.0 tools and technolobecause of automation and gies in textiles would result Dr. Kavita Gupta, Industry 4.0, sourcing needs in increased efficiency, the Chief Guest in her inau- are also changing. Buyers do reduced lead time, improved

our lives to keep it interest- Things etc. Industry 4.0 is the future of manufacturing R. D. Udeshi in his which is based on cyberalso the Convener of this address highlighted the need physical systems, Internet of Conference took the lead in to focus on building quality things, digitalization which selecting the innovative top- and scale by adopting would create a "Smart ics and speakers for the suc- digitalisation and cyber Factory". These new techphysical systems, which nologies will enter our manu-Vilas Gharat, will accelerate growth and facturing and supply chain President, TAI, Mumbai build excellence both in man-sooner than expected and Unit welcomed the Chief ufacturing and consumer will have disruptive effects Guest, Dr. Kavita Gupta, experience." He emphasised on the present processes fol-

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CAI to set up Training Centre at its Premises for Cotton Farmers

India President, Atul S Ganatra announced that the institution will be setting up a training center for farmers shortly and has dedicated two classrooms for the purpose. The proposed training center came in response to a persistent demand from the cotton farming community for relief from government apathy and indifferent weather conditions playing havoc with their crops and profit margins.

Ganatra stated that INR 25 lakh will be dedicated for training of cotton farmers on an annual basis and over a period of 5 years, INR 1.25 crore has been allotted for the same. Earlier, sioner Kavita Gupta who

In a recently organized the Indian cotton industry sentiment stating, "Even conference titled Cotton to be conscious of quality if one ginner mixes adul-India 2018, at Hotel issues when exporting to terated stuff with cotton, Sahara Star, Mumbai, overseas destinations. He in the export market it's Cotton Associ ation of lamented the fact that perceived as Indian cotton

owing to shortsighted and it earns a bad name for

the country." She subsequently said, "Indian cotton should gear up to fare well when it came to global quality standards and should provide a 10 percent margin over other cotton in the years to come from the current marginal profit pricing that drives the farmers to put up with a frugal life style."

Later on in the day, an awards ceremony was held felicitating various cotton producers and farmers for their good work. Suresh Kotak, the cotton baron of India. walked off with a life time





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India's Apparel Exports to UAE May Pick Up In 2018 (Contd. from... page 1)

landscape of the country.

must realise that the country is just coming out of - of which a large part is recession, and shoppers are unwilling to splurge on apparel as much as earlier. Most consumers in the region are opting for value-added, quality apparel, brand loyalty is on the wane, at least for now. Indian apparel exporters must explore the e-commerce route to UAE, which is slated to grow 20% between now and 2021.

Economic slowdown hurt consumer spending

The slowdown in UAE's textile and apparel imports and consumption can be attributed to the economic recession the region has been witnessing for the last two years, following a crash in oil prices.

This hurt the UAE's consumer spending.

The introduction of a 5% Value Added Tax rate in the UAE and Saudi Arabia this year as well as increases to fuel and electricity prices saw consumer price inflation surge in January, further inhibiting shoppers.

Economy will begin to pick up in 2018

With some stability regained owing to OPEC's "Vienna Alliance" on supply and healthier prices, austerity should be eased this year.

In Dubai, the Expo 2020 factor should finally arrive this year. There is a big expansion

Indian exporters spending - as much as 20% higher than last year earmarked for employment-generating infrastructure relating to the Expo.

The non-oil sector across the UAE should benefit.

The consensus among economists is for UAE GDP growth to hit 3% this year, rising to 3.5% by 2020.

The retail industry in the UAE will be one of the leading industries to benefit from the increase in GDP forecast by the IMF. When the population in the UAE believes that their financial future will be brighter and more secure today and tomorrow, then shoppers will feel inclined to purchase more retail goods.

UAE's retail sector to grow 3% in 2018

While VAT is not expected to make much of a dent in consumption rates in the long run, analysts expect e-commerce to gain further momentum in 2018 garnering a larger share of retail consumer spend. Online retail activity in the UAE is forecast to see an average growth rate of over 20% between 2018 and 2021.

UAE's retail landscape is expected to grow at a rate of 3% in 2018, reaching a value of Dh 196 billion, according to analysts.

