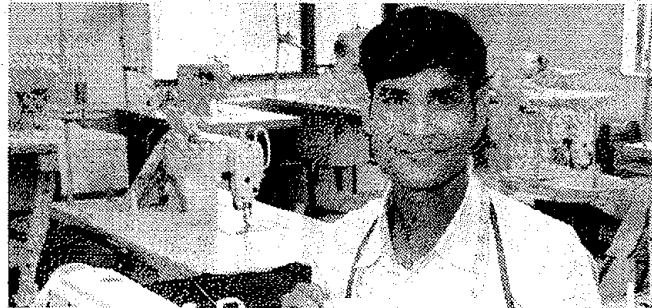


## WINNER'S TALE

From the 15th century mystic poet Kabir's city "Sant Kabir Nagar" to the city of Saint Paul of Tarsus in glittering São Paulo, Brazil, it will be a journey to fame and honour for Julferkar Ali Bhutto, a student of the Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC) who got a chance to represent India at the 43rd World Skills Competition to be held in São Paulo, Brazil, from August 11 to August 16, 2015. Julferkar has been selected to represent the nation after he bagged the top position in the national competitions on fashion technology organised by World Skills India held at Pragati Maidan in association with the NSDC and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and supported by ATDC and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Julferkar received the "winner" certificate from S Ramadorai, chairman NSDA and NSDC in the presence of Pawan Agarwal, joint secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dilip Chenoy, MD and CEO, NSDC in an august gathering.





With the weather changing its lovely colours on the verge of festive season, its fashion fever all over again. Adding heat to it was Runway Rising: a next gen fashion exhibition conceptualised by Ramola Bachchan. The event filled the shoppers cart of Delhiites with more vibrant colours of fashion.

It was undoubtedly a shopper's paradise when over 100 fashion adepts unveiled their latest collections under one roof at the ninth edition of the exhibition took place at Hotel Ashok.

Participating designers and labels included Rose Tree by Kamini, Pallette, Priyanka Signature, Bumble Bee by Varnica, Harsh Harsh, Shubani Talwar, Faquire by Deepa Arora, Voilla by Roma Bhalla, Zephyr by Jyoti Khosla and Nayansee to name a few. The event witnessed exhibitors not only from India but also from across the borders.

# Pomp and show

## The city witnessed a fashion galore at the ninth edition of Runway Rising

Established in 2012, Runway Rising aims to provide all the young, emerging gen next designers a platform where they can showcase their innovative collections. Over the years, the exhibit has developed as a brand and one of the biggest exhibitor pan-India.

Runway Rising drew a large audience of Delhi's cognoscenti, fashionistas and shopaholics alike. Designers from around the country unveiled their collections of garments, shoes, jewellery, watches, bags and accessories.

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"Having launched Runway Rising, I find it gratifying when I get calls from young designers telling me what they are doing and how they want to be associated with our platform. The excitement gets transferred when I see their collections and realise that there's so much going on in our country. We have an amazing creative entrepreneurial spirit and it's good to see that it is being taken forward by our next generation, many of whom will be front runners in the fashionscape of the future," said Ramola.



# 'Our target is to attract investment of five lakh crore to create twenty lakh jobs in Maharashtra'

*N AN exclusive interview with Sanjay Jog, Maharashtra Industries Minister Subhash Desai speaks about the government's strategy for making the state a preferred manufacturing destination*

## What is the government's strategy for the growth of industries in Maharashtra?

The State Government proposes to attract investment to the tune of Rs 5 lakh crore and create 20 lakh jobs in the near future in the State. Our objective is to roll out a red carpet and remove redtapism, make procedures simple. Our target is to achieve 13 per cent industrial growth and increase share of industries to 28 per cent in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Additional push will be given to promote manufacturing.



The Government has no plans to bring out a new industrial policy but make improvements in the existing one to make it more investor friendly. Our focus will be to promote sector-wise specialisation zones and clusters. This means food-related industries will come up in one specialised zone and so will textile parks, wine parks, chemicals and petrochemicals industries, information technology and others.

