

Novel Functional Cotton Technical textile market to grow at 12% CAGR

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Incorporation of biological molecules to cotton may lead to novel functional cottons.

Finding value-added applications for cotton, enabling it to be wearable smart textiles will be the next phase of R&D in the cotton sector. This scribe has been advocating for developing functional cottons at farm level in addition to the industry focusing its efforts on yield and quality aspects.

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A team of international scientists from Israel, Germany and Austria has used a biological approach to impart functionality to cotton.

External biological molecules that contain glucose moieties with specific functionalities were incorporated to upland cotton in vitro. The in vitro cultures were incubated with glucose moieties that could penetrate through the cell wall to be incorporated into fibers. Glucose moieties with magnetic complexes could enable cotton to be magnetic.

The incorporation of biological molecules enables fibers to have functionalities that are durable.

Washability, durability and wearability are some of the challenges faced by the smart textiles sector. The exploitation of biological methods may give new opportunities for natural fibers to penetrate in to technical textiles sector.

The authors claim that this approach could be adopted to other fibers such as flax and bamboo.

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The country's technical textile market has huge growth potential and it is expected to grow at 12 per cent per annum to reach USD 23 billion (Rs 1,50,000 crore) in 2020, a senior government official said here.

"Technical textile offers immense potential and has been termed as a sunrise industry in India. With sufficient investments into the technology, the industry would grow exponentially.

"The industry is expected to grow at 12 per cent per annum to reach USD 23 billion (Rs 1,50,000 crore) from the present USD 18.16 billion (Rs 1,16,000 crore). India comprises 4 per cent of the global technical textiles exports," Textile Commissioner Kavita Gupta told reporters on the sidelines of 7th edition of 3-day Techtex India 2017 here.

India's textiles sector is also one of the largest contributing sectors of India's exports contributing 14 per cent to the country's total exports basket. The country's textiles market stands at USD 150 billion and it is expected to touch USD 250 billion by 2020, the commissioner said.

The textile industry employs about 51 million people directly and 68 million people indirectly as India has overtaken Italy and Germany to emerge as the world's second largest textile exporter, Gupta said.

Technical textile is a future as it exists in every aspect of our life but this needs better productivity, better technology and better durability. In India technical textiles is expected to attract lot of investment opportunities. The government is also offering 15 per cent subsidy for domestic players, who want

to set up machinery. In the last five years period the growth has been 12.4 per cent CAGR, Gupta said.

Demand for technical textiles is expected to stay steady during the period 2017-2020, due to a broadening application in end-use industries, such as automotive, construction, healthcare, and sports equipment and so on. To foster research & development in the sector the government has also set up eight Center for Excellence units, she said.

Telangana government has put in ample efforts to utilise their resources and unleash the potential in the textiles sector.

On announcing a close cooperation with Messe Frankfurt, Mihir Parekh, Department of Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Telangana said, "The Telangana state is developing Kakatiya



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It would be really useful for the cotton industry, if such efforts translate to the farm level to develop functional fibers directly from plants.

The work reported in today's Science journal published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science may be a step towards that direction.



Big budget Durga pujas roping in fashion designers

KOLKATA, SEPT. 18—

Big budget Durga Puja organisers in the city are roping in reputed fashion designers to weave costumes of the goddess and her children in their quest for aesthetics and also to mark a new trend.

Fashion designer Tejas Gandhi is designing the costume of the deity of 'Samaj Sebi Sangha Puja'.

"My costume will be a perfect blend of purity of nature and the richness of life and in sync with 'Sobujer Obhijan' (quest for green) theme of the puja this year," Tejas said.

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The city-based fashion designer, known globally, will design the costumes of Kartik, Ganesh, Lakshmi and Saraswati as well as the demon Mahishasur.

A puja organiser said, "Tejas Gandhi will be diverting from the traditional ensemble of the goddess and debuting with a very different outfit in accordance with the theme."

"The interior of the puja pandal will be adorned with beautiful craftwork relevant to Sobujer Obhijan which aims at generating awareness among the parents about providing an affectionate upbringing of their children," he explained.

Celebrated fashion designer Sharbari Datta is conceptualising the theme and costumes for the 'Lala Bagan' Sarbojanin Durga Puja, one of the new entrants among award winning crowd puller puja committees.

