

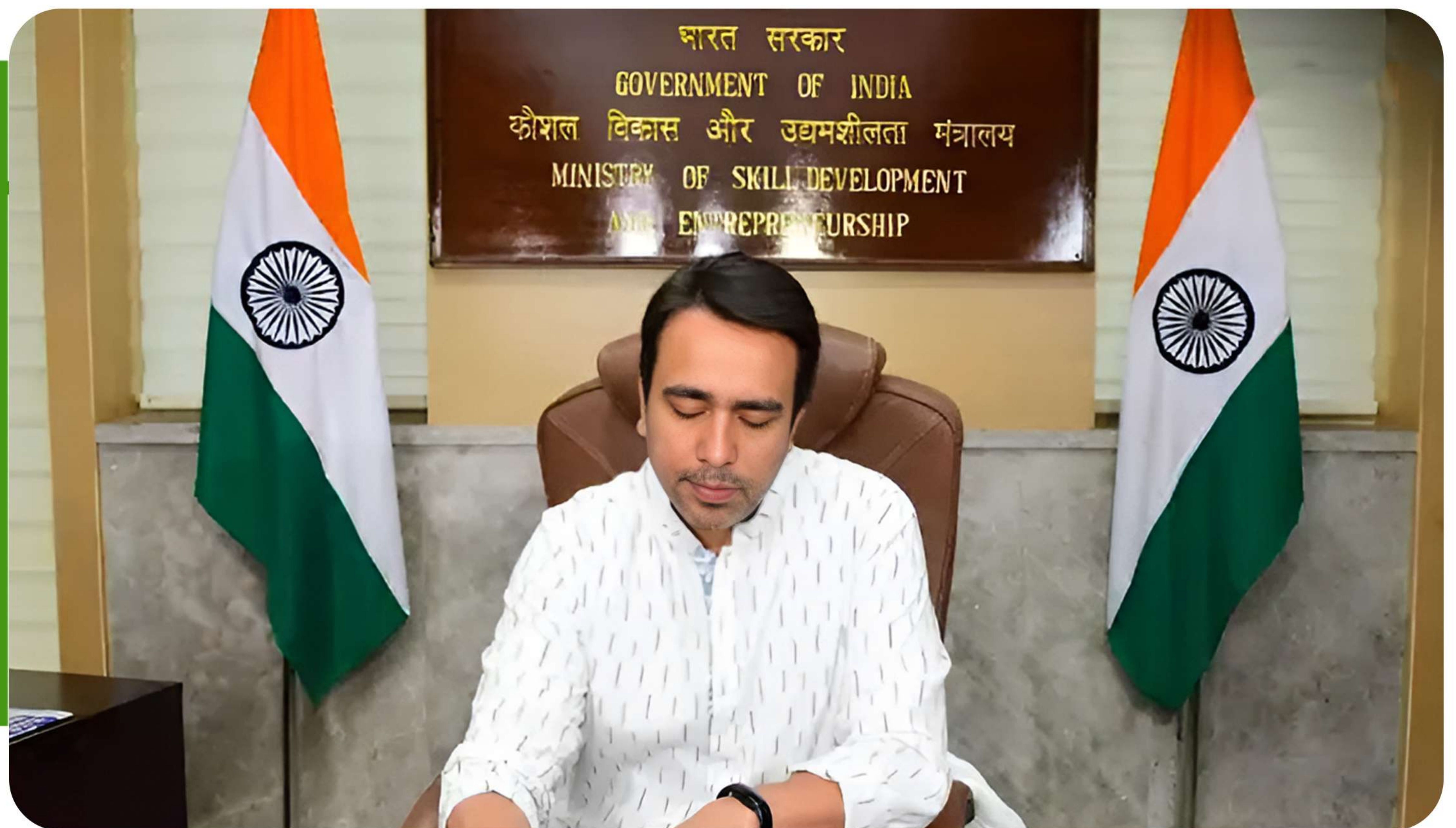


Apparel Made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC), since its inception, has been proactively spearheading the skilling initiatives under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India. The Council aims to skill maximum number of people across the nation with high scalability while maintaining the highest standards, to achieve Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's vision of 'Skilled India'.