The Government is making all efforts to expedite the development of Dighi Port in Raigad district and Shendre-Bidkin Industrial Park near Aurangabad in Marathwada. These projects are being developed under the much ambitious Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). A much-needed

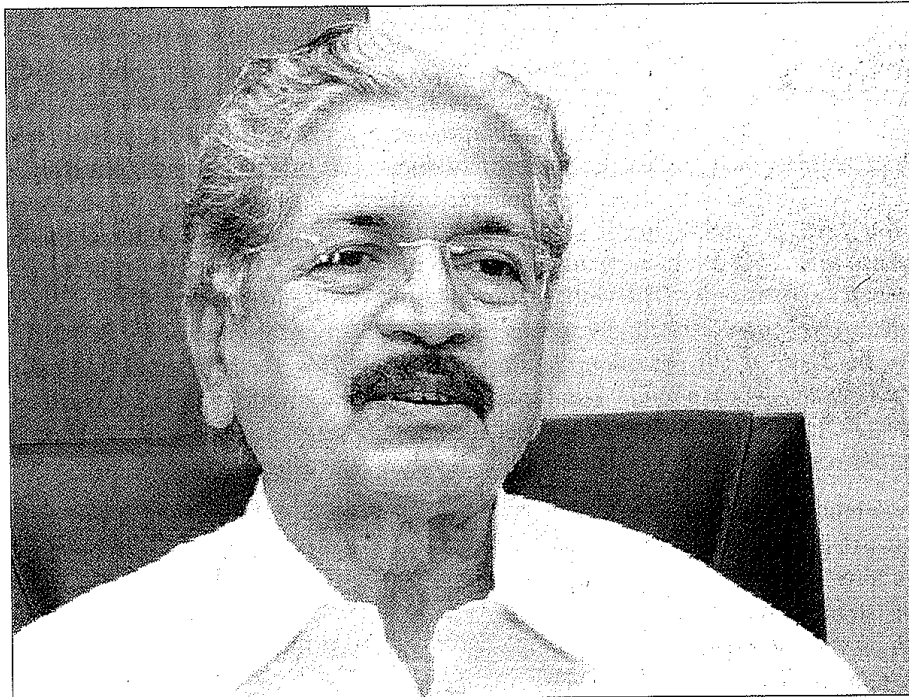
impetus will be given to the development of these areas and they are expected to spur industrial growth in the State.

The Government plans to revive the closed and sick textile mills in the State. However, we will not follow the model implemented for the sugar sector, wherein closed and sick mills were acquired largely by the private sector. The issue of revival of textile mills has been discussed with the Chief Minister and it was decided that department of textiles and industries will work in close coordination for the same. The textile department will soon conduct survey of closed and sick units and suggest their revival.

## Are all these initiatives proposed to retain Maharashtra's number one position?

Maharashtra is number one.

The State is the most favoured destination for domestic and foreign direct investments and also in industrial development. Our objective is to retain Maharashtra's pre-eminence in the future too. The Government will not only enter into a memorandum of understanding (MoU), but make all efforts for its conversion into project development. There are several States where a large number of MoUs are signed but the implementation rate is quite low. We will see that every MoU is implemented in the shortest possible time. The Government will focus on the dispersal and decentralisation of industrial development across the State and not just restrict it to Mumbai,



## MAHARASHTRA IS THE MOST FAVOURED DESTINATION FOR DOMESTIC INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS

Pune, Nashik and Aurangabad.

## Maharashtra has been a leader in information technology. Do you plan to come out with a new policy?

The Government has already given an extension up to March 2015 for the policy on IT and information technology-enabled services (ITeS) sector. However, the Government has already begun work to roll out a

new policy to retain the State's pre-eminence, especially in the software, hardware, consultancy and BPO sectors. Further, the Government intends to promote animation, visual effects and gaming (AVGC) to provide considerable value addition.

The draft policy, which will be part of the Government's Digital Maharashtra initiatives, will also address areas such as IT hardware and telecom manufacturing in

order to strengthen synergies in the ICT sector. The new IT and ITeS policy envisages drastic reduction in various clearances and approvals from the Government. The incentives will be in addition to existing sops such as exemption in stamp duty, additional FSI for IT parks and VAT on sale of IT products charged at the minimum floor rate.

## Yet, investors complain about the time and cost overruns due to delays in getting various approvals and clearances. Is the Government addressing this issue?

The Government plans to reduce the number of approvals and clearances to 25 from the present 75. You will experience the positive results in the next six months. I want to give one recent example here. Leading tyre manufacturer CEAT submitted its proposal to set up a project in the Butibori industrial estate in Nagpur. The same day, the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) gave a letter of intent to CEAT. Just a couple of days ago, the company laid the foundation stone.