Joint secretary of the puja committee Partha Ghosh said, "We had requested her (Sharbari Datta) to do the concept and costume designing for our puja and she agreed but refused to take any remuneration."

"We are honoured that she is working with us and bowled over by the first concept which she had presented," Ghosh said.

"The theme of the puja is 'Shunya (void)'," Sharbari said.

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100 % Cotton Fabric (All Combed Compact Yarn)

Sr. No	Quality	Weave	Width(inches)	Exmill Rate + GST/Mtr
1	40 x 40 / 124 x 94	1/1	63"	Rs. 70.00
2	60 x 60 / 92 x 88	1/1	63"	Rs. 52.00
3	40 x 40 / 130 x 73	2/1	67"	Rs. 68.00

100 % BCI Cotton Fabric (All Combed Compact Yarn)

1	40 x 40 / 124 x 94	1/1	63"	Rs. 73.00
2	60 x 60 / 92 x 88	1/1	63"	Rs. 55.00
3	40 x 40 / 130 x 73	2/1	67"	Rs. 71.00

100 % Organic Cotton Fabric

1	40 x 40 / 124 x 70	1/1	63"	Rs. 69.00
2	40 x 40 / 132 x 72	1/1	63"	Rs. 73.00

100% Viscose fabric

1	40 x 40 / 96 x 80	1/1	63"	Rs. 61.00
2	30 x 30 / 68 x 64	1/1	63"	Rs. 52.00

Poly Cotton fabric(Blend 65:35)

1	40 PC x 40 PC / 100 x 84	1/1	63"	Rs. 56.00
2	45 PC x 45 PC / 112 x 72	1/1	63"	Rs. 54.00
3	40 PC x 40 PC / 100 x 84	1/1	38"	Rs. 36.00

Stretch Fabric

1	30 x 20 Ly / 160 x 90	Dobby	73"	Rs. 132.00
2	30 x 20 + 20 Ly / 130 x 684/1		74"	Rs. 93.50
3	30 x 20 + 20 Ly / 120 x 76Dobby		73"	Rs. 99.00

VSM Weaves India - Tamil Nadu

Air Jet Grey Woven Fabrics (Ex-Mill Rate)

30Viscose x 30Viscose 68 x 64 63"	1/1 Plain -	Rs. 52/Mtrs
30Viscose x 30Viscose 68 x 64 48"	1/1 Plain -	Rs. 41/Mtrs
30Viscose x 30Viscose 92 x 64 63"	2/2 Twill -	Rs. 61/Mtrs
60Micro modal x 60Micro modal 92 x 84 63"	1/1 plain	Rs. 69/Mtrs
50Micro modal x 50Micro modal 92 x 84 63"	1/1 plain	Rs. 75/Mtrs

Pujas roping in fashion designers

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Renowned fashion designer Agnimitra Paul is designing the costume of the deities of Santosh Mitra Square Puja, another crowd puller in the city.

"The saree of Goddess Durga is made of gold with zari work embossed in between. I sketched the entire design and now it is being given shape by a reputed jewellery brand," Agnimitra said.

"The dresses of the other idols and Mahisasura are fabric-based and I am making them lively, not dull but in the same time, traditional," she said.

"Infact we are not breaking from tradition, but making the dresses more appealing, sartorially more elegant in an understated manner. Each one's dress will be different from the other in terms of colour but I will heavily draw from the 'sabeki' (traditional) concept." (PTI)

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competitiveness will be the key to make this a reality. It is vital at this juncture, that industry starts focusing on economies of scale, productivity improvement programs, efficient production planning, services and product development aspects to tackle the challenges imposed by increasing competitiveness of countries like Vietnam and Ethiopia. Moreover, to adapt to the needs of the foreign markets and to improve the export performance with available resources and capacities, companies need to continuously gauge the global trends in the market. Focusing on all these aspects can result in improvement in turnover of the companies by 10 to 20%. Consultants help the companies to monitor the global trends through use of tools which enable companies in making an informed decision on taking the right move like entering into a new market, expanding an existing business, establish a distinctive identity or marketing around customer needs.