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EDITORS NOTE

Crafting the Future: India's Sustainable Leadership in Apparel and Trade

The global apparel industry is moving decisively toward sustainability and circularity. What once prioritized speed and scale must now embrace responsibility, transparency, and innovation. India, with its rich textile heritage and evolving ecosystem, is well-positioned to lead this transformation.

India's handlooms, khadi, and natural dyes offer low-carbon, scalable models, while emerging Indian brands are transforming textile waste into innovative fashion. This synergy of tradition and technology reflects our potential to shape a greener global economy.

Equally significant is the growing focus on man-made fibres (MMF), which now play a vital role in meeting global demand for high-performance, sustainable textiles. Tiruppur, India's knitwear hub, has been at the forefront of this advancement—pioneering eco-friendly innovations in MMF processing, circular knitting, and wastewater management. Its integrated value chain has become a model for sustainable and scalable MMF production.

A major step forward has been the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, concluded under the leadership of Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Ji and the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji. The agreement is a significant boost for our sector—enhancing exports, reducing trade barriers, and empowering stakeholders across the value chain.

In parallel, India's decisive move to ban ready-made garment imports from Bangladesh via land routes is a transformative step—designed to plug loopholes, stimulate fresh investment, and empower our domestic apparel sector. This strategic decision not only boosts local manufacturers and MSMEs, but also helps curb the indirect inflow of low-cost fabrics—marking a golden opportunity to build a self-reliant, skilled, and globally competitive apparel ecosystem.

At AMHSSC, we are embedding sustainability and traceability into skilling programs to prepare a future-ready workforce. Through industry-academia partnerships and digital innovation, we aim to build a transparent, responsible value chain.

With global expectations rising, India is not just adapting to the new paradigm—we are leading it. Backed by visionary leadership and a skilled workforce, our apparel sector is poised to become the world's most trusted and sustainable sourcing hub.

Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel,

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DATE : 28th APRIL 2025

Kalaigiar Kaivinai Thittam (KKT) Initiative

AMHSSC's Center of Excellence, Tiruppur successfully organized a 10-day Upskilling Training Workshop under the Kalaigiar Kaivinai Thittam (KKT) initiative, aimed at enhancing the skills and livelihood opportunities of self-employed individuals. Held from 28.04.2025 to 12.05.2025, the workshop witnessed active participation from self-employed artisans and workers hailing from key apparel and textile hubs across Tamil Nadu, including Karur, Rajapalayam, and Thiruchirappalli.



The comprehensive training program focused on upgrading technical skills, improving product quality, and enhancing market readiness to help participants increase their income and competitiveness in today's dynamic market. Expert trainers and industry professionals conducted sessions covering advanced techniques, sustainable practices, business management, and digital tools for marketing and sales.



DATE : 8th MAY 2025

AMHSSC and NSIL Launch CSR Training Program in Raichur to Empower Grassroots Apparel Workforce

AMHSSC proudly inaugurated a CSR training program in collaboration with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of ISRO under the Department of Space. The program was launched in Raichur, Karnataka, to strengthen grassroots skill development in the apparel sector.



Pattern Making Theory class

DATE : 28th MAY 2025

Skill Development for ITI Students at Kandivali CoE

A total of 46 students from ITI Palghar and ITI Vasai successfully underwent a 15-day job-oriented training program in Dress Making at the state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence in Apparel, Made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector, located in Kandivali, Mumbai.

DATE : 29th MAY 2025

Student Development Program on “Internship on Garment Production”

AMHSSC's Centre of Excellence, Tiruppur successfully conducted a 15-day Student Development Program (SDP) titled “Internship on Garment Production” for students from Shree Venkateshwara Arts and Science College, Gobi and V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar.



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Held from 29th May to 14th June 2025, the program aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by offering practical exposure to the various stages of garment production. Students were introduced to real-time processes, including fabric selection, cutting, sewing, finishing, quality control, and compliance standards.

