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Path breaking confluence of global textile technology & engineering

The India International Textile Machinery Exhibition (India ITME) 2016 commenced on December 3 at the NESCO Grounds, Mumbai. The six-day show focusing on innovation and modernisation of the textile industry became an effective platform for joint ventures between stakeholders of the textile industry in India and overseas.

The show was inaugurated by Sanjiv Lathia, Chairman and Seema Srivastava, Executive Director, of India ITME Society that hosts the event once in every four years. The 10th edition of the exhibition displayed world's state-of-the-art machines and technologies, witnessed launch of 24 products, besides discussions, knowledge sharing, profiling of artisans, photography exhibition and more, said the organisers.

A total of 1050 exhibitors, 38 countries, 17 chapters and 11 exhibiting halls made India ITME-2016 the largest and apex exhibition for textile machinery and technology in India. State of Gujarat and State of Karnataka, two key States in India having strong presence of textile industry participated in this event as State partners. This mega event is also supported by Department of Heavy Industry, Govt. of India, Textile Ministry, Government of India and Government of Maharashtra as State Partner making it the most important platform for the government officials and the industry members to interact and work together. This is the only textile engineering exhibition having such a strong presence and participation from the State & Central Governments whereby idea of "Make in India" in textile engineering segment was promoted to the visiting foreign business visitors and also propagated government schemes and incentives for the textile industry in India.

This edition India ITME received very good feedback from the visitors. According to exhibitors, when compared to last edition, footfall this time was little bit low due to the recent demonetisation step taken by the govt. For the first two days show was little bit dull but after that visitors turnout increased on a very good pace. Also, the quality of the buyers visiting was very well appreciated by the exhibitors.

Meanwhile, the show received goodwill messages from President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Hon'ble Textile Minister of State of Gujarat and State of Karnataka, Textile Ministry, Dept. of Heavy Industry, Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), Govt. of India indicating the interest and importance of this international event for our Country at the government levels as well.

India ITME Society is four decade old nonprofit organisation with a vision to support the industry through exhibitions facilitating investments and joint ventures and technology transfer. Foreign & domestic business visitors, academicians, research scholars,

govt. officials from neighbouring regions such as Philipppians, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Iran, Turkey, Brazil, Indonesia, Poland, Malaysia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt is visiting India ITME and looking at India as an opportunity for business and investment. India is not only a strong market but also is explored as a hub for training and skill development by many neighbouring countries in the field of textile & textile engineering.

The show had senior officials from Universities in Bangladesh, Philipppians, Myanmar, Ethiopia etc. visiting India ITME-2016 to interact and meet with Indian educational institutions & technology and graduate students/ faculty exchange programme. It has very strong presence & participation from prestigious institutes in India & overseas such as The Technological Institute of Textile & Sciences, Bhiwani (TIT), DKTE Society's Textile & Engineering Institute, Ichalkaranji, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai (ICT), The Textile Institute of UK, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), & design from MIT Institute.

India being one of the emerging economies, the demand for textile machinery is growing. The growth of industry is based on increasing demand of textile & apparel market in India. The textile sector is one of the largest contributors to India's exports with approximately 11 per cent of total exports. India's overall textile exports during F.Y.2015-2016 stood at \$40 bn & the industry is expected to reach \$223 bn by 2021.

The industry being the second largest employer after agriculture, it is utmost necessary that Indian textile machine manufacturing industry has to strengthen its base for quality output accepted at international level. India is now developing in multifold in most of the sectors especially in the spinning machinery manufacturing segments. This once in four year mega exhibition is a trend setter and gateway to new customers in urban Indian market as well as in the rural market. All the major machinery manufacturers from across the world are converging under one roof at India ITME-2016. However, India ITME-2016 is not just about business. It is also about creating a platform for the students and the craftsman of our country to showcase their talent and creativity to the world. Amidst whirring of the modern machineries, "Weavers of Maharashtra" displayed the magic of creating beautiful weavers of Himroo, Paithani, Block Printing, Tie Dyeing – Traditional fabric craft of State of Maharashtra.

Some of the major participants from the exhibition



Walter S. W. Leung, Director, Fong's National Engineering Co. Ltd.



