

## ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Total Membership strength of CMAI as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 stood at 7293 including affiliated Members.

CMAI on-boarded 53 New Companies as Members in the month of December 2025 which are as under:

REGION	PRIMARY	ASSOCIATE	AGENT / DISTRIBUTOR	RETAILER	GRAND TOTAL
MUMBAI	12	5	0	0	17
WESTERN INDIA	0	1	1	1	3
SOUTHERN INDIA	3	1	0	1	5
NORTHERN INDIA	11		1	1	13
EASTERN INDIA	1	0	0	0	1
CENTRAL INDIA	0	0	1	0	1
GUJARAT	7	5	1	0	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>

Total Membership strength of CMAI as on 1st Januray'26 stood at **7293** including **2135** affiliated Members from 5 Regional Associations.

The Association has sent E-mail on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to all the Categories of Members requesting them to Renew their Membership with the Association with Options of Renewal of 1,3 or 5 Years as convenient to them. Proforma Invoices were sent to Members whose Renewal was pending on 07<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Reminder Renewal emails were sent on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Membership Renewal received from Members in various Categories during the month of January 2026 are as under-

REGION	PRIMARY	ASSOCIATE	AGENT / DISTRIBUTOR	RETAILER	GRAND TOTAL
MUMBAI	4	0	0	0	4
WESTERN INDIA	0	0	0	0	0
SOUTHERN INDIA	0	0	0	0	0
NORTHERN INDIA	0	0	1	0	1
EASTERN INDIA	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL INDIA	0	0	0	0	0
GUJARAT	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

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## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION

There are 686 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. 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: **HDFC000005**

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Our Patronage Members are requested to introduce more Manufacturer Members through their contact to CMAI and strengthen the Association for One Voice on any issues that will be connected with the Industry. For Extraordinary Growth Opportunities - **CMAI Membership is your Best Option.**

## CONCILIATION & ARBITRATION SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026



**CMAI IS PROUD TO INFORM THE MEMBERS THAT DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025 THE ASSOCIATION RECOVERED 1.05 CRORES FROM THE INDUSTRY DUE TO OUR MEMBERS.**

MIS FOR THE PERIOD OF	DEC' 2025		JAN' 2026	
	No. of Files	Amount	No. of Files	Amount
Opening Total Cases pending resolution	464	₹ 14,39,50,280	462	₹ 13,75,76,987
New Complaints	34	₹ 36,07,611	34	₹ 1,06,95,365
Complaints resolved fully in the Month	17		22	
Cases Transferred to Caution List	19	₹ 46,45,104	18	₹ 47,94,952
Amount to be Reduced in the Month		₹ 53,35,800		₹ 1,13,94,656
Total Cases pending resolution as on month end	462	₹ 13,75,76,987	456	₹ 13,20,82,744
Current Payment	20	₹ 41,85,738	54	₹ 51,16,776
Post Dated Cheque Received	3	₹ 1,25,478	5	₹ 26,73,617
Amount Collected in the Month	23	₹ 43,11,216	59	₹ 77,90,393
Discount Amount Written-Off by Member in the month	14	₹ 10,24,584	15	₹ 36,04,263
Amount to be Reduced in the Month		₹ 53,35,800		₹ 1,13,94,656
Complaints in Caution List	1577	₹ 33,13,31,793	1595	₹ 33,61,26,745

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## MEETINGS

The Office Bearers of the Association met on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and also met on several occasions and discussed and decided few key points in the organisational matters including Organising of 82<sup>nd</sup> National Garment Fair, CMAI's FAB Show ,CMAI's Corporate Fair, Releasing CMAI's Apparel Consumption Study Report 2025 on the Apparel Industry, Progress made on the Working of Apparel Training Institute at Asmeeta Texpa, Bhiwandi , New Office Premise at 803- A- Wing, Naman Midtown etc.

### Apparel Consumption Report



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CMAI delegation led by Vice President Rohit Munjal and Chief Mentor Rahul Mehta, met the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh\*, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to brief him on CMAI's latest \*Apparel Consumption Report\* focusing on India's domestic apparel consumption. The meeting was also attended by Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary (Textiles), along with Ashish Dhir and Ambuj Gupta of 1Lettice who were engaged to get the Report made by studying the Market on behalf of the Association.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated CMAI's initiative and emphasized the critical role of robust market statistics in shaping effective business strategies and policy decisions.