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The internship was designed to provide hands-on learning experiences, guided by industry experts and master trainers at the Centre of Excellence. Through technical sessions, factory simulations, and live demonstrations, students gained valuable insights into modern production techniques, workplace best practices, and the evolving expectations of the apparel industry.

This initiative is part of AMHSSC's ongoing efforts to nurture young talent and build a skilled, industry-ready workforce that aligns with the future needs of the garment and textile sector.

DATE : 2nd JUNE 2025

Mission Shakti Women Receive Skilling Certificates

In collaboration with the Department of Mission Shakti, AMHSSC hosted a Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 23rd May 2025 at Jaidev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The event was conducted under the project "Skill-based training of Mission Shakti Women SHG Members as Sewing Machine Operators," highlighting efforts toward women's economic empowerment.



DATE : 3rd JUNE 2025

A Story of Inclusion at Kandivali Centre of Excellence

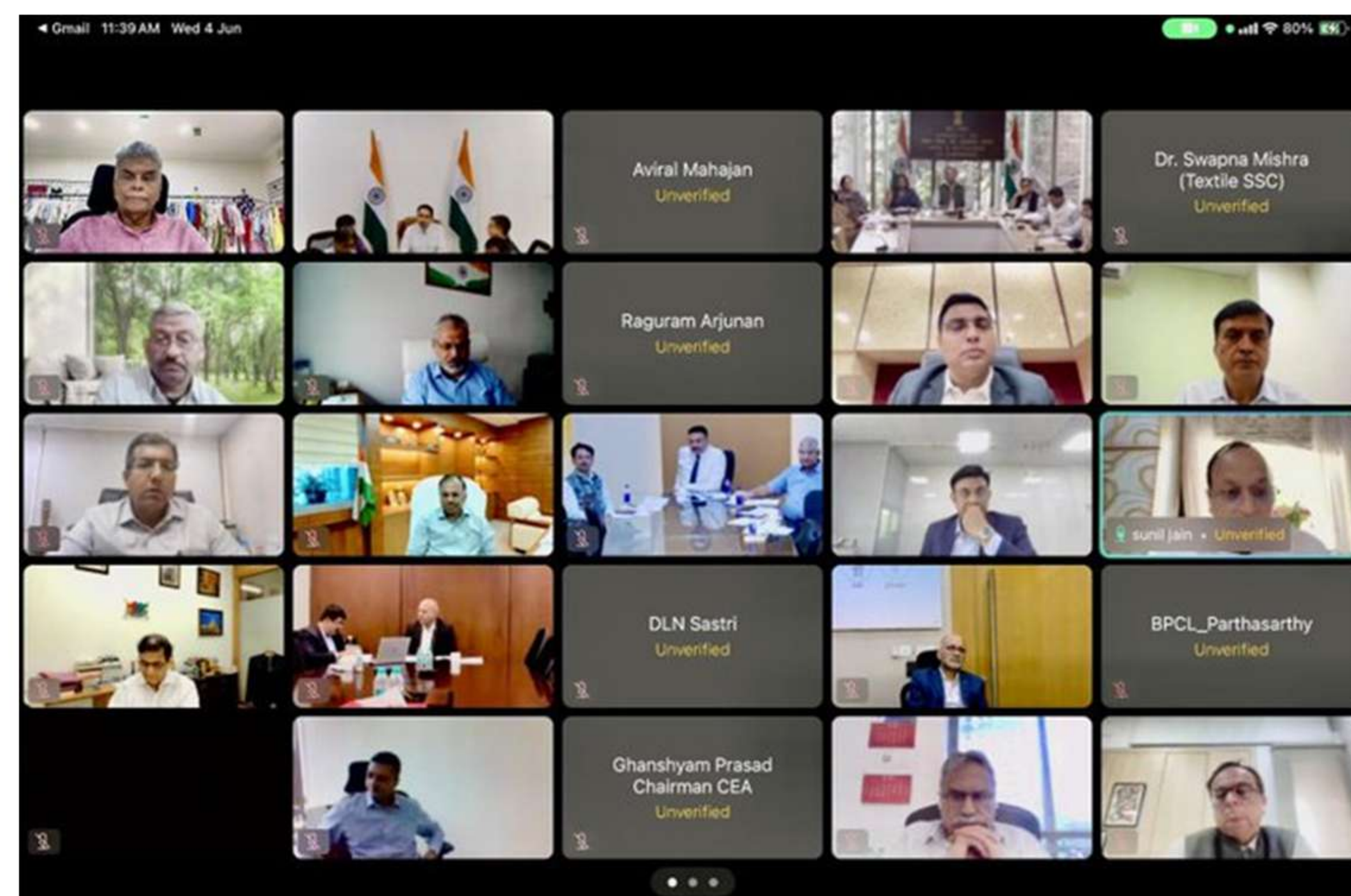
At the Centre of Excellence in Kandivali, Mumbai, an inspiring story unfolded as Aahil, a young boy with developmental disabilities, joined the Basic Sewing Course. This inclusion was made possible through the support and encouragement of Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, reaffirming the commitment to leave no one behind in the journey of skilling.

