

## 13<sup>th</sup> ATEXCON 2026

Theme: “Reimagining the Future of Global Textiles”

Host: Government of Telangana | Location: HICC Novotel

Telangana Textile Dialogue | Programme Overview

Day 2 | Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Inauguration of the Asian Textile Conference 2026

Convention Hall (Hall 4, 5 & 6 – First Floor)

Time	Session Details
09:30 – 09:35 AM	<b>Launch of 13<sup>th</sup> ATEXCON 2026 (Playing of AV)</b>
09:35 – 09:40 AM	Inviting dignitaries on to the Stage (Mr. Harish Bhardwaj – Emcee)
09:40 – 09:45 AM	Indian National Anthem
09:45 – 09:50AM	Welcome Address (Host) by Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyer IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Government of Telangana
09:50- 09.55 AM	Welcome Address (Co-Host) by Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
09.55 – 10:00 AM	Theme Presentation by Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)
10:00 – 10:05 AM	Special Address: “From Policy to Scale: Accelerating India’s Textile Growth in a Rewired Global Value Chain” Dr. M Beena, IAS, Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India
10:05 – 10:10 AM	Special Address by Shri K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana

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10:10 – 10:15 AM	Special Address by Mr. R.C.M. Reddy, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Schoolnet India Ltd.
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Arrival of Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana</b>
10:15 – 10:20 AM	Lighting of the Lamp by <b>Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana</b>
10:20 – 10:30 AM	<p><b>Felicitation of Dignitaries by Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. M Beena, IAS, Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India</li> <li>• Shri Ashwin Chandran, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)</li> <li>• Mr. R.C.M. Reddy, Chief Executive Officer &amp; Managing Director, Schoolnet India Ltd</li> <li>• Dr. S. N. Modani, Vice Chairman, Sangam Ltd, Chairman Rajasthan Textile Mills Association</li> <li>• Shri Anil Kumar IRS, Director -Infrastructure Ministry of Textiles, Government of India</li> <li>• Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)</li> <li>• Mr. Gautam Ganeriwal, Chairman, CITI Young Entrepreneurs Group &amp; Executive Director, Sitaram Spinners</li> <li>• Mr. N. Thirukkumaran, General Secretary, Tiruppur Exporters Association (TEA)</li> <li>• Shri T. Rajkumar, Chairman, CITI Young Entrepreneurs Group &amp; Execution Director, Sitaram Spinners</li> <li>• Shri K Sakthivel, Chairman, PDEXCIL</li> <li>• Dr. Christian Schindler, Director General, International Textile Manufactures Federation (ITMF)</li> <li>• Mr. JaeYong Park, President, Youngone Corporation</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:35 AM	Launch of Knowledge Paper on “Reimagining the Future of Global Textiles” by <b>Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana</b>
10:35 – 10:45 AM	<b>Special Address by Shri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, and Handlooms &amp; Textiles</b>
10:45 – 10:55 AM	<b>Inaugural Address by Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, Electronics &amp;</b>

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	<b>Communications; Industries &amp; Commerce and Legislative Affairs</b>
<b>10:55 – 11:20 AM</b>	<b>Keynote Address by Chief Guest, Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana</b>
11:20-11:30 AM	Visit of Telangana Heritage Display Pavilion by Shri A Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Telangana (Hall 2 & 3)

### Panel Discussions

#### Convention Hall (Hall 4, 5 & 6 – First Floor)

Time	Sessions
11:30 – 12:30 PM	<p><b>Opening Plenary: “The Old Playbook Is Broken: Re-imagining Global Textiles in a Volatile World”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Christian Schindler, DG, ITMF</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dirk Vantghem, Director General, EURATEX</li> <li>• Mr. Shaleen Toshniwal, Chairman, MATEXIL</li> <li>• Mr. JaeYong Park, President, Youngone Corporation</li> <li>• Mr. Bui Trung Thuong, Trade Counsellor- Head of Trade Office, Embassy of Vietnam</li> <li>• Mr. Ian Sharif, Vice Chairman, Indonesian Textile Association (API) - Asosiasi Pertekstilan Indonesia</li> <li>• Dr. S.N. Modani, Chairman Rajasthan Textile Mills Association &amp; Vice Chairman, Sangam Limited</li> </ul>
12:30 – 01:00 PM	<p><b>Keynote Session: “Elephants vs Cheetahs — Who Wins the Brand Race?” (Scale, speed, and the future of brands)</b></p> <p>-Mr. Harish Bijoor, Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults Inc</p>
01:00 – 02:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
02:00 – 02:30 PM	<b>India’s Living Textile Legacy – Creating Luxury Brands in India, Now, The Present</b>