RBI likely to keep policy rate on hold till fiscal-end: Report

NEW DELHI, SEP. 18—

The Reserve Bank is expected to pause rate cuts for the rest of 2017-18 as retail inflation is likely to tread higher towards 4.7 per cent by March, says a Kotak Institutional Equities report.

According to the report, both CPI and WPI inflation have bottomed out and retail inflation is inching towards 4.7 per cent and wholesale towards 3.6 per cent by March 2018.

It further noted that the impact of the 7th Pay Commission Housing Rent Allowance will further lend upside pressure to CPI inflation, a major factor for the RBI to decide its monetary policy stance. "We expect CPI inflation to tread higher towards 4.7 per cent by March 2018 (4.3 per cent without HRA)," the report said.

Moreover, core CPI (excluding HRA) inflation is expected to remain tepid, averaging 4 per cent in this fiscal compared to 4.7 per cent in 2016-17 underscoring the weak underlying demand pressures.

Retail inflation rose to five-month high of 3.36 per cent in August due to costlier vegetables and fruits. The consumer price index (CPI) based inflation was 2.36 per cent in July.

According to the domestic brokerage firm, the RBI is expected to keep on hold the repo rate for the rest of this financial year but might consider an easing in policy stance "if inflation surprises below the 4 per cent mark on improvement in food supplies amid good monsoon, imported disinflation due to INR appreciation and downward surprise on core inflation". "We maintain our call for status quo on repo rate for rest of 2017-18 and remain watchful of the incoming data, especially given the recent slide in high-frequency growth indicators," the report said.

Executive Cotton Update

U.S. Macroeconomic Indicators and the Cotton Supply Chain

Macroeconomic Overview: The U.S. economy continues to add jobs, but even with the unemployment rate low, wage growth has been limited. The rate of growth in wages was trending higher between late 2014 and early 2017, with year-over-year increases rising from levels near 2% to those approaching 3%. Since the spring, the trajectory turned lower, with recent gains near 2.5%.

About the same time that wage growth began slowing, the rate of inflation moved higher. In much of 2015 and 2016, year-over-year increases in aggregate prices were commonly below 1%. In the second half of 2016 and throughout 2017, the inflation rate has been between 1.5% and 2.5%. In combination, weaker wage growth and stronger inflation imply reduced discretionary income, and that has likely been a factor holding back consumer spending. With consumer spending representing nearly 70% of U.S. GDP, this can also be considered a factor holding back the overall rate of U.S. economic growth.

While U.S. economic growth is generally expected to remain positive but sluggish, it is worth noting that for the first time since the recession, all of the world's largest economies (all 45 members of the Organization of Economic Cooperation, the OECD) are expected to expand in 2017, and most are expected to enjoy accelerated growth in 2018. The synchronization of growth can contribute to a virtuous cycle, where improved economic activity, demand, and order placement in one country supports increased economic activity, demand, and order placement in other countries. At

the same time, increased demand can lift prices. When the benefits from higher prices are passed through supply chains, they can help lift wages, but also reduce spending power. Higher prices can also be expected to create more room for central banks to lift interest rates from the extremely low levels that have been mostly maintained since the recession.

Employment: The U.S. economy is estimated to have added 156,000 jobs in August. Revisions to earlier numbers indicated that job growth in previous months was lower than previously determined (-41,000 in total). June's figure was revised down from +231,000 to +210,000. July's figure was revised down from +209,000 to +189,000. The average over the past three months is +185,000. The twelve month average increase is +175,000.

The unemployment rate was marginally higher in August (4.4%) than it was in July (4.3%), essentially maintaining the lowest levels since 2001. The slight increase was a result of slightly more people joining the work force. Initial claims for unemployment insurance, a proxy for layoffs, continue to hold to their lowest levels since the early 1970s, when the total number of employees in the U.S. was less than half of what it is currently. Wages increased at a 2.5% rate year-over-year, which is equal to the levels experienced since April.

Consumer Confidence & Spending: The Conference Board's Index of Consumer Confidence increased for the second consecutive month in August, rising 2.9 points to a value of 122.9. Consumer

optimism ranks among the highest on record.

Overall consumer spending increased 0.3% month-over-month and 2.7% year-over-year in July (latest available data). While this represents healthy growth, the rate of increase thus far into 2017 is nearly a full percentage point behind the average level registered in 2015 (the average rate of growth in overall spending in 2016 was 2.7%).