### **INAUGURATION OF CMAI'S APPAREL TRAINING CENTRE AT MAGUS FASHION CITY, (ASMEETA TEXPA ) BHWANDI**



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CMAI'S Apparel Training Centre ( ATC ) was Inaugurated on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 by Shri Sanjay Rastogi, Head New Business, ESG & Leadership, Tata Trent Ltd. and Shri Deepak Khandekar, Regional Dy. Commissioner Textiles, Govt. Of Maharashtra.

Mr. Santosh Kataria, CMAI President, Mr. Naveen Sainani, Hon. Gen.Secretary and Mr. Anand Golecha Chairman, ATC Sub-Committee , Mr V. M. Kulkarni and Mr. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor attended on behalf of the Association. They shared valuable insights on CMAI initiatives, Factory Requirement of Workers, and Importance of the Apparel Training Centre.

The Association thanked 50+ Garment Manufacturers who participated and appreciated CMAI's ongoing efforts to empower and uplift the garment industry, Mr. Mayur from Magus fashion city provided valuable support for the success of the event.

## EVENTS

### 82ND NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR

The Association Successfully Organized the 82nd National Garment Fair from 20th to 22nd January 2026 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Nesco Complex, Goregaon East, Mumbai 400063.

With over 1000 exhibitors, showcasing 1042 brands, to 20000 plus Retailers , pan India , in this edition, reflects the growing strength, confidence, and diversity of India's Domestic Apparel Industry. The National Garment Fair has emerged as an important Platform connecting Manufacturers, Retailers, and Buyers, while promoting Indian Brands as symbols of quality' innovation' and sustainability.



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The Fair was inaugurated by Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India in the presence of Shri Ashish Kewalramani of Ashish NX, Nagpur, and Shri Ganesh Narayan Beria of Nagarmal Sheonarain & Sons, Arrah, Bihar who were the Guests of honour, President, Office Bearers and Members of the Fair Sub Committee and Managing Committee.

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*Chief Guest with the Members of the Managing Committee*

## 74th INDIA INTERNATIONAL GARMENT FAIR

The 74th India International Garment Fair (IIGF) Autumn / Winter 2026-27 was held from 23rd – 25th January 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi.

There were a Total of 240 Participants ( covering an Gross Area of 5157 Sqm) out of which the Association forwarded 33 Applications admeasuring a Gross Area of 666 SQM to IIGF.

The Fair was Inaugurated by Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles in presence of Dr A Saktivel, Chairman, AEPC, Mr Rajesh Vaid, Chairman, IGFA and other Members of the Executive Committee of AEPC.

A Total of 616 quality International Buyers from 62 Countries and 277 Buying Agents / Sourcing Consultants visited during these 3 Days of the Fair.

## INAUGURAL EDITION OF CMAI CORPORATE FAIR – TENDHAUS Fair receives overwhelming response with New Booking Format

In a first of its kind initiative, the Association organized the inaugural edition of TRENDHAUS (an exclusive Corporate Booking Fair ) from 26th to 30th January 2026 in NESCO, Goregaon (East), Mumbai.

Eleven of the major Brands in the Domestic Apparel Industry Inaugurated the TRENDHAUS in presence of the President, Office Bearers, Members of the Managing Committee, Retailers and the Media.

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These 11 of the major Brands in the Domestic Apparel Industry showcased custom designed spaces ranging from 800 Sq Meters to 3000 Sq Meters in Hall No. 6 in NESCO. These Brands included Classic Polo, Easies, Gini & Jony, Indian Terrain, Integriti, Jr. Killer, Killer, Nostrum, Spykar, Status Quo & Twills

The show hosted approx. 2000 pre-identified buyers, including leading retailers, wholesalers, EBOs, MBOs, large format stores, franchisees and top e-commerce partners. They were treated to customized & exclusive services, complemented by finest hospitality programme which included return economy airfare, luxury 5- star accommodation, meals & beverages, chauffeured local transport, exclusive networking evenings and priority brand appointments.

