

## ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Total Membership strength of CMAI as on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 stood at 6964 including 2194 affiliated Members from 6 Regional Associations.

CMAI on-boarded 28 New Companies as Members in the month of August 2025 which are as under.

REGION	LIFE	PRIMARY	ASSOCIATE	AGENT / DISTRIBUTOR	RETAILER	GRAND TOTAL
MUMBAI	-	8	3	1	-	12
WESTERN INDIA	-	4	-	-	-	4
SOUTHERN INDIA	-	1	-	-	-	1
NORTHERN INDIA	-	8	1	-	-	9
EASTERN INDIA	-	2	-	-	-	2
CENTRAL INDIA	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	-	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>28</b>

### RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION

The Association has sent an E-mail dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to those Members whose Subscriptions are due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 followed by a Reminder dated 7<sup>TH</sup> June 2025 and also started door to door Collections. The Association received Membership Renewals from 49 Members in various Categories during the Month of August 2025 . They are as under :

REGION	PRIMARY	ASSOCIATE	AGENT / DISTRIBUTOR	RETAILER	GRAND TOTAL
MUMBAI	33	3	-	-	36
WESTERN INDIA	-	3	1	-	4
SOUTHERN INDIA	-	-	-	-	0
NORTHERN INDIA	8	-	-	-	8
EASTERN INDIA	1	-	-	-	1
CENTRAL INDIA	-	-	-	-	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>49</b>

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There are 781 Members whose Subscription for the current Financial Year is still pending. We request those Members to send their Renewals at the earliest to avoid uninterrupted Services and keeping them in the Inactive List. Members can Pay their Renewals through the following Link or NEFT or by a Crossed Cheque.

[https://cmai.in/membership\\_form/public/members/login](https://cmai.in/membership_form/public/members/login)

The Bank Details of the Association for NEFT/RTGS are as under :-

Name of Beneficiary: **CMAI Membership A/c.**

Bank Name: **HDFC Bank**

Account Number: **00051450000092**

IFSC CODE: **HDFC0000005**

## CONCILIATION & ARBITRATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY & AUGUST 2025

MIS FOR THE PERIOD OF	JUL' 2025		AUG' 2025	
	No. of Files	Amount	No. of Files	Amount
Opening Total Cases pending resolution	1984	₹ 47,79,24,528	1988	₹ 47,76,35,829
New Complaints	16	₹ 45,88,520	15	₹ 33,39,920
Complaints resolved fully in the Month	12	₹ 4,98,835	5	₹ 81,62,296
Amount Collected in the Month		₹ 43,78,384		₹ 11,07,563
Total Cases pending resolution as on month end	1988	₹ 47,76,35,829	1998	₹ 47,17,05,890
Active Cases in Caution List	1494	₹ 31,20,32,422	1494	₹ 31,20,32,422
Active Cases pending resolution as on month end	494	₹ 16,56,03,407	504	₹ 15,96,73,468
Current Payment	33	₹ 38,63,473	33	₹ 9,36,499
Post Dated Cheque Received	3	₹ 5,14,911	2	₹ 1,71,064
Amount Collected in the Month	36	₹ 43,78,384	15	₹ 11,07,563

## MEETINGS

The Office Bearers of the Association met on 23rd August 2025 and discussed and perused the Audited Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Statement of the Association ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 25, and also decided to Convene the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting, and other Activities of the Association .

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On the same Day, the Members of the Managing Committee also met and discussed and perused the Audited Balance Sheet & Income & Expenditure Statement of the Association ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 25, and also noted the decision of Office Bearers to Convene the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting, and other Activities of the Association .

North India Garment Fair Sub Committee, and the Fair Sub Committee of the Association also met and reviewed the working of the respective Sub Committees.

## REPRESENTATION

We would like to inform that the President of the Association has Nominated Mr Ankur Gadia, Vice President, to represent CMAI on the Sub- Committee on Tex-RAMPS constituted by the Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India for Data Monitoring & Evaluation Division (DMED)

The Association has made a Representation on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 towards the Proposed Changes in the GST Structure to the Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Revenue Secretary , Member Tax Policy, Secretary ( Textiles ) Group of Ministers in the GST Panel including Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Dy Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers of 65 States.

