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Arvind Limited Opens New Garment Manufacturing Facility in Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates ₹150-crore greenfield plant expected to create more than 1,000 jobs



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of Arvind Limited's new garment manufacturing facility in Varanasi.

A New Boost for India's Apparel Manufacturing

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Arvind Limited's greenfield garment manufacturing facility in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant expansion of the company's apparel manufacturing footprint. The inauguration was attended by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, senior government officials and industry representatives.

The facility is Arvind's first manufacturing unit in Uttar Pradesh. Developed with an investment of approximately ₹150 crore, the plant spans 5.5 acres and has a built-up area of around 65,000 sq. ft. It has a stated revenue potential of ₹250 crore and is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs, predominantly for women.

Automation, Capacity and Vertical Integration

Designed as a modern manufacturing hub, the plant will produce essential knitwear products using advanced automated sewing technologies. The systems are intended to improve productivity, support

consistent quality and enable scalable operations. The facility also advances Arvind's vertical-integration strategy by enabling the company to convert its in-house knitted fabrics into finished garments.

The additional garmenting capacity is expected to strengthen Arvind's offering to existing customers and support opportunities in international markets, including Europe and the United Kingdom. The company's media release links this opportunity to recently signed free trade agreements and a broader demand for diversified sourcing.



The facility showcases apparel products and garment manufacturing capabilities during the inauguration visit.

Employment and Local Economic Impact

Employment generation is a central feature of the project. Arvind expects women to form a significant share of the workforce, while the wider operation is anticipated to support skill development and local economic activity. The company has established dedicated worker hostels and plans to expand residential infrastructure as operations grow.

Beyond direct employment, the facility is expected to create multiplier effects for local suppliers, logistics providers and service businesses. It may also support reverse migration by creating employment opportunities closer to workers' home regions.

Leadership Perspective

Sanjay Lalbhai, Chairman of Arvind Limited, described the inauguration as an honour and highlighted the Lalbhai Group's long association with India's industrial development. He said the investment reflects the company's commitment to economic growth, job creation and women's participation in the workforce.

Punit Lalbhai, Vice Chairman, said India's textile value chain, skilled workforce and growing global demand for diversified sourcing create an opportunity for the country to strengthen its position as a preferred apparel

manufacturing destination. He emphasised investment in capacity, productivity, sustainability and workforce development.

Kulin Lalbhai, Vice Chairman, noted that Uttar Pradesh's infrastructure, connectivity, industrial development and skill-creation initiatives are helping the state attract manufacturing investment and strengthen its role in India's textile and apparel ecosystem.



The inauguration visit highlighted manufacturing, workforce and industrial-development priorities.

A Strategic Addition to India's Apparel Ecosystem

The Varanasi facility adds capacity to India's apparel manufacturing base and strengthens the connection between textile production and finished-garment manufacturing. Its emphasis on automation, workforce welfare and local employment positions the project as a notable development for the region's apparel ecosystem.

As the plant scales up, its impact will be measured not only by production and revenue potential, but also by its ability to build skills, create sustainable employment and deepen local supply-chain participation.