TRENDHAUS is not merely an event but it is start of a long overdue initiative of CMAI to build a booking platform in which leading brands engage, showcase their full range of collections, designs, products with Buyers. The Buyers got the opportunity for one-to-one meetings with Brands and complete key buying decisions for the entire year.

TRENDHAUS is a by-Invitation Bookings Fair witnessed over 2000 pre-Identified PAN India top Retails who owns their Outlets.

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF CMAI FAB SHOW



The 6th Edition of CMAI FAB Show will be held from 02nd to 04th April 2026, at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

The FAB show will showcase India's comprehensive capabilities across the textile value chain. From cutting edge fabrics to sustainable solutions, the show reflects how our industry is gearing up to not just meet, but lead the next wave of global apparel sourcing.

The Association also covered Ahmedabad, Bengaluru Manufacturers for Publicizing and Marketing the said Show.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Bharat -Tax , a Global textile Expo 2026 will be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi between 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

For the first time ever a Focused Pavilion for Innerwear | Sleepwear | Loungewear will also be Incorporated in this Expo besides "Brands of India :" Pavilion. .

Total 82 Exhibitors applied for participation in this Expo out of which 18 are in the Brands of India Pavilion.

Members who are interested to take part in this Global Textile Expo, please contact Hardik Shah ( M No. 9930185699 ) or Vishal Revle, ( M. No. 9004277291 )

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## CMAI IS IN THE MEDIA

### Press Release-1

#### CMAI's 82nd National Garment Fair Now Begins!

**Inaugurated by Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India**

- *The 82nd NGF commences expecting 20,000+ Retailers from PAN-India*
- *Over 1000 brands showcasing the latest Spring-Summer Collections at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), Goregaon East, Mumbai from January 20 to 22, 2026*

**Mumbai, January 20, 2026:** The **82nd National Garment Fair (NGF)**, India's largest apparel trade fair, organised by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) was inaugurated by **Shri Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India** at the **Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), Goregaon East, Mumbai**. Taking place from January 20 to 22, 2026, this iconic show serves as a premier platform for the Indian apparel industry, uniting manufacturers, retailers, designers, and fashion professionals to explore the latest trends and business opportunities.

The Guests of Honour at the fair include **Shri Ashish Kewalramani of Ashish NX, Nagpur, and Shri Ganesh Narayan Beria of Nagarmal Sheonarain & Sons, Arrah, Bihar**. Dignitaries present at the inauguration included Mr. Santosh Katariya, President, CMAI; Mr. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, CMAI; Mr. Rohit Munjal, Vice President and Chairman of the Fair Committee; Mr. Naveen Sainani – Hon. Gen. Secretary; Mr. Paresh Vora, Hon Treasurer; Mr. Mukesh Jain, Hon Jt Gen Secretary; Mr. Dinesh Nandu, Hon Jt Treasurer; among others.

**Speaking at the inauguration of the 82<sup>nd</sup> NGF, Shri Rohit Kansal, said,** *"If an event has stayed on for decades, I'm sure it must be adding value to all its participants. And that alone is adequate reason to compliment CMAI and its leadership, participants, and of course, the entire domestic sector, which you all represent. I have no hesitation in admitting that the textiles ecosystem in India is \$176 billion ecosystem, and \$140 billion dollars of it is contributed by the domestic sector. So, the importance of the domestic sector can neither be underestimated in any way, nor be underplayed in any way."* [P] [SEP]

*"If you look at the past trends, you will see that the domestic consumption in the textile sector has been growing at 7 to 8% per annum, and this is a trend which will only continue to increase as disposable incomes rise, as India goes on from a middle-income economy into a 'Viksit Bharat'. Discretionary spending on clothing among other things is going to rise and this is all going to be the domestic sector, and therefore, the future prospects are extremely bright as far as the domestic sector is concerned,"* Shri Kansalji further added.

The 82nd NGF is bigger and more elevated than ever, with a refined, premium ambience and seamless on-the-spot registrations. Spread across 7 lakh square feet, the show features over 1,070 stalls and 1,085+ brands, presenting the latest Spring–Summer collections across men's, women's, and kids' wear.