DATE : 4th JUNE 2025

Candidate Testimonial from Raichur CSR Training Program

AMHSSC shared a video testimonial from a candidate trained under the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) supported CSR Skill Development Project at the Raichur Centre. The candidate expressed how focused training as a sewing machine operator helped build skills, confidence, and livelihood opportunities.





DATE : 4th JUNE 2025

Chairman AMHSSC Welcomes Government-SSC Collaboration

On 4th June 2025, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary Ji, chaired a virtual review meeting with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) to evaluate progress under the Skill India Mission and align efforts with India's manufacturing goals.

The Minister stressed the need for industry-driven, digitally enabled, and outcome-based skilling models, especially in high-potential sectors like apparel textiles, electronics, green energy, and AI. Key government initiatives such as the Skill India Digital Hub, Skill India International Centres, and Skill Impact Bond were also reviewed for accelerated implementation.

Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, AMHSSC, shared updates on skilling programs in man-made fibres (MMF), sustainable apparel production, and export-readiness. He expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister for his visionary leadership and support to the apparel sector. "His guidance is enabling us to shape a globally competitive, future-ready workforce," Dr. Sakthive noted.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to speed up reforms and strengthen India's position as a global hub for skilled manufacturing talent.

DATE : 10th JUNE 2025

Certificate Ceremony with IOCL Marks CSR Milestone

On 26th May 2025, AMHSSC, in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), hosted a Certificate Distribution Ceremony at the Amritsar Training Center. The event marked the completion of a transformative CSR initiative focused on empowering women and building stronger communities through skill development.





DATE : 17th JUNE 2025

IGL CSR Project Empowers 485 Women Tailors

The Certificate Distribution Ceremony held at Urmila Devi Welfare Trust, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, under the IGL CSR initiative, marked a milestone in inclusive skill development. A total of 485 women were trained as Self-Employed Tailors, celebrating not just completion but a journey of empowerment and self-reliance.

DATE : 21st JUNE 2025

International Yoga Day Celebrated at AMHSSC

AMHSSC celebrated International Yoga Day at the workplace by fostering a culture of mindfulness and well-being.

Through yoga sessions, the council promoted physical and mental wellness among employees, reinforcing the importance of a healthy and focused workforce.



DATE : 24th JUNE 2025

500 Women Trained Under ONGC CSR Initiative

AMHSSC successfully conducted a certificate distribution ceremony at the Amritsar Training Center under the ONGC CSR initiative. A total of 500 women completed their training as Self-Employed Tailors, marking a significant stride toward economic independence and skill empowerment. of skill development in empowering communities.





APPAREL INDUSTRY NEWS SECTION

FAST-FASHION AND PREMIUM SEGMENTS TO DRIVE INDIAN APPAREL SECTOR GROWTH IN FY26

New Delhi: After a sluggish start in FY25, marked by subdued demand and negative same-store sales growth (SSSG), the Indian fashion and apparel industry is poised for recovery in FY26, according to India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra).

This optimism is driven by rising disposable incomes, a higher number of wedding days, and favorable monsoons, which are expected to fuel demand, particularly in tier-2 and tier-3 markets.