Groz-Beckert team



(R - L) Stefano Gallucci, Group CEO, Santex Rimer Group with Jude Britto, Santex India



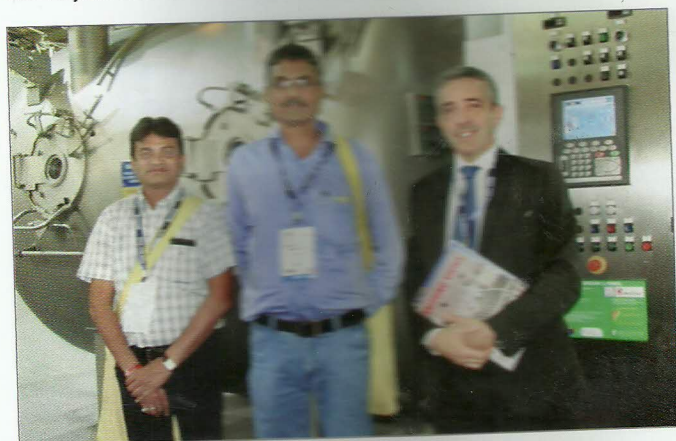
(R - L) Michael A Tuschak, in charge of spinitsystems Marketing and Sales with Benjamin Mayer, MAYER & CIE



(R - L) Markus Engels (Product Sales Manager), Madhavi H I (Sales) and Rajesh Kalia (General Manager - Sales) from Kem - Liebers



(2nd from R) Andreas Von Bismarck (MD), (2nd from L) Franz Hudi (Area Sales Manager) of Terrot with Voltas team



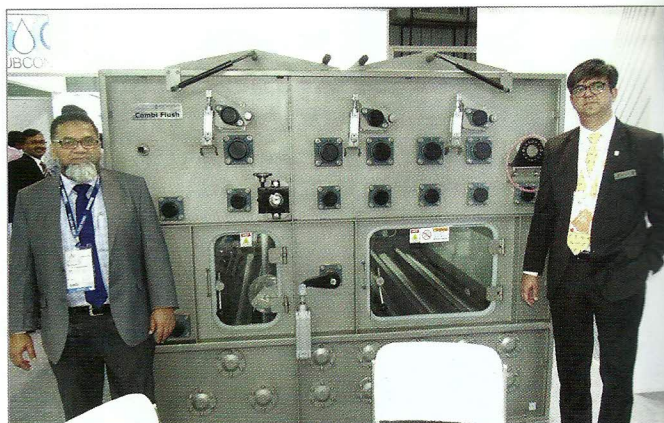
Fabio Savoiardo (R), Textile Process Technologist, BIANCO with his customers



(L - R) Beat Meienberger, CEO, with J J Sampat from Benninger



Silvano Rizzo, Corino Macchine S.p.A.



(L-R) Mehul Gajjar, AGM (Sales & Marketing/Export), Kusters Calico with Md. Azman, GM, Textile Associates Ltd. (Bangladesh agent)



(R - L) Guna (Sales Manager, Knitfab Technics Private Limited) with Alexander Jaime Hernandez Mitchell (Sales Manager, ERBATECH)



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Meyyapaa Kannan (Chairman), Nuva Machine Works India Pvt. Ltd.



Carlo R. Naegeli, Sales Manager, SSM Scharer Schweiter Mettler AG



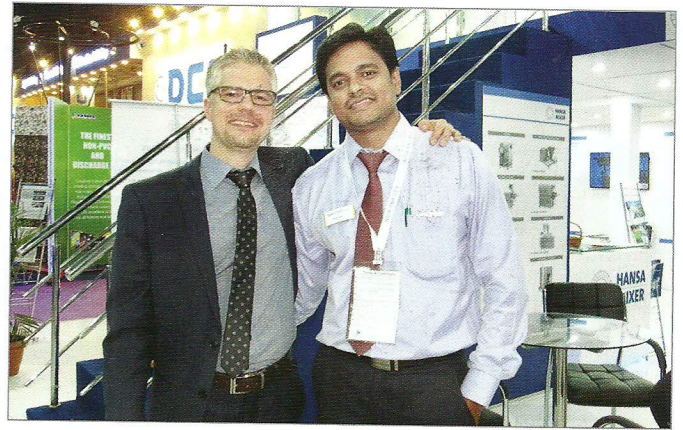
(R - L) Saurabh Gupta, MD, Aeon Chemtech with Ersel Coban, Sales Director, Metsa - Turkey



(L - R) Jansen Taylor (Sales Rep.), Fidel Ibarra (Intl. Sales Manager), Mary Kate Moody (VP of Intl. Sales) and San Anand from Vanguard



(R - L) Sujit Berde, & Pradeep Singh, BJS International with A Konishi, Fukuhara



(L - R) Henning Frank, Area Sales Manager, THIES GmbH, Germany, S. Bharath Kannan, Sales Manager, Voltas limited



Tony, Managing Director, Tonyss Engineering



Inderpal Singh, Director, Jogindra Industries



(2nd from R) Narinder Kumar, Rajesh Kumar of Narinder International



(C) Shrikant Patil, Perfect Textile Solutions with his principal from China



Roger Van Bussel, Area Manager, Mesdan S.p.A. with Puneet Rawal, Managing Director, Ramp Impex Pvt. Ltd.



Jagvinder Singh, Director, Omex Mechanical Works