

12th Annual General Meeting of Indian Technical Textile Association - FY 2021-2022

The 12th Annual General Meeting of ITTA was held on 28th September 2022 at the Orchid Hotel, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri. Amit Agarwal, Chairman, ITTA. The Chief Guest of the AGM was Ms. Roop Rashi (IA&AS), Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles (MoT), GoI. The AGM was conducted as per the program circulated earlier to all stakeholders.

Dr. Anup Rakshit, Executive Director, ITTA, welcomed the ITTA Members, the Chief Guest, Directors of ITTA, Eminent Speakers and representatives of Press present in the meeting. In his brief welcome address, he pointed out that a number of major Schemes on technical textiles (TT) are announced by MoT, GoI in recent years. Industry is confident to achieve significant growth in future. Dr. Rakshit informed that in knowledge sharing



session this year two eminent experts will present two unique topics, such as “Laundry Industry for Hospitals- An Overview” by Shri. Vivek Kulkarni, Ex-Head of Technical and R&D, Ecolab India of Ecolab USA and “Opportunities of Rubber reinforced materials used in Technical Textile products” by Ms. Suchismita Sahoo, Sr. Assistant Director, Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA). He also highlighted few achievements for TT with the initiatives taken by ITTA - In addition to 207 HSN Codes notified in 2019, another 52 new HSN codes were approved as Technical Textiles by currently CBIC, MoF and now the total figure is 259, ITTA conducted 5 Executive Development Certificate Programs on key segments of TT i.e., 2 on Protech, 2 on Meditech, 1 on Geotech for benefits of Middle & Senior management level staff of Industry, Academicians, Textile and Managements students. We are also working closely with BIS for formulation of Indian stds on TT & more than 40 ITTA members are active in 10 BIS Sub-Committees on TT and List of 107 TT items have been identified on Agrotextiles, Medical Textiles, Protective Textiles & Geotextiles products to be brought under Quality Control Order (QCO). He expressed his sincere thanks to the Textile Ministry, Government of India for all these initiatives.



Shri. Amit Agarwal, Chairman, ITTA, in his presidential address, welcomed the members, chief guest, distinguished speakers & Directors of ITTA and also thanked Ministry of Textile for the tremendous support and encouragement that we have been receiving for the technical Textile Sector and an unprecedented amount of focus in the government on growing technical textile by working hard on the schemes like NTTM, PLI, etc. He narrated ITTA's contributions during the year to the growth of Indian Technical Textile Industry. Under NTTM Scheme, 54 Research Projects have been approved in Speciality Fibres, Sustainable Textiles, Geotech, Mobiltech and Sportech worth Rs. 168.6 Crores and Under PLI-1 Scheme, 64 applications have been approved with total investment of Rs.19,798 crore. PLI-2 are under planning stage. ITTA is also closely working with various State Govts. This year were actively involved with the Odisha & Karnataka Govts. He also shared that the Govt accepted ITTA's Representation & Notified not to impose anti-dumping duty on PU Synthetic Leather from China, Glass fibre from China, Bahrain and Egypt and Caprolactum from Korea, Russia, Europe & Thailand. He further informed that ITTA launched "HALL OF FAME - A Talk Show" on ITTA's Foundation Day on 20th January 2022 and jointly with IFC organised Training Programs on Medical Textiles focusing Reusable PPE products & Recycling of Disposable PPE products. He also mentioned that ITTA has recently entered into an MoU with The Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT) - ITALY for close cooperation of our technical textile companies further to boost their knowledge and understanding on the Technical Textile Machines & technology.

BUSINESS SESSION -

Shri. Avinash Misar, Vice Chairman, ITTA conducted the Business Session and the following decisions were taken-

1. ITTA Members unanimously passed - the Directors' Report & Audited Balance Sheet for the FY 2021-22; agreed to appoint M/s. Maitra & Chopra, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for FY 2022-23.



2. Announcement of new Board of Directors for FY 2022-23 -

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

SR NO	NAME OF DIRECTOR	COMPANY NAME	DESIGNATION
1	SHRI. AMIT AGARWAL	CTM TECHNICAL TEXTILES LTD.	CHAIRMAN
2	SHRI. AVINASH MISAR	TEXPORT SYNDICATE INDIA LTD.	VICE-CHAIRMAN
3	SHRI. ANJANI PRASAD	ARCHROMA INDIA PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
4	SHRI. GAURAV JAIN	E.I. DUPONT INDIA PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
5	SHRI. MAKRAND APPALWAR	IFIBCA	DIRECTOR
6	SHRI. ANKUR KOTHARI	KUSUMGAR CORPORATES PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
7	SHRI. SHRAMIK MASTURLAL	MASTURLAL PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
8	DR. DHAVAL PATEL	NIKOL ADVANCE MATERIALS PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
9	SHRI. VIKRAM JAIN	SBT TEXTILES PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR
10	SHRI. UDAY K S	SRF LTD.	DIRECTOR
11	SHRI. MAHESH KUDAV	VENUS SAFETY & HEALTH PVT. LTD.	DIRECTOR

3. Announcement of Ex- Officio Member to the ITTA Board -

The list of Two Ex-Officio Member to the ITTA board for one year is given below -

1	DR. SUNDARARAMAN K. S.	SHIVA TEXYARN LTD.	EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
2	SHRI. PRAMOD KHOSLA	KHOSLA PROFIL PVT. LTD.	EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

4. Announcement of Special Invitees to the ITTA Board -

The list of Five Special Invitees to the ITTA board for one year is given below -

