Conference on "Synergistic Strategies for Enhancing Textile Value Chain"

Introduction
The Department of Fibres and Textile Processing Technology, Institute of Chemical Technology-Mumbai, in association with The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit, organized a one-day conference on "Synergistic Strategies for Enhancing Textile Value Chain" on 12th May 2023 (Friday) at the K.V. Auditorium, ICT-Mumbai. The conference aimed to bring together professionals, academicians, and industry stakeholders from various textile industries to discuss strategies for enhancing the textile value chain.

Opening Ceremony
The conference commenced with a warm welcome from Prof. Ravindra D. Kale, Head of the Department of Fibres and Textile Processing Technology, who delivered the opening address. Mr. V. C. Gupte, Chairman of The Textile Association (India), Mumbai Unit, provided insights into the significance of the event and shared information about the different activities undertaken by The Textile Association (India) to benefit the Indian Textile Industry. The Chief Guest for the conference was Smt. Roop Rashi Mahapatra, Textile Commissioner-Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Keynote Speakers
The conference featured esteemed speakers from various sectors of the textile industry, who covered a wide range of topics related to the entire textile value chain. The speakers included:

a) Mr. Laxmish Prabhu (BASF India Ltd.)
b) Mr. Anjani Prasad (Archroma India Pvt. Ltd.)
c) Mr. Somes Bhaumik (TRADC, Grasim)
d) Mr. Arindam Dasgupta (Hearth Textiles)
e) Mr. Tirthankar Mukherjee (Welspun India Ltd.)
f) Mr. Kinshuk Dasgupta (BARC)
g) Mr. Gaurav Agarwal (Grasim Industries Ltd.)

Panel Session
In addition to the informative talks, the conference included an engaging panel session led by Mr. Umasankar Mahapatra (Pulcra Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.). The panel consisted of experienced and diverse industry professionals and an academician, namely:
a) Dr. Dileep Wakankar (ChemAssist Knowledge Partners LLP)
b) Mr. Gurudas Aras (Unitop Chemicals Pvt. Ltd)
c) Mr. Manoj Jhaver (DuPont)
d) Mr. Sandeepan Majhi (Pantaloons)
e) Prof. Ashok R. Athalye (ICT-Mumbai)

The panel session provided a platform for in-depth discussions and exchange of ideas regarding the challenges and opportunities in the textile industry.

Attendees

The conference witnessed a significant turnout, with approximately 120 attendees comprising professionals, academicians, and industry stakeholders from various textile industries. The diverse audience contributed to vibrant discussions and networking opportunities throughout the event.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Saptarshi Maiti, Assistant Professor of the Textile Department, ICT, and coordinator of the conference concluded the event by proposing the vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to the sponsors of the conference, namely Azelis India, CHT (India) Pvt. Ltd, and Archroma India Pvt. Ltd, for their support and contribution to the successful execution of the event.

Conclusion

The conference on "Synergistic Strategies for Enhancing Textile Value Chain" provided a platform for industry professionals, academicians, and stakeholders to come together and discuss ways to enhance the textile value chain. The diverse range of speakers and the engaging panel