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	<p align="center"><b>- Mr. Gaurang Shah, Founder and Director, Gaurang</b></p>
<p>02:30 – 03:25 PM</p>	<p><b>Panel: “Stop Choosing Sides — What Will Actually Win?” (Cotton, MMF, Blends, and the Reality of Scale)</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. T. Rajkumar, Past Chairman, CITI &amp; Chairman, Sri Mahasakthi Group of Companies</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Nandan Kumar, Vice Chairman, Indian Technical Textiles Association (ITTA) and MD, HPT</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Anjani Prasad, Co-Chair ASSOCHAM and Vice President South Asia, Global Head of Innovation</li> <li>• Mr. V. Sudhakar Choudary, MD, Mohan Spintex India limited</li> <li>• Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, ED, TEXPROCIL</li> <li>• Mr. Munish Hinduja, CEO, Gokaldas Images</li> <li>• Mr. Yash Sharma, Founder Go-Rewise, Ganesha Ecosphere</li> </ul>
<p>03:25-03:35 PM</p>	<p align="center">Break</p>
<p>03:35 - 04:20 PM</p>	<p><b>Panel: “The Factory You Would Build Today (If You Could Start Over)” - (Automation, AI, and smart manufacturing)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Suryadeb Mukherjee, Principal Consultant, Gherzi</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ketan Sanghvi, Chairman, India-ITME Society</li> <li>• Dr. Prabir Jana, Professor, Department of Fashion Technology Shahi Chair Professor, Industry 4.0</li> <li>• Mr. Prasanta Deka, Country Managing Director, Rieter India Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• Mr. S. Rajasekaran, Senior Vice President R&amp;D, LMW Ltd.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gautam Ganeriwal, Chairman, CITI Young Entrepreneurs Group &amp; ED, Sitaram Spinners</li> </ul>
04:20 – 04:30 PM	Break
04:30 - 05:15 PM	<p><b>Panel: “Circularity: Vision, Obligation, or Business Opportunity?”- (Recycling, waste, and post-consumer responsibility)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Anjali Krishnan, Director – Coton, Circularity and Decarbonisation, IDH</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Sundar Senthilnathan, Global Public Affairs Lead (social Policy), Head of Public Affairs (India) H&amp;M Group</li> <li>Mr. Amit Baid, Head of Business Development, Asia Pacific Rayon</li> <li>Mr. Vijaya Krishnappa, Co-founder &amp; CEO, Kosha</li> <li>Mr N Thirukkumaran, General Secretary, Tiruppur Exporters’ Association (TEA)</li> <li>Mr. Girish, Head of Sustainability, Sulochana</li> <li>Ms. Astha Kubele, Innovation Associate, FFG</li> <li>Mr. Prasanth Nandakumar, Stakeholder Engagement Manager for APAC, Cascale</li> </ul>
05:15 – 06:00 PM	<p><b>Panel: The State of U.S. Trade Tariffs</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. David Uricoli (Gherzi)</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Julia K. Hughes, President of the United States Fashion Industry Association (USFIA)</li> <li>Mr. David R Spooner, Partner (Barnes &amp; Thornburg)</li> </ul>
06:00 – 06:30 PM	<b>Summing Up &amp; concluding remarks:</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Dinesh Nolkha, Deputy Chairman, CITI &amp; CMD, Nitin Spinners</li> <li>Shri K Shashanka IAS, Vice Chairman &amp; Managing Director, Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited</li> <li>Mr. Nikhil Chakravarthi IAAS, Director, Industries, Government of Telangana; Commissioner, Future City</li> </ul>

**Focussed Group Discussions**  
**(Breakout Rooms 01 to 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**

Time	Focussed Dialogues				
02:30 – 03:30 PM	Circular Textile Systems	Green Finance for Textile & Apparel Suppliers	Telangana Investment Opportunities <i>(Special Session)</i>	“Clean Supply Chains – Cost, Constraint, or Competitive Edge?” (Logistics, emissions, and real-world trade-offs)	Industry Awareness Session on the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Skill Development in the Textile Sector
03:35 – 04:35 PM	Apparel Exports: India's Moment - Strategy, Scale & Speed	Cotton & Fibre Strategy - Building a future ready Fibre Economy	Natural Dyes & Sustainable Processing - Driving Policy Drafting <i>(Roundtable)</i>	Startup Synergy Hub <i>(Special Session)</i>	

