

ITTA's 13th AGM Chronicles the Future of Technical Textiles

The Indian Technical Textile Association (ITTA) recently concluded its 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 25, 2023, at the Orchid Hotel, Mumbai. Under the chairmanship of Shri. Amit Agarwal, this AGM marked a pivotal moment for the technical textile industry in India.



The esteemed Chief Guest, Shri. S. P. Verma, Addl. Textile Commissioner & Secretary- Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles (MoT), Government of India, graced the occasion and lauded the industry's growth potential. He commended ITTA for its efforts in fostering industry interactions and emphasized the importance of research and development collaborations to address industry challenges. Shri. Verma encouraged investments in technical textiles and new R&D projects under the National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM), promising full support from the textile ministry. He also stressed the need to streamline export processes for greater competitiveness and highlighted opportunities for joint ventures and innovations in the sector.



A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Technical Textile Industry to Shri. Yogesh Kusumgar, the "Father of Technical Textiles." This recognition underscores his significant contributions to the industry.

Chairman Shri. Amit Agarwal expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Textiles for its unwavering support and outlined ITTA's role in organizing conferences and exhibitions under the NTTM scheme. He also noted the impact of government schemes such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, PM MITRA Scheme, and NTTM, which are set to stimulate industry growth. Chairman Agarwal requested an extension of the NTTM scheme for two years to effectively utilize allocated funds.

During the AGM, a new ITTA Board was formed, with Shri. Avinash Misar as Chairman and Shri. Mahesh Kudav as Vice Chairman. Shri. Amit Agarwal remains an ex-member of the Board, offering continued guidance alongside Dr. Sundararaman K. S (Ex-Officio Member).

Dr. Anup Rakshit, Executive Director of ITTA, highlighted key developments from the past year, including the approval of 109 research projects under the NTTM Scheme and the focus on Quality Control Orders (QCOs).





The AGM also featured a knowledge session with presentations on sustainability and circular economy concepts by Miklesh Goel of JB Ecotex Ltd. and insights into industrial yarn and nonwoven applications by Shri. Shridhar Dhumal and Shri. Sudipto Mandal from Oerlikon Textile India Pvt. Ltd.

Shri Anil Kumar Vasupillai, Additional Executive Director, ITTA, extended a vote of thanks, reaffirming ITTA's commitment to being the voice of the Indian Technical Textile industry and collaborating with the government on policy initiatives.

The 13th AGM of ITTA was a testament to the industry's dedication to innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth in the dynamic field of technical textiles.