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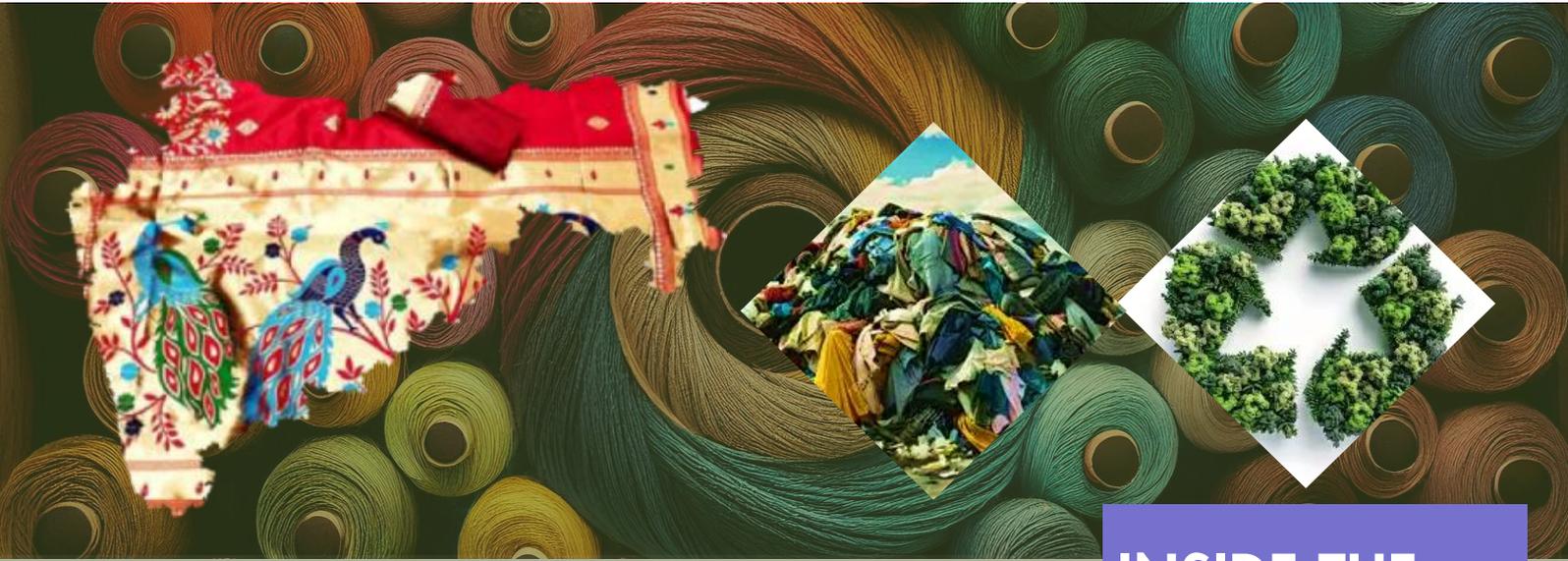


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I am deeply honored to join the people of Maharashtra in advancing the State's commitment to circular and sustainable textiles. This occasion is not only a reflection of our textile legacy but also a reaffirmation of our responsibility to protect, promote, and sustain it for future generations.

Maharashtra is home to diverse textile traditions: the royal Paithani, the intricate Himroo, the precise Karvat Kathi sarees, the vibrant Khana fabric, and the enduring Ghongadi. These traditions reflect mindful use of resources, enduring value, and craftsmanship aligned with sustainability.

The Government of Maharashtra is committed to strengthening the textile ecosystem through skilling, innovation, and sustainable market linkages, while taking circular practices to global platforms. Textiles are the foundation of a circular and sustainable future, and by supporting them, we preserve livelihoods, dignity, and pride for generations to come.

Shri. Sanjay Sushila Waman Savkare
 Hon'ble Minister (Textiles)
 Government of Maharashtra

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SECTOR IN FOCUS: Circularity and Sustainability in Maharashtra's Textile Ecosystem

Introduction

Circularity in the textile sector is increasingly recognised as a cornerstone of sustainable growth, reflecting India's long-standing tradition of responsible production and mindful consumption. Rooted in practices of reuse, repair, and minimal waste, circularity is now responding to contemporary environmental and economic pressures. Over the past decade, it has become a national priority shaping policy, industry behaviour, and consumer awareness especially as apparel production has doubled in the last 15 years, even as the sector contributes over **2.3% to GDP, 12% to exports, and employs more than 45 million people.**

This shift is visible in the growing focus on recycling and reprocessing of textile waste, improved water and energy efficiency, adoption of sustainable fibres, and greater emphasis on responsible design and production.