## EVENTS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> NORTH INDIA GARMENT FAIR ( NIGF )

The North India Garment Fair Sub Committee of the Association will be Organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> NIGF from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.



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### **POCKET FRIENDLY RATES, BUSINESS FRIENDLY OPPORTUNITIES**

3rd North India Garment Fair – Stall Booking Now Open: <https://bit.ly/4i1DG4C> 25th, 26th & 27th November 2025 Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi **AND GET A CONFIRMED STALL AT THE 83RD NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR (JUNE / JULY 2026)**

The Booking of Stalls comments on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. So far the Association has received Participation from 54 Members and 23 Applications are in the pipeline. Those who are interested to reserve their Place in the said Fair, are requested to Contact either Mr Hardik Shah, Jt Director M. No. 993018669 or Mr Vishal Revle, Asst Director M. No.9004277291.

### **CMAI IS IN THE MEDIA**



#### **CMAI's on the Media Coverage on the further hike in US Tariff on Indian Exports**

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## US retailers keen to move new orders out of India

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**Mumbai:** With the additional 25% tariff on India's exports to the US set to take effect from today, pushing the overall tariff rate to 50%, American brands and retailers are asking Indian exporters to move production of new orders to other manufacturing countries.

"New orders for spring season that are yet to go on production lines are being asked to move to other countries of production. The other option buyers have given suppliers is to share the burden of the penalty. No customers (brands/retailers) have the appetite to absorb this," said Pallab Banerjee, MD at garment supplier Pearl Global which counts US

companies Gap, Macy's and Kohl's among its clients. For orders that are already in production, brands are not asking exporters outright to make any changes on the ground but are making a similar

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demand of sharing the cost of added tariffs, Banerjee said.

A 50% tariff puts India behind other major Asian garment manufacturing hubs such as Bangladesh and Vietnam which have been slapped with lower tariffs by the US. "From the conversations we have had with US buyers this morning, it is clear that they are not ready to absorb 50% tariff and have asked suppliers to shift sour-

cing to other countries. If things are not resolved at the political level, there will be a major crisis," said Rahul Mehta, chief mentor at Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI), pegging India's total apparel exports to the US at \$5.5-\$6 billion annually.

Big exporters will not take a major hit as they have facilities across global markets but the count of small exporters are much higher and they are staring at a complete collapse of business, said Mehta. "Small exporters typically have a few customers, and they tend to be from the same country," Mehta added.

Gokaldas Exports is looking at newer markets to add to its existing mix, which is currently US focused.



**50% Tariff, 100% Grit: India's Apparel Makers Fight Back**

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The real test for India's readymade garment exporters has already begun after the doubling of US tariffs on India. From vertically integrated exporters to the mid-sized operators, every player is feeling the squeeze. Orders are being put on hold, contracts are being rewritten, some buyers want manufacturers to absorb the cost, others hint at moving their business to cheaper shores, non-branded buyers are already packing their bags and so on.

Every industry faces moments that put its true character to test. For India's readymade garment exporters, that moment has arrived. The United States has doubled tariffs on Indian apparel to 50% (63.9% on knitted apparel and 62.3% on woven apparel). In comparison, our rivals, Bangladesh and Vietnam face just a 20% tariff; Cambodia, Indonesia and Pakistan are at 19%; Turkey at 15%; and even China is at 30%. The maths is brutal. This is not just another trade skirmish, it's an economic punch to the gut. We're talking about a sector that feeds millions, earns billions in foreign exchange and has been the cornerstone of India's global manufacturing reputation. The blow is real and the clock is ticking.