Time	Telangana Textile Dialogue (Breakout Rooms)
<p>02:30 – 03:30 PM</p> <p><i>Room 1.04</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 1: “Circular Textile Systems”</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Anjali Krishnan, Director – Cotton, Circularity &amp; Decarbonisation, IDH</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Astha Khubele, Innovation Associate, Fashion for Good</li> <li>2. Ms. Rohini Suri, Buyers Associations /RSA, CEP</li> <li>3. Ms. Harshitha Venati, Partnerships &amp; Engagement Lead, Re-START Alliance</li> <li>4. Ms. Devyani Hari, Senior Director, Centre for Responsible Business</li> <li>5. Mr. Deepak Reddy, Senior VP, Shahi Exports</li> <li>6. Mr. Raj Kumar, Investment Lead, Navaka Social Business Fund</li> <li>7. Dr. Vijay Gotmare, Chairman Tex Association of India, Frintercool.ai</li> <li>8. Dr. Mithileshwar Thakur, Secretary General, Apparel Export Promotion Council</li> </ol> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session explores the shift from linear to circular textile systems across global value chains. It will examine recycling, material innovation, and post-consumer waste integration at scale. The discussion will focus on aligning brands, manufacturers, and policymakers to enable true circularity. It will also highlight India’s opportunity to lead in circular manufacturing ecosystems.</p>
<p>02:30 – 03:30 PM</p> <p><i>Room 1.02</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 2: “Green Finance for Textile &amp; Apparel Suppliers”</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Nikhil Chakravarthi, Director, Industries, Government of Telangana; Commissioner, Future City</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Ankit Gupta, Partner, Intellectap</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shri V Chandramouli, General Manager, SIDBI Hyd</li> <li>2. Shri V. V. R. Prasad, Deputy General Manager, SIDBI Hyd</li> <li>3. Ms. Shruti Singh Duhan, Country Director (India), Canopy Planet</li> <li>4. Mr. Sundar Senthilnathan, Global Public Affairs Lead (social Policy), Head of Public Affairs (India) H&amp;M Group</li> </ol> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session explores financing mechanisms enabling sustainable transformation in textile manufacturing. It will cover ESG-linked finance, blended capital, and credit access for MSMEs. The</p>

	<p>discussion will address barriers in adopting green technologies. It aims to unlock scalable pathways for financing decarbonisation and compliance.</p>
<p>03:35 – 04:35 PM <i>Room 1.08</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable 3: “Natural Dyes &amp; Sustainable Processing – Driving Policy Drafting”</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyer, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Handlooms, Textiles &amp; Handicrafts, Govt. of Telangana</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mrs. Jhansi L Gorla, Senior Manager, Ernst &amp; Young LLP</p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Gauravraj Patil, Director, Colorifix</li> <li>2. Dr. Sharada Devi Anne, Managing Director, Vishwa Natural Fab</li> <li>3. Mr. Ramakrishna G, Director, Nature Nine Naturals</li> <li>4. Ms. Bina Rao, Co-Founder Creative Bee</li> <li>5. Dr. K Kumaran, Professor, TANU Coimbatore</li> <li>6. Mr. Soumitri MV, Consultant, Malkha Commons</li> <li>7. Ms. Uzamma, Founder, Malkha Commons</li> <li>8. Dr. Malini Divakala, Director, NIFT</li> <li>9. Dr. Yawer Ali Shah, Co-founder &amp; CEO, AMA Herbal Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</li> </ol> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session focuses on mainstreaming natural dyes and sustainable processing into industrial textile ecosystems. It will examine scalability, standardisation, and policy support required to move beyond niche adoption. The discussion will address challenges in cost, consistency, and supply chains. It aims to inform policy frameworks positioning India as a global leader in sustainable processing.</p>
<p>03:35 – 04:35 PM <i>Room 1.03</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 4: “Apparel Exports: India’s Moment – Strategy, Scale &amp; Speed”</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Neelesh Hundekari, Partner, Kearney</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Sumir Hinduja, Managing Director, Gokaldas Images</li> <li>2. Mr. Venkataramana Holla, Telangana Head, Kitex Group</li> <li>3. Mr. Deepak Reddy, Senior VP, Shahi Exports</li> <li>4. Mr. Sashi Sekhar, Director, Texport</li> <li>5. Mr. N Thirukumaran, General Secretary, Tirrupur Exporters Association</li> </ol> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session evaluates India’s window to capture global apparel export share amid supply chain realignments. It will analyse competitiveness across scale, cost, compliance, and speed-to-market. The discussion will highlight trade agreements, logistics, and ecosystem</p>