Spending on apparel was 0.4% lower month-over-month in July, but was also 3.1% higher year-over-year. The average rate of growth year-over-year is 2.1%. In 2016, the average annual rate of growth was 2.0%. In 2015, the average was 4.3%.

Consumer Prices & Import Data: After four consecutive months of decreases, retail apparel prices increased slightly in July, rising 0.7% month-over-month. Year-over-year, retail apparel prices were 0.8% lower in July. Seasonally-adjusted prices per square meter (SME) of imported cotton-dominant apparel were flat in July (stable month-over-month at \$3.25/SME).

Excluding a slight dip in November and December, over the past twelve months, average sourcing costs have been generally stable with average import costs holding to the lowest prices recorded outside of the 2008/09 recession. Despite low sourcing costs, import volumes have been flat to lower. Year-over-year, in terms SME, cotton-dominant apparel imports were 3.7% lower for the twelve month period ending in July. Over the same time period, apparel imports of all fibers were 0.1% lower.

Petrol/diesel prices not market driven, but tax driven; Centre, states should cut levies: ASSOCHAM

NEW DELHI, SEPT. 18—

Consumer is getting restive about a three year high in the petrol and diesel prices because he/she feels the concept of market-determined rates was tampered with by frequent tax hikes when the crude oil prices fell steeply and are ruling at exactly half the level of USD 107 per barrel in May, 2014 even after rising in the last three months.

"It is true that the crude oil has shot up by about 18 per cent from USD 45.60 per barrel, taking the pump prices of petrol in Delhi (for instance) to Rs 70.39 per litre from Rs 65.40 three months ago. The increase in the retail prices is far less than hike in crude oil, but then the consumer is not willing to compare the crude prices of USD 45.60 in June versus USD 54 per barrel today. He/she would confront you with USD 107 per barrel of crude in May, 2014 and the pump price of Rs 71.51 per litre on June 1, 2014.

With USD 107 per barrel, the retail price of auto fuel was 71.51 per litre, then how come it is about the same when the Indian basket of crude is trading at half that level at 53.83 per barrel, the consumers would ask. If the prices are market determined, the retail prices should have been less than Rs 40 a litre," the ASSOCHAM note has stated.

It said, even though the pricing regime has been linked to market determined rates, a sharp hike in taxes in the form of excise and sales tax or VAT by the Centre and states have distorted the path of reforms.

"Consumers cannot be faulted because the reforms cannot be one way. If the exchequer got a windfall on drop in crude prices by additional taxes, the same must be reduced commensurately," the ASSOCHAM Secretary General Mr DS Rawat said.

The chamber said while it is true that the government needs resources for building infrastructure and welfare schemes, over-dependence on petrol and diesel both by the centre and the states would hamper the economic growth.

"The impact is already showing on the macro numbers. The inflation on account of petrol and diesel, year on year, in August, 2017 was in excess of 24 per cent and 20 per cent. This would dent the prospects of interest rates softening by the Reserve Bank of India at a time when the industry needs less expensive funds for investment and servicing over-leveraged balance sheets".

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Prices firm

By Cotton Man

MUMBAI, SEPT. 18—

The cotton prices maintained a firm trend today amid good demand from the user industry.

Quality	Rate	Arrival in Bales	State Wise
NORTH ZONE (RATES IN MAUND) - NEW CROP			
Punjab	J-34 S/G Crop	4040/4050	
	J-34 R/G Crop	4070/4080	1000
Haryana	J-34 S/G Crop	4030/4040	
	J-34 R/G Crop	4060/4070	2500
Rajasthan	J-34 S/G Crop	4020/4040	
	J-34 R/G Crop	4050/4070	200
CENTRAL ZONE (RATES IN BALES)			
Gujarat	V-797 (Kalayan) 22mm	27500/28500	
	S/6 B-Grade	40500/41000	
	S/6 A-Grade	41500/42000	1500
Maha	MECH 1 - 29 mm 3.8 mic	41500/42000	
New	MECH 1 - 30 mm 3.8 mic	42000/42500	
Crop	MECH 1 - 31 mm 3.8 mic	42500/43000	1500
M.P.	MECH - 29 mm 3.8 mic	41500/42000	
New	MECH - 29 mm 3.8 mic	42000/42500	
Crop	DCH-32 33-35 mm	55500/57500	1000
SOUTH ZONE (RATES IN BALES)			
A.P	MECH-1 (Adil) 29-30mm	42500/43500	
	Bunny/ Brahma (Wara) 29-30 mm	42500/43500	
	MCU-5 (Guntur) 30/31 mm	43000/44000	NIL
Karnataka	MECH-1 29 3.8 mic	42000/42500	
	Bunny/ Brahma 30/31mm	42500/43000	
	DCH-32 34-35mm	56000/58000	NIL

