

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of September, 2019

1. Policy Decisions:

JUTE

Notification for extension of validity till 31st December, 2019 (or till next order whichever is earlier) of the Order expiring on 30th September, 2019 issued for mandatory use of jute under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987 was published in the Gazette of India.

SAMARTH

A meeting was held on 02.09.2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) with representatives of Textile Industry/ Industry Associations/ Councils to discuss the modalities and framework in undertaking up-skilling programme under Samarth Scheme. In this meeting, it was decided that a committee chaired by Joint Secretary (Samarth) will be constituted for drawing a roadmap for implementation of up-skilling programme under Samarth in consultation with the industry. Further, RFP inviting proposals for Up-skilling/ Re-skilling from Textiles Industry Associations engaged in Apparels & Garmenting, Home Furnishing and Made-ups to meet a target of 40,000 persons under Samarth Scheme, was approved by the competent authority which has been uploaded recently.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R & D)

Use of two Protech items viz. (i) Flame retardant Curtains, tent, upholstery etc ; and (ii) Fire Fighters' Suits & Gloves have been mandated in Central Arm Police Forces (CAPFs) / NIA / IB.

2. **Important Achievements:**

i. **Handlooms Sector:**

- In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, 6 National Level Handloom Expos were organized during the month of September 2019, 2 in New Delhi and one each at Dehradun, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur, and Pune.
- In order to promote handlooms in overseas market, participation was made in two International Fairs as under:
 - (i) WHO's NEXT event at Paris, France during 6th to 9th September, 2019 and;
 - (ii) Heimtextil Russia event at Moscow, Russia during 17th to 19th September, 2019.
- 8756 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 46.20 crore were sanctioned as well as released too.

ii. **Handicrafts Sector:**

➤ **Domestic Events**

- Gandhi Shilp Bazaar on Geographical Indication (GI) Craft was organized at Dilli Haat during 1st to 15th September, 2019 benefitting 60 artisans;
- Special Marketing event on Geographical Craft was organized at Dilli Haat during 1st to 15th September, 2019 benefitting 58 artisans;
- Domestic Marketing event was organized at Dilli Haat during 16th to 30th September, 2019.

➤ **International Event**

- Under participation in International event, Thematic event organized at Mason & Object, Paris, France during 6th to 10th September, 2019.

- iii. **TUFS:** During the month of September 2019, 1,341 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 8,239.37 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 530.38 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).
- iv. **Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 1,570 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during September, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.2,55,492.
