

## **NITRA to intensify its R&D and other services for Indian Textile & Clothing industry**

### **Mr. Sanjay K Jain (MD, TT Limited) elected as NITRA's new Chairman**

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Mr. Sanjay Kr. Jain, MD of TT Limited was elected as Chairman, Council of Administration, Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA), the pioneering textile research & development organization in the country. NITRA elected its new leadership team in its 40<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.'16 at NITRA Campus, Ghaziabad. Sh. S. K. Kapur, MD, Surya Processors Ltd. was elected as Dy. Chairman. Mr. R. K. Jain, the outgoing Chairman handed over the baton to the new team. While taking over the charge, the newly appointed Chairman profusely thanked the outgoing Chairman for his invaluable guidance that had helped NITRA grow during his tenure.

Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) is one of the prime textile research institutes in the country. The textile industry and Ministry of Textiles, GoI jointly established NITRA in 1974 for conducting research and providing support services to Indian textiles industry. NITRA's prime activities include R&D, technical consultancy, quality evaluation of materials, manpower training and technical publication.

NITRA undertakes research projects in textile product development, machine design, instrument development and process development. NITRA also possesses patented technologies based upon its R&D works. NITRA's consultancy services include various technical audits, feasibility studies, system certification services, infrastructure set up, asset valuation, third party inspection, energy conservation & energy audit, design and commissioning of ETPs & CETPs and product/process development. Its huge infrastructure facilities, including five NABL accredited labs and a CoE for protective textiles, have also made NITRA a leading organization for quality testing of textile materials. Amongst its training activities, other than running B.Tech programs in the fields of textiles and computer sciences in its academic wing NITRA Technical Campus, the institute has been approved by Textile Committee (Resource Support Agency i.e. RSA), Mumbai as assessment agency for assessing ISDS trainees. Furthermore, NITRA is approved by Textile Sector Skill Council to conduct Training of Trainers programs under PMKVY scheme. NITRA is also running short term programs approved by Apparel Sector Skill Council. Furthermore, in order to skill and employ the youth of Uttar Pradesh, two programs are successfully running under UPSDM Project at NITRA.

Mr. Sanjay Jain (46), NITRA's new Chairman, is a prominent, dynamic and young textile leader who apart from NITRA, holds various important positions in other associations across the country. He is the President of NITMA and Vice President of FOHMA & WBHA. He is also a committee member/special invitee of CITI, FICCI Textiles, SIMA, Texprocil, IAAI and AIOE. He is also a regular speaker in conferences and regularly writes articles in various magazines. He combines his industry experience of almost 2 decades with professional qualifications (MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad, ACMA, ACS). He is also involved directly and indirectly in

policy making as member of the Textile Sector Council of West Bengal Govt and Govt of India Textile Mentor Committee. He was also part of the Sub Committee on Textiles & Apparels for the 12th 5-year plan.

Immediately after becoming the Chairman, Mr. Sanjay Jain attended the Board Meeting at NITRA. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Jain said that the industry is going through unprecedented challenges, which has pushed the industry to the brink. He however added that, there is a great opportunity in front of the textile industry to capture the space being vacated by the Chinese industry due to their spiraling costs. However while he was excited at the industry being at a very important threshold, he was worried about the immediate crisis of the industry due to isolated increase in cotton prices in India while global prices were stable.

To conclude, he also mentioned that there is immense potential for conducting need-based R&D and intensifying other support services to the T&C industry and expressed his confidence that NITRA would continue its pursuit for excellence in this direction during his tenure as its Chairman.

Mr. R. K. Jain, Immediate Past Chairman and Sh. R. L. Nolkha, Past Chairman of NITRA congratulated the newly elected team of NITRA and imposed full confidence in the team to be able to take the industry forward in these challenging but interesting times.