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Designed to drive meaningful B2B engagement, NGF offers a strong platform for industry collaboration and growth within India's domestic apparel market. Enhancing the visitor experience, a newly introduced stall locator enables easy navigation, helping buyers discover new brands and locate preferred exhibitors effortlessly.

**Santosh Katariya, President, CMAI**, said, *“As India’s apparel industry enters 2026, it continues to demonstrate resilience and steady growth, supported by strong domestic demand and a growing preference for quality-led apparel.”*

Speaking about the NGF, **Rohit Munjal, Vice President and Chairman of the Fair Committee, CMAI**, added, *“The National Garment Fair (NGF) stands as a flagship platform for India’s apparel industry, as one of the country’s most influential B2B trade fairs, NGF enables meaningful industry connections, drives business opportunities, and expands the national footprint of participating brands.”*

**Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, CMAI**, remarked, *“India’s apparel market is seeing steady growth across segments, driven by urban demand, premiumisation and Gen Z-led preferences. As the market evolves, innovation and scalable solutions will be critical in enabling brands and manufacturers to respond effectively to changing consumer expectations and sustain long-term growth.”*

Acknowledged as the largest biannual trade fair in the Indian apparel sector, NGF continues to set industry benchmarks by combining innovation, creativity, and scale. The 82nd edition solidifies its legacy as a powerful sourcing destination, offering unmatched networking opportunities while empowering brands and retailers to shape the future of Indian fashion with groundbreaking collections and strategic collaborations.

As India's apparel industry is on a strong growth trajectory, with revenues projected to rise by 10.5% in FY26, platforms like the National Garment Fair (NGF) are instrumental in shaping the sector's next phase. The 82nd edition of NGF will spotlight emerging trends while reinforcing its role as the industry's premier forum for innovation and collaboration. By bringing retailers and manufacturers together, NGF enhances efficiency, strengthens industry networks, and supports the apparel ecosystem's journey towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

## Press Release-2

### **CMAI’s TRENDHAUS 2026 Begins in Mumbai; Reinvents the Booking Experience With 11 Leading Brands Under One Roof**

- *TRENDHAUS is a by-invitation bookings fair witnessing over 2000 pre-Identified PAN India top retail outlets*

The inaugural edition of TRENDHAUS, organised by the Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI), has formally opened on January 26, 2026, in the presence of CMAI leadership along with the heads of participating brands—Classic Polo, Easies, Gini & Jony, Indian Terrain, Integriti, Jr Killer, Killer, Nostrum, Spykar, Status Quo and Twills. The ceremonial opening marked a strong collective spirit, underscoring the power of industry collaboration that defines this new platform.

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CMAI TRENDHAUS 2026 – India Brands Collective, is a curated, by-invitation-only booking fair bringing together 11 of India's leading fashion brands under one roof. Designed as a focused, closed-door booking fair, TRENDHAUS 2026 is enabling retailers to preview Autumn-Winter 2026 collections, engage in in-depth discussions with brand teams, and place advance orders in a structured and professional environment. The format has been thoughtfully curated to ensure meaningful engagement, uninterrupted business interactions, and efficient seasonal planning for both brands and buyers.

Speaking on the launch, **Santosh Katariya, President, CMAI**, said, *“Platforms like TRENDHAUS play a critical role in strengthening the apparel industry’s ecosystem by bringing brands and retailers together in a focused, outcome-driven environment. Such curated booking forums not only improve seasonal planning and business efficiency but also encourage deeper collaboration, transparency and long-term partnerships. Initiatives like these help the industry move towards greater professionalism, predictability and sustainable growth. CMAI will ensure that attendees experience never-seen-before, customized and exclusive services, complemented by the finest hospitality, making TRENDHAUS a truly productive and enriching platform.”*

TRENDHAUS is conceptualised to enhance seasonal booking efficiency for retailers and for brands by offering a seamless, curated environment to preview new collections from select brands under one roof. This first-of-its-kind initiative helps save time, strengthen brand relationships and visibility, and streamline pre-season planning for both brands and retailers.