	gaps. It will outline strategic actions required for India to emerge as a dominant sourcing destination.
<p>02:30 – 03:30 PM</p> <p><i>Room 1.09</i></p>	<p><b>Special Session 5: “Telangana Investment Opportunities”</b></p> <p>Lt. Cdr. Ravindranath Reddy, CEO, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation</p> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This closed-door roundtable evaluates progress, challenges, and the future roadmap of PM MITRA parks. It will focus on infrastructure readiness, investment mobilisation, and global competitiveness. The discussion will align policymakers and industry on execution priorities. It aims to shape the next phase of integrated textile park development in India.</p>
<p>03:35 – 04:35 PM</p> <p><i>Room 1.02</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 6: “Cotton &amp; Fibre Strategy – Building a Future-Ready Fibre Economy”</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Selvaraju K., Secretary General, SIMA</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Yash Sharma, Founder - Go Rewrite, Ganesha Ecosphere</li> <li>2. Mr. Akhil Kakirala, Managing Director, Kaveri Exports</li> <li>3. Mr. Sundar Senthilnathan, Global Public Affairs Lead (social Policy), Head of Public Affairs (India) H&amp;M Group</li> <li>4. Ms. Shruti Singh Duhan, Country Director (India), Canopy Planet</li> <li>5. Mr. Prashant Sood, Head-Organisational Affairs &amp; Communication, Luthra Group</li> </ol> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session explores the evolving fibre mix across cotton, recycled fibres, and synthetics. It will examine how sustainability, performance, and cost are reshaping fibre strategies globally. The discussion will focus on India’s positioning in next-generation fibre ecosystems. It will also highlight the need for innovation and supply chain integration.</p>
<p>02:00 – 04:00 PM</p> <p><i>Room 1.05</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 7: “Bridging the Skill Gap in Textile Sector”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Swapna Mishra, CEO, Textile Sector Skill Council</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs. Ramadevi K, President, ALEAP</li> <li>2. Mr. Sumir Hinduja, Managing Director, Gokaldas Images</li> <li>3. Mr. Gautam Ganerwal, Chairman, CITI Young Entrepreneurs Group &amp; ED, Sitaram Spinners</li> <li>4. Mr. Vasu Sharma, General Manager, Apprenticeship, NSDC India</li> <li>5. Mr. Shrikanth Sinha, CEO, TASK</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Session Brief:</b> This session focuses on workforce readiness through structured skilling and apprenticeship models. It will unpack the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and its industry relevance. The discussion will highlight scalable skilling frameworks aligned to industry needs. It aims to drive adoption of formal training pathways across textile clusters.</p>
<p>02:30 – 03:30 PM <i>Room 1.01</i></p>	<p><b>Side Panel 8: “Clean Supply Chains – Cost, Constraint, or Competitive Edge?” (Logistics, emissions, and real-world trade-offs)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Robert Antoshak, Grey Matter Concepts</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Christian Schindler, Director General, ITMF</li> <li>2. Mr. Matthijs Criete, Secretary General, International Apparel Federation (IAF)</li> <li>3. Mr. Dirk Vantuyghem, Director General, EURATEX</li> <li>4. Ms. Payal Dhanani, VP of Sourcing and Product Development, Grey Matter Concepts</li> </ol>
<p>02:30 – 03:30 PM <i>Room 1.06</i></p>	<p><b>Special Session 9: “Startup Synergy Hub”</b></p> <p><b>Session Brief:</b> The Startup Synergy Hub brings together startups, investors, industry leaders, and government stakeholders to foster collaboration and innovation in the textile ecosystem. The session will showcase emerging startups, facilitate meaningful partnerships, and enable knowledge exchange on new technologies and business models. It aims to position Telangana as a vibrant hub for textile innovation and entrepreneurship.</p>