For decades, the US has been our biggest and most demanding customer. Its market not only takes a large share of our output, but also shapes how we design, how we produce and how we plan capacity. Now, almost overnight, that equation has changed. From vertically integrated exporters to the mid-sized operators, every player is feeling the squeeze. Orders are being put on hold. Contracts are being rewritten. Some buyers want manufacturers to absorb the cost, others hint at moving their business to cheaper shores. Non-branded buyers are already packing their bags. The branded ones may stay for our compliance standards and reliability, but even they warn, there will be pain.

Right now, about one-third of India's garment exports, worth US \$ 5.33 billion in 2024-25, go to the US. India holds a 6.1% share in America's US \$ 85 billion apparel import market. Losing this business could directly affect around 700,000 workers and indirectly impact another 1.5 million workers in areas that serve the US market.

And yet, if there's one thing history tells us, it's that our industry knows how to survive a storm. We've weathered post-quota shocks, global recessions and a pandemic that shut the world down. This tariff hit isn't just a setback, it's a reset.

### **CMAI's Rahul Mehta Urges 5% GST Slab for Entire Textile Chain**

Mr Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor , CMAI has shared his perspective on the government's proposed GST reforms.

Based on media reports, we understand that the objective of the GST reforms is to reduce the number of slabs, thereby bringing ease in operating GST and making products for mass consumption cheaper by placing them in the lower slab. CMAI lauds both of these objectives as they are very good for the apparel industry.

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**Media Coverage - CMAI Seeks A Uniform 5% GST To Fortify Domestic Textiles.**

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## CMAI seeks a uniform 5% GST to fortify textiles as exports come under pressure

MUMBAI, AUG 31—

The Clothing Manufacturers' Association of India (CMAI) has extolled the government for its decision to amend the GST rules with the twin objectives of making products of mass consumption cheaper for consumers, and to simplify the complex multi-tiered GST slabs and reduce it to just three slabs, they being 5%, 18%, and 28%. These changes will be a game changer in the economic progress of the country, and go a long way in improving 'ease of doing business', CMAI pointed out.

However, CMAI cautions that it has not been clarified whether the entire spectrum of Textiles, particularly Garments, will be brought under the 5% slab, or only Garments within a certain price range.

CMAI has been continuously advocating a single and uniform rate of GST for all sectors of the Textile Industry, at the lowest slab which is 5%, with the underlying logic that Textiles is always considered an item of mass consumption, and essential commodity, and universally taxed at the lowest slab of taxation.

However, some disturbing Media reports indicate that the Government may be considering the products priced above

Rs. 2500 to be taxed at 18%.

Mr. Santosh Katariya, President, CMAI, stated that "Keeping textiles products along with products like electronics, mobile phones etc. under the same GST slab would not be consistent from an overall economic rationale and consumer perspective". He further added that the industry, which previously notorious for its strong participation in the 'Grey' or 'informal' sector, was brought into the 'formal' sector largely due to the reasonable rate of GST (5%). Even the rate of 12% was, albeit with hesitancy, accepted by the industry for a portion of its products, as the difference between the two segments was acceptable though not ideal.

Mr. Katariya further expressed his concern stating that "by levying 18% GST on products priced above a certain price point, will only encourage going back to the earlier era of informal transactions. Any such arbitrarily determined price point will only encourage manufacturers and traders to avoid raising invoices, or undervaluing them. Manufacturers will also tend to reduce their quality standards in order to come under the maximum cut off price point," he cautioned.

Mr. Ankur Gadia, Vice President, CMAI, pointed out that various product categories such as Woolen Clothing, Wedding Clothes, and Sustainable Clothing were more expensive due to the inherent higher costs of their raw material and manufacturing processes. "Woolen clothes are part of essential consumption in many parts of India, particularly North and North East, and it would be unfair to tax them at a higher rate merely because it is priced at Rs. 3,500 or 5,000."

Similar is the case of Wedding clothes, he added, "Dressing up one's daughter for her wedding is the dream of every parent—regardless of their social or financial status. Should this dream be slashed merely because the typical 'lehenga' or wedding saree is priced at Rs. 10,000 or 15,000?"