Over the five-day fair, TRENDHAUS 2026 will facilitate one-to-one business meetings between participating brands and retail decision-makers from across the country. CMAI has extended an all-expenses-paid invitation, covering travel, accommodation, food & beverages, along with access to the exclusive booking fair experience, and is witnessing participation from around 2,000 pre-identified retail outlets, including Multi-Brand Outlets (MBOs), Exclusive Brand Outlets (EBOs), Large Format Stores, E-commerce players and Franchisees. Curated networking dinners and interaction forums have also been planned to foster long-term business relationships and collaboration.

Each participating brand is showcased through dedicated, custom-designed pavilions ranging from 4,000 sq. ft. to 30,000 sq. ft., offering buyers an immersive and comprehensive presentation of upcoming collections.

With the launch of TRENDHAUS 2026, CMAI further reinforces its commitment to creating high-impact platforms that drive growth, collaboration and professionalization within the Indian apparel industry.

## સીએમએઆઈનો નેશનલ ગારમેન્ટ ફેર

સીએમએઆઈનો 82મો નેશનલ ગારમેન્ટ ફેર ગોરેગાવના એક્ઝિબિશન સેન્ટરમાં મંગળવારથી શરૂ થયો. ટેક્સટાઇલ્સ મંત્રાલયના વધારાના સચિવ રોહિત કંસલે ઉદ્ઘાટન કર્યું. 22મી સુધી ચાલનારું આ પ્રદર્શન ભારતીય એપરલ ઉદ્યોગ માટે અવ્યાલ મંચનું કામ કરશે, એમ પ્રમુખ સંતોષ કટારિયાએ જણાવ્યું હતું.

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**मुंबई :** भारतीय वस्त्रोद्योग क्षेत्रातील सर्वात मोठे प्रदर्शन अमलेल्या ८२ व्या नेशनल गारमेंट फेअरचे उद्घाटन, भारत सरकारच्या वस्त्रोद्योग मंत्रालयाचे अतिरिक्त सचिव रोहित कंसल यांच्या हस्ते मुंबईतील गोरेगाव पूर्व येथील बॉम्बे एक्सिविशन सेंटर येथे करण्यात आले. क्लोरिंग मॅन्युफॅक्चरर्स असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडियाकडून २० ते २२ जानेवारी २०२६ या कालावधीत हे प्रदर्शन भरवण्यात आले आहे. या प्रदर्शनाचे सन्मानानीय अतिथी म्हणून नागपूरच्या आशिष एनएक्सचे आशिष केवलरमानी आणि आरा येथील नागरमल शिवानारायण अऱ्ड सन्सचे गणेश नारायण बेरिया उपस्थित होते. या उद्घाटन सोहळ्याला उपस्थित असलेल्या मान्यवरांमध्ये सीएमएआयचे अध्यक्ष संतोष कटारिया, मुख्य मार्गदर्शक राहुल मेहता, उपाध्यक्ष आणि प्रदर्शन समितीचे अध्यक्ष रोहित मुंजाल, मानद सरचिटणीस नवीन सैनानी, मानद कोषाध्यक्ष परेश व्होरा, मानद संयुक्त सरचिटणीस मुकेश जैन, मानद संयुक्त कोषाध्यक्ष दिनेश नंदू आणि इतरांचा समावेश होता. ८२ व्या नेशनल गारमेंट फेअरच्या उद्घाटन प्रसंगी बोलताना रोहित कंसल म्हणाले, जर एखादा उपक्रम अनेक दशकांपासून सतत मुळ असेल, तर मला खात्री आहे की तो आपल्या सर्व सहभागी सदस्यांच्या प्रगतीत मोलाची भर घालत असेल.



## CMAI FAB Show 2026 Sees 78% Space Booked

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**T**he Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) is set to host the 6th edition of the FAB Show (Fabrics, Apparel & Textiles Show 2026) (FAB Show 2026), India's largest source-to-source event for fabrics and accessories, from April 2-4 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. The B2B event has emerged as a key platform connecting the entire garment industry.

The upcoming edition has already attracted bookings for over 78 per cent of exhibition space within just 21 days of launch, reflecting robust industry confidence. FAB Show 2026 is expected to welcome more than 14,000 trade buyers from across 100 Indian cities, 2,000 platinum dealers, alongside international buyers from 27 countries such as Bangladesh, the US, UAE, China, Turkey, and Kenya. Key decision-makers from leading textile hubs like Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Jaipur, Tirupur, Ludhiana, Kolkata, and Bengaluru will participate, highlighting the show's growing influence.