Total Arrivals 7,400

Indian Cotton Federation

(Per Candy-2015-16 Crop)

V-797	28400	Sankar-6	42200
Jayadhar	-----	MCU-5	44600
J-34 (RG)	41539	DCH-32	58000
MECH-1/H-4	42800	MECH	42800

COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

State	Grade	Staple	Mic	Per Candy
P/H/R	ICS-101	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	33700
P/H/R	ICS-201	Below 22mm	5.0-7.0	34700
GUJ	ICS-102	22mm	4.0-6.0	28200
KAR	ICS-103	23mm	4.0-5.5	32800
M/M	ICS-104	24mm	4.0-5.5	36400
P/H/R	ICS-202	26mm	3.5-4.9	39400
M/M/A	ICS-105	26mm	3.0-3.4	34600
M/M/A	ICS-105	26mm	3.5-4.9	36200
P/H/R	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	40000
M/M/A	ICS-105	27mm	3.0-3.4	36500
M/M/A	ICS-105	27mm	3.5-4.9	37900
P/H/R	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	40300
M/M/A	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	40300
GUJ	ICS-105	28mm	3.5-4.9	39800
M/M/A/K	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	41600
GUJ	ICS-105	29mm	3.5-4.9	41000
M/M/A/K	ICS-105	30mm	3.5-4.9	42500
M/M/A/K/T/O	ICS-105	31mm	3.5-4.9	43600
K/A/T/O	ICS-106	32mm	3.5-4.9	45500
M(P)/K/T	ICS-107	34mm	3.0-3.8	53500

U.S. Futures Daily Cotton Market

14 September 2017

Contract	Open	* High	Low	Close *	Settle	Change
Oct '17	69.86	69.86	69.02	69.80	69.78	-0.20
Dec '17	69.19	69.45	68.43	69.15	69.12	+0.03
Mar '18	68.64	68.86	67.98	68.54	68.53	-0.07
May '18	69.41	69.41	68.61	69.06	69.09	-0.12
Jul '18	69.80	69.80	68.98	69.50	69.48	-0.16

*Open and Close prices reflect the first and last trade in the market and do not correlate to any opening or closing period

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Global Textile & Apparel Trade Performance in 2016

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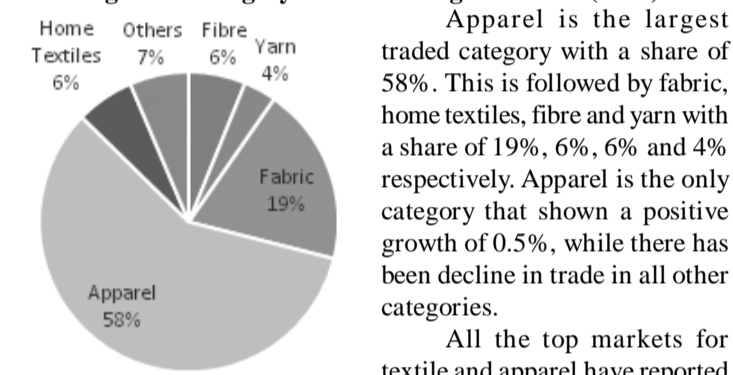
Global trade of textile and apparel stumbled in 2016 for a consecutive year due to weak global demand. Data from UN Comtrade shows a 1.4% decline to US\$ 765 billion for 2016 from US\$ 776 billion in 2015, which is a cause of concern for many developing countries. Overall the total value of world merchandise exports have also declined by 3.2% in 2016 to US\$ 16 trillion from US\$ 16.5 trillion in 2015. Some of the key reasons for the decline in global exports are economic slowdown in China, strong fluctuations in exchange rates, and financial volatility driven by divergent monetary policies in developed countries.