<https://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/apparel-fashion/apparel/fast-fashion-and-premium-segments-to-drive-apparel-growth-in-fy26/117596152>

LOGISTICS AND SUSTAINABILITY HURDLES CHALLENGE MSMEs IN INDIA'S APPAREL INDUSTRY: BORZO SURVEY

New Delhi: Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India's apparel and textile industry are facing mounting challenges in logistics and sustainability as they navigate a rapidly evolving market, according to a survey conducted by Borzo (formerly WeFast), a global same-day delivery firm.

It highlights the growing pressures on businesses to optimize operations while keeping pace with shifting consumer preferences and the fast-fashion boom.

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/msmes-textile-sector-logistics-apparel-industry-e-commerce-sustainability-borzo-survey-employment-11738138950733.html>

APPAREL AND TEXTILE EXPORTS REGISTER GROWTH DESPITE CHALLENGES

India's apparel and textile exports have shown notable growth in FY 2024–25 despite facing several global and domestic challenges. While overall textile exports grew modestly by around 3.6%, apparel exports saw a stronger growth of approximately 10%. This performance came even as global demand remained sluggish and economic uncertainties loomed.

A key factor driving this upward trend has been the shift of Western buyers away from countries like China and Bangladesh, positioning India as a more reliable sourcing hub. Additionally, the Indian government's



supportive policies—such as improved export incentives and trade facilitation have further strengthened the sector. In May 2025, apparel exports surged by over 11%, reinforcing India's emerging role in the global fashion and textile supply chain.

Experts believe that this growth is not just a short-term gain but a sign of India's rising competitiveness in the global apparel and textile market. The sector is also benefiting from investments in sustainable practices, skilled workforce development, and greater adoption of digital technologies across manufacturing and supply chains. With continued policy support and strategic global partnerships, India is well-positioned to further expand its footprint and become a preferred destination for quality textile and apparel sourcing in the years to come.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/for-business-page-apparel-and-textile-exports-register-growth-despite-challenges/article69105317.ece>

INDIA SETS NEW RECORD WITH 7% RISE IN TEXTILE EXPORTS, GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTS MULTIPLE SCHEMES TO BOOST SECTOR

India continues to rank among the top textile-exporting nations, holding a 4% share in global textiles and apparel exports. In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on Friday, the Ministry of Textiles reported a 7% increase in textile and apparel exports, including handicrafts, from April to December 2024, compared to the same period the previous year. Key export markets for Indian textiles—namely the USA, European Union, and UK—accounted for 53% of total exports during FY 2023-24.

To strengthen India's position in the global textile market, the government has introduced several key initiatives. Among them is the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme, aimed at building world-class textile infrastructure. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, focusing on MMF fabric, apparel, and technical textiles, seeks to boost large-scale manufacturing. Other efforts include the National Technical Textiles Mission, which emphasizes research and market development, and SAMARTH, a capacity-building program designed to provide placement-oriented skilling in the textile sector.

<https://ddnews.gov.in/en/india-sets-new-record-with-7-rise-in-textile-exports-government-implements-multiple-schemes-to-boost-sector/>



Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari Ji: Architect of a Future-Ready Skilling Ecosystem



Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari Ji, a 1990-batch IAS officer, served as Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), from November 2020 to May 2025. During this period, he led a transformative shift in India's skilling landscape through bold reforms, strategic partnerships, and forward-looking policies.

His leadership saw the establishment of National Centres of Excellence to strengthen industry-academia collaboration, and the modernisation of over 1,000 ITIs through a hub-and-spoke model, aligning training infrastructure with global standards. He championed IndiaSkills 2024 as a showcase of national talent and drove internationalisation through the launch of 30+ Skill India International Centres. Shri Tiwari's vision extended beyond infrastructure he mainstreamed lifelong learning, integrated ESG principles, and empowered underserved communities, ensuring inclusive, future-ready workforce development.

His tenure redefined skill development as a strategic pillar of India's growth story. On behalf of AMHSSC, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Shri Tiwari Ji for his outstanding service and enduring contributions to our sector. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we work toward a skilled, sustainable, and globally competitive India

Padma Shri Dr. A. Sakthivel
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