Mr. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, CMAI, also called out that "One of the categories which will suffer largely is our traditional Handloom and Embroidered garments, which are intrinsically more expensive compared to synthetic and machine-made garments due to their very nature. Should we charge a higher tax to our home-grown traditional

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## CMAI seeks a uniform 5% GST

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clothing?"

The current "Tariff Wars" are already threatening to deal a death blow to the Export Sector of Textiles. We need a strong, thriving domestic sector for the industry to survive.

To summarize, CMAI urges the entire Textile Value Chain to be brought under the 5% slab for the following reasons:

1. Textiles of all forms are items of mass consumption
2. A price-led bifurcation of GST slabs will lead to hardships will lead to arbitrary exclusion of critical items such as woollens and celebratory wear
3. Proudly Indian and traditional products will suffer with high GST rates
4. The highest employer after agriculture should not be tampered with
5. High risk of sector reverting to informal sector if levied with high GST
6. Indian garment industry already in crisis with the current tariff wars

CMAI is looking forward to the Government's understanding and support and urged the GST Council to retain the entire Textile sector under the 5% GST slab

## परिधान उद्योग चाहे 5 फीसदी जीएसटी दर

परिधान विनिर्माताओं ने सरकार से सभी मूल्य वर्गों वाले परिधानों को 5 फीसदी वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) स्लैब में लाने की मांग की है। वर्तमान में 1,000 रुपये से कम कीमत वाले परिधान 5 फीसदी के जीएसटी स्लैब के तहत आते हैं तथा 1,000 रुपये से अधिक कीमत वाले परिधान 12 फीसदी के जीएसटी स्लैब के तहत आते हैं। क्लोदिंग मैनुफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया ने अपने नोट में कहा कि अगर कुछ हिस्से 18 फीसदी वाले जीएसटी स्लैब के अंतर्गत आते हैं तो यह उद्योग के लिए विनाशकारी होगा।

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## परिधान उद्योग चाहे 5 फीसदी जीएसटी

शालीन डिसूजा  
मुंबई, 26 अगस्त

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क्लोदिंग एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (सीएमएआई) ने अपने नोट में कहा कि अगर कुछ हिस्से 18 प्रतिशत वाले जीएसटी स्लैब के अंतर्गत आते हैं, तो यह उद्योग के लिए विनाशकारी होगा। नोट में यह भी कहा गया है कि अगर परिधान उद्योग के लिए जीएसटी स्लैब अधिक रहता है, तो यह बात विनिर्माताओं को अपने उत्पादों की गुणवत्ता और कीमतें कम करने के लिए उकसाएगी जिससे वे कम कर वाले स्लैब में आ सकें।

दोनों स्लैब के बीच का अंतर फिलहाल 5 प्रतिशत और 12 प्रतिशत है। यह अंतर 5 प्रतिशत और 18 प्रतिशत हो जाएगा। इससे बिल कम करके दिखाने, हानिकारक कार्यप्रणाली और ग्रे मार्केट को



उल्टे शुल्क ढांचे की दिक्कतें दूर करने की मांग कर रहा उद्योग

बढ़ावा मिलेगा, क्योंकि विनिर्माता इतनी अधिक दर पर जीएसटी चुकाने के बजाय वहां का रुख करना पसंद कर सकते हैं।

सीएमएआई के चीफ मैटर राहुल मेहता ने प्रस्तावित जीएसटी सुधारों के संबंध में कहा, 'प्रस्तावित जीएसटी सुधार परिधान उद्योग के लिए तभी फायदेमंद होंगे, जब वस्त्र की पूरी मूल्य श्रृंखला को 5 प्रतिशत की स्लैब के अंतर्गत लाया जाए, जिसकी मांग परिधान उद्योग जीएसटी लागू होने के दिन से ही कर रहा है। इससे कपड़े सस्ते होंगे और उल्टे शुल्क ढांचे की समस्या भी खत्म होगी। इसलिए मैं सरकार से वस्त्रों की पूरी मूल्य श्रृंखला को 5 प्रतिशत की स्लैब के अंतर्गत लाने की सिफारिश और आग्रह कर रहा हूँ।

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## Textile industry negotiates with customers as additional tariffs kick in

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The multi-billion-dollar Indian textiles and leather industries face uncertainty following the additional 25 per cent US tariff from August 27.