Table 1: Category-wise global textile and apparel trade

Values in US\$ Mn.	2015	2016	CAGR
Fibre	53	47	-11.3%
Yarn	29	27	-6.9%
Fabric	148	147	-0.7%
Apparel	444	446	0.5%
Home Textiles	50	48	-4.0%
Others	52	49	-5.8%
Total T&A	776	765	-1.4%
Total All commodities	16,489	15,955	-3.2%

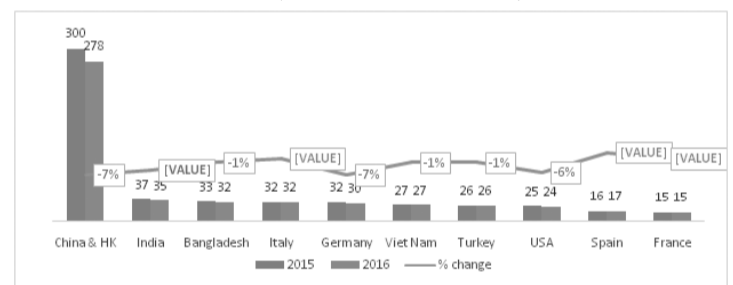
Data Source: UN comtrade database

Figure 1: Category-wise share in global trade (2016)



Apparel is the largest traded category with a share of 58%. This is followed by fabric, home textiles, fibre and yarn with a share of 19%, 6%, 6% and 4% respectively. Apparel is the only category that shown a positive growth of 0.5%, while there has been decline in trade in all other categories. All the top markets for textile and apparel have reported a decline in textile and apparel imports European Union, USA and China remained the top 3 markets for textile and apparel in 2016. They together accounted for 53% of the world textile imports in 2016, while top 10 markets accounted for share of 68%. All the ten markets have reported a decline in the value of textile and apparel imports in 2016, with highest decline seen in UAE (-24%) and Vietnam (-13%). The smallest decline was recorded in Japan (-3%).

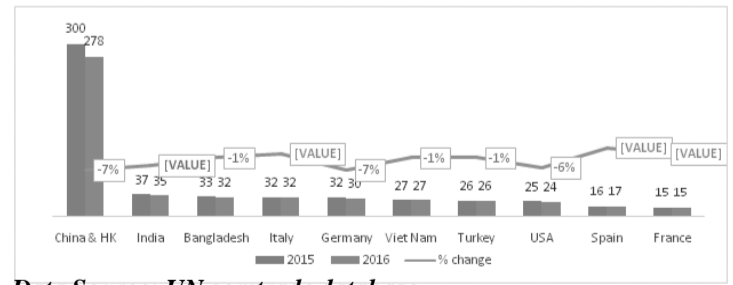
Figure 2: Top 10 markets of textile and apparel, 2016 (Values in US\$ billion)



Data Source: UN comtrade database

China, India and Bangladesh remained top 3 suppliers of textile and apparel products but their textile and apparel exports has declined. The ranking of the top ten exporters of textile and apparel products remained unchanged in 2016, with China (36%), India (5%) and Bangladesh (4%) in the first three positions. Top 10 suppliers accounted for 70% of the world exports of textile and apparel exports in 2016 (compared to 68% in 2015). Of the top 10 exporters only three saw an increase in value of their exports in 2016: Italy (1%), Spain (4%) and France (1%). The other top exporters recorded declines ranging from -1% to -7%. Maximum decline was registered by China (-7%) and its share in global textile and apparel trade has also reduced from 39% in 2015 to 36% in 2016.

Figure 2: Top 10 markets of textile and apparel, 2016 (Values in US\$ billion)



Data Source: UN comtrade database

In the EU market, share of top 15 suppliers has increased from 77% in 2015 to 82% in 2016. EU's largest supplier viz. China has registered 8% decline in its trade. Cambodia is the fastest growing supplier with 78% increase in its supplies during 2016. Bangladesh, Pakistan & Poland also registered double digit y-o-y growth.

In the US market, share of top 15 supplier nations has increased from 89% in 2015 to 90% in 2016. USA's imports from China have decreased y-o-y by 7%. Cambodia and Guatemala are fastest growing suppliers to USA with 22% and 17% y-o-y growth. Imports from India and Jordan have also increased y-o-y by 2% and 1% respectively while imports from remaining suppliers have declined.