## Investors also complain about corruption. How will this be tackled?

The message has gone out loud and clear to all officers that corruption and such malpractices will not be tolerated. There is a change in the rule in Maharashtra.

## High power tariff is a major concern expressed by the investors. What is your comment?

I agree tariff charged to industrial con-

sumers (in the State) is high compared to other States. It will be my sincere efforts to reduce it. The issue has already been discussed with the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis who is also quite positive. But let me tell you, I keep on getting feedback from industries that although power tariff is high in the State, the power supplied to them is quite reliable and quality power compared to other States where power tariff is low.

## Environment clearance is yet another hurdle.

I have already discussed this issue with the Chief Minister requesting his intervention. After the Winter Session, he has agreed to sit with me and discuss various steps needed to make the entire process of getting environment clearances easy and less time consuming.

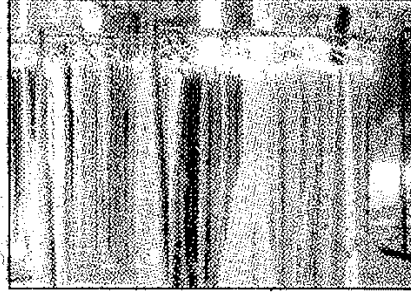
## How does the Government plan to tackle hurdles in land acquisition?

No cultivable or fertile land will be acquired, and priority will be given to barren and waste land. MIDC is providing higher compensation to land owners and farmers. The Government will request the Centre to exempt MIDC from the provision of seeking 70 to 80 per cent consent of the land owners for acquisition.

## What is your message for investors?

The Government is committed to making the investment process hassle free and thereby retain Maharashtra's pre-eminent position. I will invite investors to be part of Make In Maharashtra.

## निफ्ट के सहयोग से होगा खादी क्षेत्र में सुधार



बेंगलुरु। कर्नाटक की खादी सोसायटी के 150 से अधिक अधिकारियों ने खादी क्षेत्र में सुधार और उपयुक्त डिजायन नीति अपनाने के लिए नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फैशन टेक्नोलॉजी (एनआईएफटी) की डिजायन टीम के साथ बैठक की। खादी एंड कर्नाटक स्टेट खादी एंड विलेज इंडस्ट्रीज बोर्ड (केएसके एंड वीआईबी) के बैनर तले अधिकारियों ने विभिन्न खादी संगठनों की वर्तमान प्रक्रिया और उत्पादों की जानकारी दी। निफ्ट ने बताया कि यह बैठक कर्नाटक में खादी क्षेत्र की स्थिति सुधारने की दिशा में एनआईएफटी का पहला कदम था। केएसके एंड वीआईबी के अध्यक्ष लक्ष्मण राव ने बैठक की अध्यक्षता की। इसका आयोजन एवं संचालन एनआईएफटी (निफ्ट) बेंगलुरु के निदेशक वी. शिवार्लिंगम, केएसके एंड वीआईबी के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी एचवी रघुराम और एनआईएफटी एवं खादी बोर्ड की टीम ने किया।

# बीआईसी को लेकर केंद्र से कोर्ट खफा

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कानपुर में ब्रिटिश इंडिया कॉरपोरेशन (बीआईसी) की अमूल्य संपत्तियों की गैरकानूनी बिक्री पर कार्रवाई न करने के लिए उच्च अदालत ने केंद्र सरकार के प्रति सख्त नाराजगी जाहिर की है। बीआईएफआर के आदेशों के बाद लाल इमली और धारीवाल ब्रांड के ऊनी कपड़े बनाने वाली बीआईसी को बंद कर दिया गया था।

जस्टिस अरुण टंडन और हर्ष कुमार की खंडपीठ ने अपने आदेश में कहा कि केंद्र सरकार इस मामले में अपने पैर घसीट रही है। याचिकाकर्ता शक्तिप्रकाश भार्गव के इस आरोप में दम दिखाई देता है कि इसकी वजह बीआईसी के

ब्रिटिश इंडिया कॉरपोरेशन की संपत्तियों पर लापरवाही

बीमार घोषित होने के बाद कानपुर में बीआईसी की पांच लाख वर्ग फुट की संपत्तियों को 2003-04 में बेच दिया गया था। इस बिक्री को सीएजी ने भी गलत ठहराया और यह रिपोर्ट संसद में भी रखी गई। इसके बाद भार्गव ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को इस घपले की शिकायत की। प्रधानमंत्री के निर्देश पर कपड़ा आयुक्त ने जांच की और शिकायतों को सही पाया लेकिन इसके बाद भी सरकार ने कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की तो भार्गव ने मामला इलाहाबाद उच्च अदालत के समक्ष उठाया।

