

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of October, 2021

1. Policy Decisions:

- Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 06.10.2021 approved the proposal of setting up of 7 PM MITRA Parks across with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 4,445 crores. The Scheme would lead to creation of a modern, integrated large scale, world class industrial infrastructure including plug and play facilities.
- Expenditure Finance Committee in its meeting held on 06.10.2021 has approved continuation of ongoing projects under the Textile Cluster Development Scheme (TCDS) and Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS). The schemes will be operational from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- A meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) under Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) was held on 26.10.2021. Apart from allocating additional training target of 37,700 beneficiaries to 16 implementing partners, important modifications in scheme guidelines to streamline the fund release pattern has been recommended by the Committee.
- 5th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC) under Amended Technology Upgraded Fund Scheme (ATUFS) chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and co-chaired by Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles was held on 22.10.2021. The decisions taken during the meeting will further help in streamlining the

processes for availing subsidy under the scheme. In addition, various relaxations in timelines prescribed in the guidelines have also been accorded by IMSC to help textile industry in mitigating the difficulties faced during COVID-19 pandemic.

2. **Important Achievements:**

(i) **Handicrafts Sector:**

During the month of October 2021 Indian handicrafts and Gifts Fair organized by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi from 28th to 31st October 2021 at Greater Noida.

(ii) **Cotton:** All India arrival is around 20.21 lakh bales. Since, the prices of cotton in Market is ruling above MSP, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has not procured kapas under MSP operations during October, 2021.