On the other hand, macroeconomic conditions, which have been

planned in government challenging the industry since 2016, could see some uplift if oil prices continue to remain stable and consumer sentiment improves in 2018. Fur ther, with new attractions being introduced in the UAE, the outlook for tourist arrivals remains positive. This may contribute to higher retail spending, thus reaffirming the UAE as a shopping and entertainment destination.

UAE consumer spending to exceed US\$ 261 billion in 2021

Consumer spending in the UAE, which amounted to nearly US\$ 183 billion in 2016, is forecast to rise at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.5% over the next five years to exceed US\$ 261 billion in 2021, according to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In the consumer price index, clothing and footwear is weighted at 2.05, with housing, transportation, food, education, etc being more important in the consumer basket.

The McKinsey report states that 78% of consumers in the region changed their buying habits to save more. In the UAE, 14% consumers traded down to cheaper options and 12% traded up to more expensive, luxury brands of higher value. And majority of the consumers that traded down are happy with their decision.

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China Remains Top Apparel Exporter To IIT Textile Engineers... (Contd. from page 2) **US Despite Alarm Bells On Tariff Wars**

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The break up lion SME.

The figures wars between China announced the February for textile also reassure that and the United Commerce Depart imports and apparel China is still the top States, in the cur- ment's Office of imports from China supplier of apparel rently concluded Textiles & Apparel. indicates that out of and textile exports to The boost in the total of 7.1% of the US despite talk of the corpus of US export figures comes textiles and apparel the country creating a apparel imports from amidst consistent vol- imports rise that vacuum by exiting China have gone up leying between amounted to a SME the lower end value by 22.2%. The figure China and the US on of 10.9 billion, the chain, and the incre in absolute terms shot imposition of tariff apparel exports went ase in exports from up to 2.54 billion threats at each other. up by 4.4% to 4.7 bil- China are emulated square meter equiva- US is issuing tariff lion SME; textiles by 10 other countries

skilled manpower is a It is expected that go up to 25% of the the sector. nearly 61.6 million total textile workforce. tor by 2022.

A KPMG study the workforce.

11% by 2022.

has estimated that 75% study also reveals the institutes and centres to of the textile workforce skill gaps at each level has secondary school of operation. And the industry. education. Vocational one common thread or diploma holders here is the absence of solace in the fact that account for 6% of the understanding, skill, the Indian textile workforce. While grad- professional qualifici industry faces the same uates and post gradu- ations to fulfill the job ates make up 10% of efficiently. Besides, the terparts globally. workers lack sector-

By 2022, the specific knowledge big challenge for the share of vocationally and knowledge of the Indian textile industry. trained personnel will latest developments in

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Tirupur Dyers Association... Biosludge Textile Waste As Nonhazardous (Contd. from page 1)

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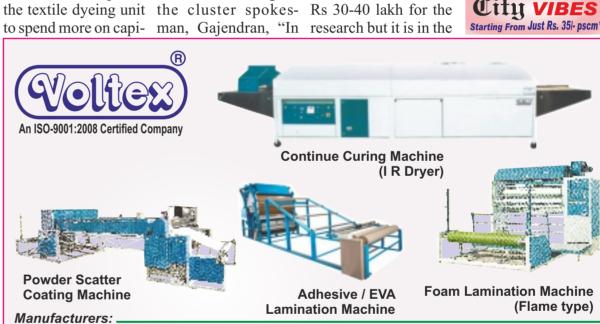
agreement mainly firm or industry as in complainant, it has objects or counter- the case of apparels the options of imposvails subsidies gran and textiles. The SEZ ing countervailing or as in this case to the scheme which are India which will textiles and apparels applicable to the tex- result in the Indian sector. The word spe-tiles and apparels exporters losing their cific is also applicable industry come under competitiveness in to a particular geo- this prohibited cate- the US textiles and graphical territory. gory. As per the SCM apparel market. However, in general, norms member coun- Competing countries if a specific sector tries of WTO can take like Bangladesh, like apparel Is getting remedial actions agai Taiwan and Vietnam the benefit of govern- nst India for such are likely to benefit ment subsidy the schemes and policies. from India's set back. SCM agreement to such a subsidy.

tions on subsidies and sidies can be non-textiles industry with

In short, if seeks to limit access India fails to curb the matter of concern for According to under the prohibited and textile exporters the WTO norms sub- list to the apparel and in particular.

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