Companies have pushed most of the inventory to the US in the last couple of months to avoid the additional tariffs, but still tonnes of garments and leather goods are lying in warehouses. There is increasing pressure from customers to share the cost with discounts ranging between 5 per cent and 25 per cent on goods, said sources.

"We will know the impact of this fallout only by the next two weeks as many tried to push deliveries for September by last week," said Thirukkumaran Natarajan, Chairman of Tiruppur-based Esstee Exports India Pvt Ltd. The revenue loss could be ₹1,300 crore to ₹1,500 crore per month for Tiruppur exporters, and

₹4,000 crore to ₹4,250 crore per month pan-India, he said. Its advantage Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia and Pakistan that face much lower tariffs, he added.

### BRANDED TEXTILES

When asked why the goods meant for the US cannot be sold in India, he said it is tailor made to the US market with brand name and cannot be sold in the domestic market. A source said that due to the huge volumes, US-bound goods cannot be altered and sold in India. The solution now is to negotiate with the customers on discount.

Siddhartha Rajagopal, Director, the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (Texprocil), said while many exporters have shipped the goods in hopes of beating the deadline, others are holding on to the merchandise, hoping that the additional tariffs may be deferred.

New orders are on hold as buyers are looking for discounts up to 20-25 per cent, and if this trend continues, job losses cannot be ruled



**A SAFE BET.** The textile industry is looking at taking advantage of the trade deal with UK and EFTA countries to contain the damage

out. The 50 per cent reciprocal tariff will literally drive the Indian apparel industry out of the US market, as the 30-31 per cent tariff disadvantage compared to major competing countries is simply unworkable, said Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, Apparel Export Promotion Council. India's annual exports to the US in FY25 were valued at \$86.5 billion, with textiles exports, worth \$10.3 billion, one of the worst impacted sectors, he added.

### THREE CATEGORIES

Exports to the US fall under three categories – round the

year, seasonal trade, and direct trade with brands and buyers.

A decision needs to be taken on how to handle requests for discounts on goods subject to higher taxes, instructions to temporarily suspend pending orders, and the cancellation of many orders, said Kumar Duraisamy, Joint Secretary, Tiruppur Exporters' Association, at an interactive session on the challenges faced by Tiruppur exporters. The industry is intensifying its efforts towards market diversification, and is looking at taking advantage of the trade deal with UK and EFTA

countries to contain the damage, he said.

According to Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor at the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) and Director at Creative Group of Companies, "this is a disastrous situation for the industry, especially for exporters dependent on the US market. At some stage, there will likely be a political resolution, because even for American consumers, paying an additional 50 per cent is not sustainable. Buyers, too, will weigh their options; it is not easy to suddenly replace a \$50 million or \$500 million business, so they may choose

to absorb part of the cost increase to ensure continuity of supply".

While large exporters may find ways to cushion the impact, including nearshoring or negotiating with buyers, the real challenge will be for MSMEs, who account for nearly 80 per cent of India's garment exports to the US. Of India's annual \$5.5-6 billion apparel exports to the US, \$3-3.5 billion worth of orders are currently at stake. For small- and mid-sized players, such disruptions could be a severe blow, he said. It's a similar situation in the leather sector. "We cannot quantify the inventory. But it's going to be millions of dollars. We have started looking at other markets. Also, we are supporting the customers by sharing the tariffs. They want us to bear 25 per cent, but we are still negotiating on how to solve it," said Sanjay Lulla, Managing Director, SM Lulla Industries Worldwide.

Inputs from Suresh P Iyengar, Aishwarya Kumar

## Tree Plantation in Sachin SEZ Held under "Ek Pad Ma Ke Naam"



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In a powerful message of environmental consciousness and emotional tribute, a large-scale tree plantation program was held at Nyasa Industry in the Sachin SEZ industrial area of Surat on Wednesday. The initiative, spearheaded by nature enthusiast Naresh Shah, was conducted under the heartfelt slogan “Ek Pad Ma Ke Naam” (A Tree in Mother’s Name), emphasizing a personal connection with sustainability.