Table 2: Change in Imports of EU-28 from Top Supplier Nations

S.No	Supplier	2015	2016	%change
1	China	56.2	51.6	-8%
2	Germany	23.4	21.9	-6%
3	Bangladesh	16.3	18.9	16%
4	Italy	17.6	17.7	0.4%
5	Turkey	16.3	16.2	-0.3%
6	Belgium	12.4	12.8	3%
7	Spain	10.0	10.3	3%
8	France	9.3	9.6	4%
9	India	9.27	9.26	-0.1%
10	UK	8.9	8.5	-4%
11	Poland	5.8	6.4	10%
12	Pakistan	5.1	5.8	14%
13	Portugal	4.4	4.7	8%
14	Cambodia	2.5	4.5	78%
15	Denmark	4.0	4.1	3%
	R.O.W	61.5	43.4	-29%
	Total	263	246	-7%

Table 3: Change in Imports of USA from Top Supplier Nations

S.No	Supplier	2015	2016	%change
1	China & HK	51.6	48.1	-7%
2	Viet Nam	11.3	10.8	-4%
3	India	7.4	7.5	2%
4	Mexico	5.9	5.6	-5%
5	Bangladesh	5.8	5.6	-5%
6	Indonesia	5.4	3.8	-29%
7	Pakistan	3.9	2.9	-27%
8	Canada	3.0	2.4	-20%
9	Cambodia	1.8	2.2	22%
10	Sri Lanka	2.1	2.1	-0.03%
11	Italy	2.3	2.1	-6%
12	El Salvador	1.98	1.97	-0.1%
13	Guatemala	1.2	1.5	17%
14	Jordan	1.25	1.27	1%
15	Rep. of Korea	1.3	1.2	-5%
	R.O.W	13.3	10.7	-20%
	Total	120	110	-8%

Data Source: UN comtrade database

India's textile and apparel exports have also plummeted. India's textile and apparel exports have declined from US\$ 37.2 billion in 2015 to US\$ 35.4 billion in 2016 at a rate of 4.7%.

Table 4: Segment wise textile and apparel exports from India (In US\$ mn.)

Category	2015	2016	% change
Fibre	2.7	2.3	-15%
Filament	1.1	1.0	-6%
Yarn	4.5	4.0	-12%
Fabric	4.9	4.4	-10%
Apparel	17.1	17.0	-1%
Home Textiles	5.1	5.0	-2%
Others*	1.6	1.7	3%
Total	37.2	35.4	-4.7%

*Others include sacks & bags, dress patterns, twine, worn clothing, etc. Data Source: UN Comtrade

Figure 4: Segment-wise share in global trade (2016)

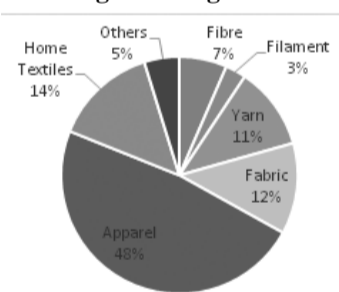


Figure 5: Top Markets for Textile and Apparel Products for India (2016)

Data Source: UN Comtrade

European Union continues to remain the biggest market for Indian textiles and apparel products in 2016 with a share of 26% followed by USA with a share of 21%, UAE with a share of 12%, Bangladesh with a share of 6% and China with a share of 5% respectively. Textile and apparel exports to USA have shown a positive growth of 2% over last year while exports to China have shown a sharp decline of 29% in the same period.

Focus on improving the manufacturing competitiveness will play a key role to create multi-billion opportunity in global market.

The textile and apparel exports have not been able to perform up to their true potential in last year, following uncertainty in the global economy. However, WTO estimates recovery of world trade in coming years. It is noteworthy that rapidly increasing wages and fast growing domestic demand in China is contributing to slowdown in exports growth of China. The current global textile and apparel trade share of China is expected to reduce further in the coming years. This could be a major opportunity for Indian exporters to fill the trade gap.

We, at Wazir Advisors, strongly believe that the development trajectory of India will continue to grow exponentially creating business opportunities in global market. However, manufacturing

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