Circularity has moved from concept to implementation through Government-led initiatives such as **InTex India, Production Linked Incentive (PLI)** schemes for man-made fibres and technical textiles, and infrastructure programmes like **PM MITRA Parks**, which enable shared environmental infrastructure, resource-efficient production, and integrated value chains. These interventions are particularly relevant in an MSME-dominated ecosystem that accounts for nearly 80% of India's textile capacity.

As circular practices scale, textiles are being recognised not only for their environmental benefits but also for their contribution to employment generation, innovation, and inclusive growth. By extending product life cycles, improving process efficiency, and reducing resource dependency, circularity is strengthening livelihoods across the value chain especially among MSMEs and emerging green enterprises while reinforcing long-term sectoral resilience as India advances towards a **USD 350 billion** textile economy by 2030.



Maharashtra's Circular Economy

Maharashtra's textile ecosystem provides a strong foundation for advancing circular models across regions and value chains through structured policy interventions and cluster-based implementation. From fibre production and processing to manufacturing and value addition, the State's textile clusters are being guided towards circular practices that are locally relevant and economically viable. Traditional reuse and repair systems prevalent in handloom and powerloom clusters are now being reinforced through planned efforts to reduce textile waste, encourage recycled inputs, and improve material and resource efficiency across the value chain.

This transition is being driven through coordinated Government action under the **Integrated & Sustainable Textile Policy 2023–28** and related sectoral resolutions. Policy support for common environmental infrastructure—including Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), and Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) systems have helped address long-standing issues around water use, discharge compliance, and operational efficiency at the cluster level. A key milestone in this journey is the establishment of **India's first Textile Recycling Facility** in Navi Mumbai by **Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation**, which creates a formal pathway for handling post-consumer textile waste rather than letting it leak into informal or unregulated streams. Together, these measures are helping units move from compliance-driven upgrades to more efficient, cost-aware, and sustainable operations.

Beyond environmental gains, Maharashtra's circularity-led approach is beginning to show tangible social and economic outcomes. Government-supported programmes are facilitating green employment in recycling, processing, and sustainable manufacturing, while skill development initiatives are aligning workforce capabilities with shop-floor requirements linked to cleaner production and efficient resource use. Over time, this alignment of policy, infrastructure, skills, and markets is expected to reduce operational risks for industry and improve competitiveness positioning Maharashtra as a State that is not just talking about sustainability, but building systems to make it workable at scale.

Source: UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) and Press Information Bureau

States' Efforts to Strengthen and Safeguard Sustainable and Circular practices

From the Policy: Maharashtra's focus on Circularity and Sustainability

Sustainability and circularity have emerged as central pillars of Maharashtra's textile growth strategy, shaping how the sector evolves while balancing economic expansion with environmental responsibility. Recognising the environmental footprint of textile manufacturing and processing, the Textiles Department has prioritised cleaner production, resource efficiency, and waste reduction as integral components of sectoral development.

Under the Integrated & Sustainable Textile Policy 2023–28, the Department has introduced targeted interventions to promote environmentally responsible practices across textile clusters and industrial units. A strong emphasis has been placed on pollution control and water stewardship through financial support for environmental infrastructure. Textile units are eligible for capital subsidy of up to 50 per cent or ₹5 crore (whichever is lower) for setting up **Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs)** and **Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs)**. To further encourage advanced water recycling and eliminate liquid discharge, the Policy provides capital subsidy of up to 50 per cent or ₹10 crore (whichever is lower) for establishing **Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD)** systems. These measures significantly reduce water consumption, prevent untreated discharge, and strengthen environmental compliance.

The Policy also supports the transition to cleaner energy and efficient operations through incentives for solar power installations and common utility infrastructure, enabling textile enterprises to lower carbon emissions while improving cost efficiency. Digital systems have been strengthened to allow enterprises to register, apply for incentives, and track approvals online, improving transparency and ease of access to sustainability-linked benefits.



Release of Recycling GR Marks a Key Step Towards Circular Textiles



Release of Recycling GR at Hon'ble Textiles Minister, Shri. Sanjay Savkare's office

A landmark step in translating this policy vision into action is the issuance of a dedicated **Government Resolution** on textile recycling. The Government Resolution dated **17 October 2025** provides capital subsidy support for setting up of textile recycling projects focused on processing post-consumer and post-industrial waste. The announcement of 12 textile recycling plants across six revenue divisions of Maharashtra marks a significant advancement of the **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R)** framework within the textile ecosystem.

By formalizing recycling infrastructure, this initiative aims to reduce landfill dependency, conserve raw materials, cut emissions, generate green employment, and position Maharashtra as a frontrunner in circular and sustainable textile development.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Signing of MOUs to Strengthen Textile Ecosystem



The Department of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Wool Research Association (WRA)** at Mantralaya, Mumbai, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister (Textiles) Shri Sanjay Savkare and Smt. Anshu Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary (Textiles).