Santosh Kataria, President of CMAI, said, "FAB Show 2026 is a high-impact platform for manufacturers to showcase their capabilities to buyers, serious trade buyers, and build long-term partnerships. By enabling direct discovery and faster decision-making, the show strengthens order pipelines and promotes sustainable growth."

Sustainability & Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be central themes this year. The SU.R.E Sustainability Conclave on April 3 will feature panels, brand presentations, industry solutions, and a fashion show, attracting over 250 professionals. A dedicated



Sustainability & AI Pavilion will host 30-35 companies demonstrating eco-conscious innovations, AI demonstrations, sustainable textiles, and production processes.

Naveen Sainani, Chairman of FAB Show, CMAI, added, "With strong global participation and a focus on Sustainability and AI, FAB Show 2026 reflects the garment industry's evolving priorities, combining technology-driven solutions and eco-conscious innovations for smarter, responsible sourcing."

Asked by CMAI to address the source needs of the Indian garment industry, the FAB Show has consistently grown in scale, innovation, and networking. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition promises to be the most dynamic yet, reinforcing its position as the premier sourcing destination for fabrics, accessories, and apparel solutions.

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## CMAI TRENDHAUS 2026 Autumn-Winter Fair receives overwhelming response

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The inaugural edition of CMAI TRENDHAUS - India Brands Collective - by-invitation-only booking fair showcased eleven leading brands under one roof featuring Classic Polo, Easies by Killer, Gini & Jony, Indian Terrain, Integriti, Jr. Killer, Killer, Nostrum, Spykar, Stans Quo and Twills. The ceremonial opening and consistent pan-India buyers' turnout across the five action-packed days outlined a collective and unified spirit that highlighted the power of industry collaboration.

Designed as a focused, closed-door format, the platform enabled retail outlets represented by decision makers with an all-expense paid trip to preview Autumn-Winter 2026 collections, hold in-depth discussions with brand teams and place advance orders in a structured and professional environment. The thoughtfully curated format ensured meaningful engagement, uninterrupted business interactions and efficient seasonal planning for both brands and buyers.

Speaking about the success of the event, Santosh Kataria, President, CMAI, said, "The inaugural edition marked a strong and promising beginning. The platform demonstrated the effectiveness of curated, outcome-driven forums in strengthening the apparel industry's ecosystem by enabling efficient seasonal planning, sharper business alignment and meaningful collaborations. TRENDHAUS facilitated deeper engagement and fuelled long-term partnerships between brands and retailers, reinforcing a more professional and predictable approach to doing business. CMAI remains committed to enhancing this buying experience through a customized hospitality package that resonates with all stakeholders and continues to evolve as a high-impact, productive platform for sustainable growth."

Charan Ram Narasimhan, Managing Director, Indian Terrain, said, "CMAI's inaugural TRENDHAUS offered a distinctive and engaging experience. This is the first time that select brands collectively decided to come together on a common platform to showcase their Autumn Winter collections, and it has been a unique experience altogether. Over the last five days, we have seen more than 1,800 retailers walk in, beyond our regular customers, allowing us to showcase our collection to a much wider audience."

Harsh Aarwal, CEO, Gini & Jony, added, "The experience at

new products and driving sales. This level of support removes a lot of operational pressure and makes the platform highly effective. CMAI has consistently been a trusted and close association for us, and the team truly feels like family. We are very happy to have joined the fair at the very first invitation."

Jayesh Shah, Promoter, Twills, said, "This was a fabulous initiative by CMAI to bring national brands together on a common platform and it has strong potential going forward. The overall experience for invited buyers has been mixed, with some logistical challenges that can definitely be streamlined in future editions. From an industry perspective, apparel is seeing rapid change driven by evolving retail dynamics, fast-moving trends and increased focus on fabrics, fits and overall presentation."