तत्कालीन चेयरमैन आर. सुब्रह्मण्यम का पुष्पा सुब्रह्मण्यम का पति होना था जो उस वक्त कपड़ा मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव थीं। खंडपीठ ने कहा, हम इस बात से अप्रसन्न हैं कि कपड़ा आयुक्त की रिपोर्ट के बाद भी इस मामले में कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई जबकि 24 दिसंबर 2014 को दी गई रिपोर्ट में याचिकाकर्ता के आरोपों को सही पाया गया था। इतना

ही नहीं बिक्री को कानून की निगाह में गलत माना गया है क्योंकि बिक्री अनुबंध त्रुटिपूर्ण थे। कोर्ट ने कहा, कंपनी राष्ट्रीयकृत थी और उसकी संपत्ति सार्वजनिक थी। कोर्ट ने आदेश में कहा, हम चाहते हैं कि केंद्र सरकार शपथपत्र में बताए कि कितनी अवधि में वह इस मामले की कार्रवाई को तार्किक अंत तक पहुंचाएगी।



# Hands that craft

BLENDING ART AND CULTURE, A RECENT HANDICRAFT FAIR SHOWCASED THE CREATORS BEHIND THEIR CRAFT, REPORTS KISHORI SUD



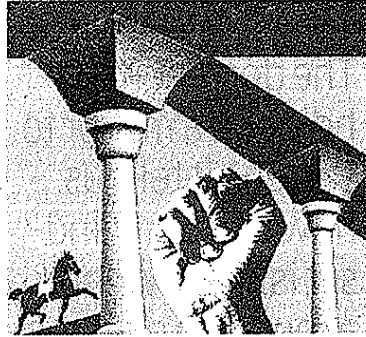
Art lovers and shoppers were in for a treat exploring intricate designs, hand crafted décor and handmade accessories at a recent handicrafts fair in the Capital. Visitors could also witness the work of various craftsmen, be it patch work and embroidery from Rajasthan, dupattas and dress material from Andhra Pradesh, Chanderi sarees from Madhya Pradesh, Maheshwari sarees and suits from Madhya Pradesh and Sujani embroidery shawls from Kashmir, stationery items made out of cloth and paper from New Delhi, bead jewellery from Uttar Pradesh, carpets from Uttar Pradesh, paper crafts from Faridabad and kites made by Umar Daraz from Delhi.

Fifteen *karigars* (artisans) came together to showcase their brilliant and unique skills. People also got a chance to interact with the artists involved in the creation of their handicraft. There were Madhubani folk paintings of North India, silver filigiri jewellery from Orissa and Pattachitra paintings and terracotta clay products from Uttar Pradesh, which were displayed and also available for sale. The fair stretched for good 10 days, commencing on 16 January, at DLF Promenade. It was organised by National Centre for Design and Product Development and supported by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Dinaz Madhukar, senior vice-president and Mall Head of DLF Promenade, said, "It is a great opportunity for us to work alongside the National Centre for Design and Product Development and the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). DLF Promenade has always promoted artists from all fields and this project will showcase an unparalleled variety of handicrafts, gifts and lifestyle products from a cross section of artists from India. Live demonstrations are going to be a good way to bring alive the crafts in people's memory."

Along with Madhukar, the fair was inaugurated by Pradeep Mukherjee (Shilp Guru award winner), R K Srivastava (executive director, National Centre for Design and Product Development, ministry of textiles) and Navraj Goyal (IRS, additional development commissioner, handicrafts).

## PMO Among Top 'Rejectors' of RTI Appeal



**NEW DELHI:** The PMO is among the top public authorities to have rejected the maximum number of RTI applications received by them during 2013-14, as per a CIC report on Wednesday. The top slot in the list is taken by Ministry of Corporate Affairs that has rejected 28.85% RTI applications received during 2013-14 followed by the PMO (20.49%) and Ministry of Finance (19.16%). Following them closely are ministries of Power and Home, Cabinet Secretariat, ministries of Personnel and Defence, President's Secretariat, Ministries of Housing and Petroleum and Natural Gas. The data show slight change as for the previous three years, finance ministry topped the list. – PTI