The MoU strengthens research, innovation, and technical capabilities across the wool and allied textile value chain, focusing on sustainable materials, process efficiency, waste reduction, and value addition. Aligned with the Integrated & Sustainable Textile Policy 2023–28, the partnership leverages WRA's expertise to promote cleaner production, fibre recovery, resource-efficient processing, and quality standards, supporting a resilient and thriving textile ecosystem.

To further encourage industrial growth in Maharashtra, the Department of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **International Fashion Business Exchange Council (IFBEC)**. The MoU aims to promote inclusive and comprehensive growth across the textile sector by strengthening industry engagement, encouraging innovation, and facilitating knowledge exchange.

The MoU was signed by Smt. Anshu Sinha, Principal Secretary, Department of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Sanjay Savkare. This collaboration is expected to support the State's efforts to enhance competitiveness, attract investment, and create new opportunities within the textile value chain.



DEPARTMENTAL VISIT

CII Kandivali Skill Center Visit

The Department of Textiles undertook a visit to the Kandivali Skill Center in Maharashtra to examine a scalable, **industry-led model** for skill development that supports a sustainable and **future-ready textile workforce**. The visit focused on understanding how structured training, modern infrastructure, and strong industry partnerships can address skill gaps while enabling employment in green jobs and sustainability-linked roles, particularly for youth and women across the textile and allied sectors. The Kandivali Skill Center functions as a multi-sector skilling hub, offering short-term, job-oriented courses designed in collaboration with industry partners and supported through CSR initiatives.

Best Practices observed during the visit

During the visit, the Department observed best practices in industry-aligned curriculum design, simulated shop-floor training environments, and integrated placement mechanisms that facilitate transition into sustainability-linked employment. Regular placement drives, employer participation, and **NSDC-recognized certifications** have contributed to strong outcomes, including placements in roles aligned with cleaner production, efficient operations, and responsible value chains. The learnings from the Kandivali Skill Center provides valuable inputs for developing similar skill lab models or simulation-based training modules within textile clusters across Maharashtra, strengthening the skills pillar of a cohesive and sustainable textile ecosystem.



Department of Textiles at the Kandivali Skill Center



EVENT

National Conference Of Handlooms & Handicrafts in Odisha



Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, (IAS) Secretary(Textiles) chaired the second day of the **National Handloom Conference 2025** held in Odisha, which was attended by Smt. Anshu Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary (Textiles), Government of Maharashtra. It was convened to deliberate policy priorities, institutional support, and coordinated approaches for the development of the handloom sector across States. The conference served as a national platform to review ongoing schemes, discuss artisan welfare measures, and explore ways to strengthen handloom clusters while preserving traditional practices and improving long-term viability.

During the conference, Maharashtra presented its initiatives related to handloom schemes, financial assistance, and allowances aimed at supporting weavers, enhancing incomes, and encouraging responsible production practices. The participation also enabled meaningful exchange with other States on best practices, including approaches that promote efficient resource use, continuity of traditional skills, and stronger market integration ensuring sustainability in the existing value chain. This engagement allowed Maharashtra to both share its experiences and draw insights from diverse regional models, contributing to collective efforts towards a more resilient and future-ready handloom sector



ANNOUNCEMENT

Signing the Tex-RAMP MoU with Ministry of Textiles at the National Textiles Minister's Conference



Department of Textiles at the National Textiles Ministers Conference, 2026

The Department of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra, participated in the two-day National Textiles Ministers' Conference held in Guwahati on 8th and 9th January, organized by the Ministry of Textiles under the theme "India's Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage and Innovation." The conference brought together textile ministers and senior officials from States and Union Territories to deliberate on investment, sustainability, infrastructure development, employment generation, and policy coordination for strengthening India's textile sector and enhancing its global competitiveness.

The Government of Maharashtra formally signed the Memorandum of Understanding under the **Tex-RAMP (Textile Reforms, Awareness, and Market Planning)** scheme, marking a significant step towards data-driven, sustainable textile planning and institutional strengthening. The MoU was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Minister (Textiles) Shri. Sanjay Savkare, Smt. Anshu Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary (Textiles) and Shri Sanjay Diane, IAS, Commissioner (Textiles), who represented Maharashtra as the designated State Nodal Officers. Under the Tex-RAMP framework, the State will undertake structured state and district-level textile planning, strengthen coordination across stakeholders, and build robust data systems across the textile value chain supporting evidence-based decision-making and the long-term transition towards a circular and sustainable textile ecosystem.



EVENT



Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and the Principal Secretary (Textiles) represented Maharashtra at the National Textiles Minister Conference held in Guwahati, Assam, which focused on strengthening inter-state collaboration, policy alignment, and strategic initiatives for the sustainable growth and competitiveness of India's textile sector.



Department of Textiles, government of Maharashtra at their designated exhibition space during Guwahati Conference in the presence of Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India

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