Sanjay Vakaria, Co-Founder & CEO, Spykar Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd., said, "We are seeing a steady shift in consumers from value businesses and fast fashion brands to slow fashion and quality merchandise dispensing brands. Very clearly, an audience that prefers good quality and in-trend merchandise is being formed, and the exodus from value brands back into this cohort is steadily being seen. TRENDHAUS is an interesting format and it is still early days, but it has great potential, provided more like-minded brands participate in the future, which I am sure will be part of CMAI's plan."

Sivaram TR, Managing Director, Classic Polo, commented, "Our experience at CMAI's inaugural TRENDHAUS has been quite productive and the event has been very well organized. In terms of consumer trends for 2026, there are several takeaways emerging across styling and fabric, with denim continuing to evolve and changes being seen in patterns, particularly in menswear. Price points are also becoming more considered, reflecting a shift in consumer preferences."

Bobby Arora, Director of Stans Quo, said, "Exhibiting at TrendHaus was an incredibly enriching experience for us. Being surrounded by some of India's most innovative lifestyle brands created a dynamic environment for collaboration, learning, and meaningful buyer interactions. The platform truly celebrated creativity and forward-thinking strategy, making it a valuable space for brands like ours to showcase upcoming collections together and connect with the right retailers."

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Harsh Agarwal, CEO, Gim & Jouy, added, "The experience at the inaugural event has been outstanding. Coming from a manufacturing background, I have seen similar platforms internationally, where retail bookings through a common forum are the norm. It is encouraging to see this format finally take place in India under CMAI where leading brands have come together. It makes the process easier for brands as well as for their retail partners, driving more efficient and focused business interactions. Platforms like TRENDHAUS mark a positive step forward for the Indian apparel industry, and we are delighted to be a part of this first successful edition."

Hemant Jain, Joint Managing Director, Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited (KKCL), expressed, "The experience at TRENDHAUS has been excellent, with very smooth and thoughtful management. From airfare to accommodation, CMAI team took care of everything, allowing brands to focus entirely on meeting clients, showcasing

connect with the right retailers."

Raj Nawani, Managing Director of Nostrum Fashion Pvt. Ltd., said, "I would like to personally thank CMAI for creating an excellent platform like TrendHaus, where futuristic brands came together to showcase innovation and unique collections. The event truly enhanced the experience for customers and partners aspiring to grow big in the apparel industry. This is a strong step forward and will certainly create a positive difference in the clothing ecosystem. With further refinements and new ideas in future editions, this platform has the potential to become even bigger, smoother, and more impactful for the industry."

TRENDHAUS was conceptualised to enhance seasonal booking efficiency for both retailers and brands by offering a seamless, curated environment to preview select collections under one roof. The initiative enabled time savings, stronger brand visibility, improved relationship-building and streamlined pre-season planning.

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## UNION BUDGET 2026-27

# Textile tweaks may not cut it for manufacturers and consumers

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**S**arees, suits and ready-made garments made of Man-Made Fiber (MMF) in addition to premium cotton apparel are set to get a shade cheaper with nominal price reductions. With incentives rolled out for textile manufacturing, some relief is expected from fabric and garment makers in textile and apparel pricing, though the impact is unlikely to be immediate.

"The announcements will enable improvements in technology and quality for domestic and export markets. Efficiently managed costs will in turn help manufacturers to offer better pricing to customers for apparel and textile products," said Nikhil Madras, president of the Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Meanwhile, continuation of duty-exemption on Extra Long Staple Cotton, will keep prices of premium cotton apparel affordable. Logistics efficiency is also expected to play a role in easing price pressures, though in the long term. The proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor linking Dankuni in West Bengal to Surat will help lower transportation costs and improve market access for the MMF hub, be-

nefits that could gradually reflect in consumer pricing.

Key announcements such as Samarth 2.0 scheme to modernise the textile skill ecosystem; setting up of Mega Textile Parks in mission mode and the National Fibre Scheme will help improve manufacturing efficiency. The Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme, and Tex-Eco initiative will help absorb cost pressures.

"The package will help modernise the sector and improve efficiency across the value chain. Enhanced scale and productivity could allow consumers to access better quality textiles at stable prices over time," said Rahul Mehta, chief mentor, Clothing Manufacturers' Association of India.

Support for smaller players and weavers will also indirectly benefit consumers.



