

9th Annual General Meeting of Indian Technical Textile Association- FY 2018-19

The 9th Annual General Meeting of ITTA was held on 30th August 2019 at Mumbai Cricket Association, BKC, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sundararaman K. S., Chairman, ITTA. Business session was followed by Knowledge sharing Session wherein two eminent experts from Industry & Government of Telangana presented different topics of interest to the members.

Dr. Anup Rakshit, Executive Director, ITTA, welcomed the ITTA Members and invitees present in the meeting. In his brief welcome address, he informed that this year ITTA has signed two International MOUs with Taiwan Technical Textile Association (TTTA) & Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Japan (NQEC) which will help Technical Textile companies to seek new collaboration, to explore new investments & to increase the trade of technical textile products with Taiwan & Japan. Dr. Rakshit further informed that in knowledge sharing session this year two eminent experts will present the topics, such as- “Future prospects of the Technical Textiles in India” and “Investment opportunities on Technical Textiles in the state of Telangana”. He also enlightened the audience by showing a presentation on ITTA’s Activities & Achievements in FY 2018-19 which represents the journey of ITTA during the last year.

Shri. Sundararaman K.S., Chairman, ITTA, addressed the members present in the AGM. With an extremely fruitful year at ITTA, he thanked Ministry of Textile for the tremendous support and encouragement that we have been receiving. He narrated ITTA’s contributions during the year to the growth of Indian Technical Textile Industry. He highlighted what Technical Textile Industry & ITTA have achieved during last year i.e. release of 207 HSN codes on Technical Textile, another 40 HSN codes are finalised under “Others” category and sent to MOC&I, mandatory use of 92 TT products under different Ministries, 6 skilling programs in TT are introduced under SAMARTH scheme, etc. He explained how ITTA is associated with different ministries & associations such as Ministry of Railways (MoR), Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), Ministry of Defence (MoD), Niti Aayog & Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) of GOI (PMO), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Textile Institute - WISTI & NISTI, TTTA, Taiwan and Nissenken, Japan to boost TT Industry in India. ITTA is also working on the Defence Booklet wherein ITTA members have given their products list with description & Specifications and

removal of ban on single use plastic bag. With the advent of various programs initiated by the Govt. of India it is expected to have an impetus on growth of Technical Textile Industry. He is also confident of larger contribution of ITTA to the growth of the industry.

Shri. Pramod Khosla, Past-Chairman, ITTA, addressed the ITTA members. He appreciated the work done by the Chairman and ITTA team and also the support and encouragements received from Ministry of Textiles (MOT), GOI. He said that today we are in the time of disruption where businesses are not done in the same way. Now we have to look for the new technical textile products. He also highlighted some important point which ITTA needs to work such as increase in the manufacturers of TT machinery, focus on export besides domestic, etc. Lastly he thanked all members for the support provided during past years.

Business Session-

Shri. Amit Agarwal, Vice Chairman, ITTA Conducted the Business Session and the following decisions were taken-

1. ITTA Members unanimously passed the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure account for the FY 2018-19.
2. ITTA Members unanimously agreed to appoint Messrs. R.A. Sheth & Associates, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for FY 2019-20.
3. **Announcement of new Board of Directors-**

The list of sixteen Directors in newly constituted ITTA board is given below-

SR. NO.	NAME	COMPANY NAME	DESIGNATION
1	DR. K. S SUNDARARAMAN	SHIVA TEXYARN LTD.	CHAIRMAN
2	AMIT AGARWAL	CTM TECHNICAL TEXTILES	VICE-CHAIRMAN
3	PRAMOD KUMAR KHOSLA	KHOSLA PROFIL PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
4	NIRAV D MEHTA	DIMA PRODUCTS	DIRECTOR
5	BASANT KUMAR LOHIA	TARASAFE INTERNATIONAL PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
6	PANKAJ KAPOOR	PARK NONWOVEN	DIRECTOR
7	SHEELAM SHETH	SRF LIMITED	DIRECTOR
8	MAKARAND APPALWAR	IFIBCA	DIRECTOR

9	SANJAY VASUDEO RAUT	GARWARE-WALL ROPES LTD.	DIRECTOR
10	SHRICHAND SANTANI	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	DIRECTOR
11	VIKRAM JAIN	SBT TEXTILES PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
12	GAURAV JAIN	E. I. DUPONT INDIA PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
13	DHAVAL PATEL	NIKOL TEXTILE PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
14	ANJANI PRASAD	ARCHROMA INDIA PVT LTD	DIRECTOR
15	SHRAMIK MASTURLAL	MASTURLAL PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
16	AVINASH MISAR	TEXPORT SYNDICATE INDIA LTD.	DIRECTOR

Knowledge Sharing Session-

Abstract of the two presentations in Knowledge Sharing Session are given below-

“Future prospects of the Technical Textiles in India” was presented by Shri. Shramik Masturlal, MD, Masturlal Pvt. Ltd. He spoke about the definition of technical textile and different applications such as automotive, medical, filtration, shipping, paper industry, etc. He highlighted that Growth prospects in each product area are inevitably linked of the end-use segment but for specific segments will vary widely, but overall, in a developing economy like India, there are huge prospects for the Technical Textile industry to grow across the entire spectrum of its range. He explained that Indian Technical Textile Industry produce almost everything required as raw materials except the few high performance fibres. These can effectively channelized to look at overseas markets to earn valuable foreign exchange, if not than atleast to serve as a hedge for any downturn in our local markets.

Shri. Mihir Parekh, Director, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation presented an interesting topic know as “Investment opportunities on Technical Textiles in the state of Telangana”. He spoke about the Opportunities for Technical Textiles in Telangana. He highlighted the points taken in the Industrial Policy are Land Bank, Uninterrupted Power Supply, Allocation of 10% water in all irrigation sources exclusively for industries, Quality Infrastructure, Effective Clearance Mechanism, Incentivization of Investments, etc. Major Initiatives by Government of Telangana to Support Textile Industry are introduction of online inspection system, textiles identified as a thrust sector for growth and job creation, welfare programmes introduced for weavers; modernization of looms, wage protection, Government

procurement, etc., brand Telangana marketing initiative and establishment of Mega Textile Park at Warangal. Major Provisions and areas of support are Scheme for Capital Assistance (S-CAP), Scheme for Operational Assistance (S-OP), Scheme for Infrastructural Support (S-IP) and Scheme for Capacity Building & Skill Development (S-CAD). He also informed that Technical Textile Industry such as Welspun and P&G have invested in Telangana State.

Shri. Pankaj Kapoor, Director, ITTA proposed a vote of thanks. Shri. Kapoor thanked all the Directors and ITTA members who were present in the AGM. He specially thanked the eminent speakers for making the presentation.