

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of January, 2018

1. Policy Decisions:

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 03.01.2018 approved mandatory use of jute in packaging for the Jute Year 2017-18 (1st July, 2017 to 30th June, 2018). The Decision will benefit farmers and workers located in the Eastern and North Eastern Region of the country particularly in West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Meghalaya, and Tripura.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Silk Mark Expo – 2018: Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles inaugurated "Silk Mark Expo - 2018" organized by Central Silk Board (CSB) from 22nd to 25th January, 2018 at Guwahati. 26 Silk Mark Authorized Users (AUs) from different States participated and showcased their exclusive range of pure silk products in the event.

ii. 'International Conference on Wild Silk Moths': 8th International Conference on Wild Silk Moth was organized by Central Silk Board at Guwahati from 22 to 24 January, 2018. The Conference was inaugurated by Minister of State for Textiles Sh Ajay Tamta . More than 300 delegates from 15 countries participated and presented scientific papers on recent technologies and advancements in Wild Silk Sector.

i. 60th International Garment Fair: 60th International Garment fair was organized by Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) in association with International Garment Fair Association from 17 -19 January 2018 at Paragati Maidan New Delhi. Fair was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Textiles Sh Ajay Tamta . A total of 294 exporters from 11 States have showcased their products in the event. Buyers from 95 countries have attended the fair.

ii. Heimtextil Trade Fair: Hon'ble Minister of Textiles led a delegation comprising DC (Handlooms) and Chairman of HEPC, TEXPROCIL and EPCH to Heimtextil Indian Market Trade Fair, Frankfurt, Germany. The fair was held from 9th to 12th January 2018. Hon'ble Minister inaugurated Indian Pavilion in the fair and held meetings with the fair authorities and representatives of prominent business houses. She also inaugurated Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas organised by Consulate of India.

iii. Cotton production: The all India arrivals of cotton during the January 2018 were 63.60 lakh bales since the market price of raw cotton was trending above the MSP in January 2018, only 1234 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.

iv. Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS): A total of 206 new projects have been approved under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) with projected investment of Rs. 810.54 crores and involving a subsidy of Rs. 48.50 crores during the month.

- v. **In-Situ Upgradation of plain powerloom:** During, January, 2018, total 19269 kits were fitted with an expenditure of Rs. 2319.34 lakhs.
- vi. **Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) for Power loom Workers:** 21,123 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the GIS Scheme during January, 2018.