The event was held under the chairmanship of BJP MLA from Choriyasi, Sandeep Desai, and saw the enthusiastic participation of central and state government officials, prominent industry leaders from Sachin GIDC, and social organizations.

More than 20 eco-beneficial tree saplings were planted on the Nyasa Industry campus during the program. Among the key dignitaries present were Abhimanyu Sharma (ITS – SEZ Development Commissioner), Samaysinh Meena (IRS – SEZ Specified Officer), PI Pradyumansinh Vaghela of Sachin Police Station, **CMAI Gujarat Region Chairman Dr. Ajoy Bhattacharya**, Sachin-Maroli Rajput Samaj Trustee Raghuveer Singh Vansia, and office bearers from the Sachin Industrial Cooperative Society.

#### MANUFACTURING//NEWS

### SURAT TO HOST EVENTS TO BOOST GARMENT INDUSTRY

The Gujarat chapter of the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) is planning a number of activities to encourage the production of garments in Surat, a centre for man-made fabrics.

The Gujarat Yoga Board, the Institute of Design and Technology and the Federation of Surat Trade and Textile Associations Forum are collaborating to organise these programmes. The event, which will promote clothing and textile companies, will involve more than 500 students.

A national-level conference on topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Fashion, the Future of the Fashion Industry and Textile Innovation will also take place. Leading clothing businesses will attend the conference alongside representatives from Gujarat, SIDBI and Chhattisgarh governments.

According to Ajoy Bhattacharya, Regional Chairman of CMAI, the city has earned a name for itself in MMF and is currently working to become a hub for garments as well.



### GTE ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF 'LACE & TRIMS SHOW'

Garment Technology Expo Pvt. Ltd., and India Exposition Mart Ltd. (IEMIL) jointly announced the launch of a brand-new exhibition, Lace & Trims Expo, at an exclusive business gathering of the Garment Technology Expo (GTE) held in New Delhi. This event is expected to revolutionise India's sourcing ecosystem for garment essentials such as detailing, embellishments and accessories.

The Lace & Trims Show, which is planned to co-locate with future GTE editions, will make its debut in: 1. Ahmedabad (7th-9th November 2025), Gandhinagar's Helipad Exhibition Centre; 2. Delhi-NCR (20th-23rd March 2026), Greater Noida's India

Expo Centre & Mart; 3. September 2026 in Bengaluru.

The expo will function as a specialised B2B platform for exhibiting all necessary trims for the manufacturing of apparel and fashion, including laces, ribbons, zippers, threads, beads, sequins, buttons and motifs.

At the launch event, Inderjit S. Sahni, Founder and Chairman of GTE, remarked that the fair has long been synonymous with machinery and manufacturing technology, but also recognises the creative demands of the industry. He noted that the new expo will spotlight laces, zari, trims, zippers, threads, beads, accessories and other intricate elements that define fashion.

### MP CM HOLDS SURAT ROADSHOW; TEXTILE INDUSTRY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT INVESTING IN STATE

In an effort to draw businesses and entrepreneurs to his state, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav staged a roadshow in Surat.

Chief Minister Yadav stated that his state offers a great deal of opportunity for investments across a range of industries. He added that plans for investments of Rs. 15,710 crore (US \$ 1.83 billion) have been unveiled, creating about 11,500 new job possibilities. According to Ashish Gujarati, a businessman from Surat and a former

President of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, he had a fruitful conversation on textiles with the CM.

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry's President, Nikhil Madras, stated that Surat's businesspeople are prepared to introduce industry in Madhya Pradesh. According to Ashok Girawala, President of the Federation of Gujarat Weavers Association, the industry is expanding throughout the nation.



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26th August 2025	<b>62<sup>nd</sup> A G M</b>	Notice sent to all Members reg: holding of 62 <sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association scheduled to be held on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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