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The key initiatives announced address the textile economy end to end. The National Fibre Mission, Mr. Katariya said, focuses on self-reliance in natural fibres as well as man-made and special-use fibres, is an important step toward securing reliable raw material supplies and reducing import dependency. Complementing this, the Mission for Cotton Productivity aims to raise yields, promote extra-long staple varieties, and deliver science and technology support to farmers, which will improve farm incomes and provide steadier, higher-quality cotton for industry use.

On revival and inclusion of traditional textile segments the Budget is notably positive. The Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative will promote khadi, handloom and handicrafts at scale, while the proposed National Handloom and Handicrafts Programme will integrate and scale existing schemes to improve market access and value addition for artisans and small producers, CMAI President added.

The announced expansion to modernise traditional textile clusters and the focus on employment generation will directly benefit cluster economies and sustain millions of livelihoods, he said.

The Government's emphasis on skilling and modernisation is welcome, Mr. Katariya said and added that Samarth 2.0 and the broader skilling ecosystem commitments will equip workers with contemporary manufacturing and design skills, enabling productivity gains and faster adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies. These measures, together with the National Centres of Excellence and other skilling initiatives in the Budget, will help address both labour market needs and the transition toward higher value production.

Sustainability and global standards receive necessary attention through the Textile Eco Initiative, which aims to build world-

class, environmentally sustainable textiles and garments. This, along with the planned establishment of new Mega Textile Parks in mission mode, will attract investment, improve compliance and traceability, and create integrated hubs for scale, quality control and exports, Mr. Katariya emphasised.

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<b>Circulars (Email, Website &amp; WhatsApp to All Members)</b>		
12th January 2026	<b>Cir No. 36 / M-3 / 2025</b>	Cir No. 36 / M-3 / 25 – ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025
<b>Social Media Posts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, WhatsApp &amp; YouTube)</b>		
2nd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 5
3rd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Visitor Registration Promotion Post
3rd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 3
5th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	15 Days to go Post
5th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 2
6th January 2026	<b>FAB SHOW</b>	Exhibitor Promotion - AI Video
6th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 2
7th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 4
7th January 2026	<b>BHARAT TEX 2026</b>	Innerwear / Sleepwear / Lounger Wear - Pavilion Post
8th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 12
9th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 9

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12th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 8
13th January 2026	<b>CMAI POST</b>	CMAI, led by Vice President Rohit Munjal and Chief Mentor Rahul Mehta, met the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh
13th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Save Rs. 100 Post
13th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 6
13th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Free Shuttle Services for Visitors Post
14th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 8
14th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Ethnic Wear Promotion Post for Visitors
15th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	5 Days to go Post
15th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 6
16th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 5
16th January 2026	<b>CONCILIATION &amp; ARBITRATION POST</b>	1.05 Crore recovered in December 2025 - Post
16th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 7
17th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	3 Days to go Post
17th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 7
18th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	2 Days to go Post
18th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Promotion Post - 3
19th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	24 Hours to go Post
19th January 2026	<b>CONCILIATION &amp; ARBITRATION POST</b>	Caution list as on 19th January 2026
19th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Last Day to Save Rs. 100 on Visitor Registration
19th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 1
19th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 2 - 12 Hours to go
20th January 2026	<b>CONCILIATION &amp; ARBITRATION POST</b>	Collection Report for the period 01.12.2025 to 19.01.2026

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20th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 4
20th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 5
20th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 6
20th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Testimonial - 6
21st January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Day 2 - Now Open
21st January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 7
21st January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 8
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21st January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 10
21st January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Testimonial - 11
22nd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Last Day today Post
22nd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 11
22nd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Event Reel Promotion 12
22nd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Testimonial - 16
22nd January 2026	<b>APPAREL TRAINING CENTRE</b>	Inauguration post of Apparel Training Centre.
23rd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Inauguration Post of National Garment Fair
23rd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Testimonial - 22
23rd January 2026	<b>FAB SHOW</b>	FAB Show Stall Booking Post
23rd January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Thank you post
24th January 2026	<b>NATIONAL GARMENT FAIR</b>	Exhibitor Testimonial - 7
26th January 2026	<b>CMAI POST</b>	Republic Day Post
26th January 2026	<b>TRENDHAUS 2026</b>	Inauguration Post

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