1	SHRI KARTHIK KUMAR SUNDARAJ	SIVSHREE MEDITTEX (INDIA) PVT. LTD.	SPECIAL INVITEE
2	SHRI ADITYA MEHTA	MECORDS INDIA PVT. LTD.	SPECIAL INVITEE
3	SHRI KAPIL BAHETI	SHUBH SWASAN (INDIA) PVT. LTD.	SPECIAL INVITEE
4	SHRI NIRAV MEHTA	DIMA PRODUCTS	SPECIAL INVITEE
5	SHRI VIVEK LOHIA	TARASAFE INTERNATIONAL PVT. LTD.	SPECIAL INVITEE
6	SHRI RAKESH MEHRA	TESCA TEXTILES & SEAT COMPONENTS (INDIA) PVT. LTD.	SPECIAL INVITEE
7	SHRI SIDDHARTH GUPTA	BARNET INDIA MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION LLP	SPECIAL INVITEE

CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS -



Speaking on the event, the Chief Guest, Ms. Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner thanked ITTA for inviting her and giving the opportunity to interact with technical textile industrialists. She pointed out that MMF and technical textiles segments have significant potential to grow. We are confident that with the various initiatives of the GoI and partnerships of states, our technical textile industry would reach the

target. We have Textile Research Institutes, IITs, NITs, etc. who are working on various fibres/products and patents. We have developed HSN codes which facilitate trade. She emphasized on different schemes such as PLI, PM MITRA, NTTM to augment fundamental research in this potential growth area. She highlighted that a lot of good projects have come in Geosynthetics, Specialty fibres, Sportech, Protech, Agrotech and Geotech. Therefore, a lot more work is being done and can be done. It needs R&D support. However, one bigger issue is that some of the raw material is not made in India. Therefore, a lot of research is going on at present on how to take benefit of what is available with us and make it better. She informed that many of hi-tech machinery required by the Indian textile industry is being imported. However, lot of ground remains to be covered to fill the technological gaps - be it auto coners/winders, shuttleless looms, synthetic dyeing, technical textiles, braiding needle punch, multi axial looms and knitting machines, she emphasised. These tech gaps, she said, are also the opportunities to have joint ventures with international leaders and also attempt to indigenize and innovate the processes in movement to make exports cost competitive. She also pointed out industry needs to work on the standardization of technical textile products. She invited the TT industry to come forward and invest in the TT and the textile ministry will fully support them. She also assured to reduce bottlenecks for the industry and smoothen the facilitation processes.

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN ITTA & SAMA -

During the AGM, Indian Technical Textile Association (ITTA) has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Safety Appliances Manufacturers Association (SAMA) to promote Technical Textiles in India and abroad. The Chairman ITTA - Shri. Amit Agarwal signed this MoU on behalf of ITTA and Shri. Virendra Jauhari - Hon. Secretary on behalf of SAMA. ITTA & SAMA have joined hands to work together and complete the value chain of health and safety related TT products. It will also create a common platform to share knowledge and help each other to resolve various industry issues.



KNOWLEDGE SESSION -

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



Shri. Vivek Kulkarni, Ex-Head of Technical and R&D, Ecolab India of Ecolab USA spoke about the interesting topic known as “Laundry Industry for Hospitals - An Overview”. He talked about the laundry-industry which falls into 2 major categories: Retail & Institutional. The institutional laundries in India broadly fall into 3 categories i.e., Hospitality industry, Luxury hotels, Health-care sector & Railways. He mainly explained about the Hospital laundries that are hi-tech business, based on contemporary science, engineering and technology. These Hospital laundries are textile-items called as “Hospital Linen”. He briefed about the Classification of the textile-items treated in a hospital-laundry are Room-linen= Bed-linen: Bedsheet, bedspreads, duvet covers, pillow covers, blankets & Bath-linen: bath towel, face towel, hand towel, bath mat, bathing gown, OT-linen= special type of bed-linen & towels in green & blue colour, Uniforms= Doctors, surgeons, paramedics, nurses, ward-

boys, patients, F & B linen= napkins & table cloths and Accessories= curtains, sofa-covers, shoe-covers. Chemicals used in a hospital-laundry are Detergent, disinfecting agent, Boost, Bleaches, Neutraliser, Softener, Anti-bacterial agent and most important chemical is Water. Machines used in hospital-laundry are Washer-extractors, barrier washer-extractors, tunnel washers or CBW Continuous Batch Washers, Dryers, Calendar or flat-work ironer, folding & ironing machines and Packing machines.

“Opportunities of Rubber reinforced materials used in Technical Textile products” was presented by Ms. Suchismita Sahoo, Sr. Assistant Director, Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association. She explained in details about IRMRA, its core area of services, introduction to rubber material, conditions of polymers to be rubber and its definition. Types of Rubber/ Elastomers such as General-purpose Rubber: -



NR, SBR, PBR etc, Special purpose Rubber: - EPDM, Butyl, NBR, CR, Hypalon, Silicone, Viton and Thermoplastic elastomer: - SBS, TPU, TPO etc. She mentioned in detail some of the Rubbers such as Natural Rubber (NR), Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR), Polybutadiene Rubber (BR), Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR) and Chloroprene Rubber/ Neoprene. Most of the rubber products may be considered as Fibre-Rubber composites where fibres are mainly used in the form of a cord/ woven fabric/ textile. She also pointed some of the textile-rubber composite products i.e., Tyre, Conveyor Belt, Power Transmission Belts, Industrial Hose, Rubberized Fabric– bag, life boat, Shoe and Gloves. Natural



& Synthetic fibres used in Rubber products are Cotton, Rayon, Nylon, Polyester, Aramid, Steel and Glass.

Shri. Anil Kumar Vasupillai, Additional Executive Director, ITTA proposed a vote of thanks. Shri. Vasupillai thanked all the Directors, ITTA members and representatives of Press who were present in the AGM. He specially thanked the Chief Guest and special eminent speakers for making excellent presentations on the technical textiles sector.