

Ministry of Textiles
Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of March, 2018

1. Policy Decisions:

- A. **Approval of Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry** : The Union Cabinet Approved the Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry on 21st March, 2018. The Scheme, which has an allocation of ₹ 2162 crores for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20, will be implemented by Central Silk Board and will support R&D, Training, Seed Supply, Market Development for silk products and quality certification.
- B. **Revised Guidelines under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)** : The revised guidelines under SITP which is a key infrastructure scheme, implemented in PPP mode, have been notified on 27th March, 2018.

2. Important Achievements:

- i. **Handlooms**: Hon'ble French President Shri Emmanuel Macron accompanied by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre & Museum), Varanasi on 12th March 2018 and interacted with artisans and weavers while viewing a live demonstration on their crafts. The President of India also visited the Sankul on 26th March 2018 along with the Governor of Uttar Pradesh and appreciated the arrangements made by the Ministry.

In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, the Ministry has organized National Level Special Handloom Expo at Amritsar, Badodara, Hyderabad, Ranchi and Guwahati during March 2018.

- ii **Handicrafts** : Hastkala Sahyog Shivir was organized at Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) on 17th March 2018. Pahehan I.D. Cards and improved tool kits to the Handicrafts artisans were distributed during the occasion. A total of 103 handicrafts artisans participated during the camp.
- iii **Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP)** : An amount of Rs.748.99 lakh released during March, 2018 to various Autonomous Hill Development Councils at Ladakh, under the component Reconstruction Plan for J&K.
- iv **Cotton**: The all India arrivals of cotton during the month of March 2018 were 39.05 lakh bales since the market price of raw cotton was trending most of time above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in March, 2018, only 10,530 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.

- v **Silk** : Hon'ble Minister of Textiles inaugurated a mega event of "Textiles in Karnataka – 2018" on 11-12 March, 2018 at Bengaluru to showcase the growth of Textile Sector in Karnataka and the achievements of Ministry to Textiles through its various Schemes in the State of Karnataka. During the event a theme pavilion was also arranged by the Central Silk Board to showcase the major achievements and Schemes proposed to be implemented during 2017-18 to 2019-20. Six Silk mark Authorized Users (Aus) have participated and showcased their exclusive range of pure silk products and received good response. A number of dignitaries have visited the event.
- vi **TUFS** : A total of Rs. 148.83 crore has been released under Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) in March 2018. During the period 290 UIDs have been issued with the project cost of Rs.1,883.39 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs,104.54 crores.
- vii **In-Situ Upgradation of plain Powerloom scheme** : During, March 2018, total 61,421 kits were fitted and Rs.7,196.25 lakhs of expenditure incurred. The subsidy released under the Modified Group Workshed Scheme during the above period is Rs.5.00 crores. Further, 14,163 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the GIS Scheme in March 2018.
- viii **Scheme for promoting usage of Geotextiles and Agrotextiles in NER:** During March 2018, a total of **Rs. 7.83** crore has been released to PWDs in NER and **Rs. 4.304** Crores released to SASMIRA under the Scheme for promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in NER.
- Ix **Jute** : Jute Corporation of India has cumulatively procured 5.35 lakh quintals of raw jute upto 31.03.2018 during the current jute year at a cost of Rs.166 crores. This is the highest procurement of raw jute by JCI in the last five years.
