

## PICANOL CELEBRATES HISTORIC MILESTONE WITH PRODUCTION OF 400,000<sup>th</sup> WEAVING MACHINE



Picanol has achieved a new milestone with the production of its 400,000th weaving machine in Ieper, Belgium. This is a new high point of the company's rich history of production, which started in Ieper. The very first Picanol weaving machine was produced in 1936, based on a design by Spanish engineer Jaime Picañol, after whom the company was named. The 400,000th weaving machine, an OmniPlus-i Connect airjet weaving machine, leaves the home base in Ieper this week on its way to a customer in India.

"We are extremely proud of this achievement, which once again highlights our position as the global leader

in weaving machines. Over the past decades, we have continually pushed our boundaries, always working in close partnership with our customers. At the same time, we have always remained true to our core mission – to design and manufacture innovative, high-tech weaving machines.

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## SIMA APPEALS FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF MEASURES AND EXEMPTION OF IMPORT DUTY ON ELS COTTON

The predominantly cotton based Indian textiles and clothing industry has been facing an unprecedented financial stress and crisis for more than a year owing to steep fall in global and domestic demands caused by prolonged Ukraine-Russia war, economic slow down in EU, USA and other countries, 11% import duty on cotton and ill effects of MMF Quality Control Orders that had enabled the indigenous cotton traders and MMF producers to adopt import parity pricing and making the industry uncompetitive in the global market. The average monthly textiles and clothing exports during the period April 2022 to August 2023 has dropped by 19% when compared to the previous financial year 2021-22.

The cotton textile exports dropped by 24% and cotton yarn exports dropped by 46%.



Dr. S.K. Sundararaman, Chairman, SIMA

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## MANJUSHREE GROUP ENTERS INDIAN NONWOVENS MARKET WITH REIFENHÄUSER REICOFIL SMART COMPOSITE LINE



After four decades in the packaging industry, the Manjushree Group is entering the Indian nonwovens market with ambitious goals. The entrepreneurs rely on a flexible RF Smart Composite line from Reifenhäuser Reicofil to meet very different customer requirements.

The Manjushree Group may be a newcomer to the nonwovens industry, but it is not a blank slate: Company founder Vimal Kedia operated a blown film line for packaging materials for the tea industry in the eastern part of India as early as 1983. In the years that followed, Manjushree Technopack Ltd. developed into

one of the largest suppliers of solutions for rigid plastic products in South Asia – and the family business grew into a group with several business segments. In 2018, the entrepreneurial family repositioned itself: it sold its previous core business to a financial investor and established Manjushree Ventures with footholds in start-up financing, real estate business, and manufacturing

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## ITME AFRICA 2023 TO EQUIP & ENHANCE KENYA'S TEXTILE PRODUCTION PROWESS

India ITME Society, a non-profit apex industry body successfully concluded the “Curtain Raiser & Preview” of the 2nd edition of ITME Africa & Middle East 2023 on 3rd October 2023, to be held one month hence from 30th November to 2nd December 2023 at Nairobi, Kenya.

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## TIRUPUR'S STRIDES TOWARDS GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP IN KNITWEAR

Delve into the remarkable narrative of Tirupur Exporters Association, led by President Mr. K.M. Subramanian, as they steer the textile industry towards sustainable growth and global prominence. At the heart of this tale lies Tirupur's unrivaled expertise in knitwear manufacturing. From pioneering sustainable practices to championing circular business models, Tirupur stands tall as the epitome of success in the textile domain. This article offers an illuminating glimpse into how Tirupur's knitwear industry not only survives but thrives, setting a shining example for the textile world to follow.

In the financial year 2022-23, India's total Readymade Garments exports amounted to Rs. 1,29,971 Crores, reflecting a positive growth of 8.78% compared to the previous year. In Dollar terms, Readymade Garment exports in 2022-23 increased to US \$ 16.19 Billion against US \$ 16.02 Billion recorded in 2021-22, marking a positive growth of 1.06%. The knitwear exports from Tirupur in 2022-23 also witnessed growth, amounting to Rs. 34,350 Crores against Rs. 33,525 Crores recorded in 2021-22.



K.M. Subramanian, President,  
Tirupur Exporters Association

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## DYECOO AND CLEAN DYE CO<sub>2</sub> DYEING TECHNOLOGY SLASHES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 58%



Adidas ordered independent report to evaluate new technology

DyeCoo's waterless dyeing technology, operated by CleanDye's factory in Vietnam, generated 58 percent lower greenhouse gas emissions than conventional textile dyeing vendors, an independent lifecycle assessment (LCA) commissioned by Adidas shows.

The LCA was commissioned as part of a program with Adidas to identify and certify low carbon textile coloration technologies.

As brands like Adidas reshape the apparel

industry to address climate concerns, technologies such as DyeCoo's supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> dyeing that reduce both carbon emissions and water pollution are essential for sustainable fashion. Based on these results, Adidas will be incorporating CO<sub>2</sub> dyeing into its supply chain.

The LCA was conducted by Sphera, a third-party consultant with a proven track record of producing reliable sustainability reports across several industries.

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## BETTER COTTON AND COTTON EGYPT ASSOCIATION INAUGURATE RENEWED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Better Cotton, the world's largest cotton sustainability initiative, and Cotton Egypt Association (CEA), the organisation responsible for promoting and protecting Egyptian cotton worldwide, inaugurated the launch of their renewed strategic partnership at a multi-stakeholder event in Cairo on October 4, 2023.

Uniting key stakeholders from across the cotton sector in Egypt and beyond, the event brought together representatives from Better Cotton, CEA, Better Cotton's Programme Partners in Egypt (Alkan, Modern Nile and El Ekhlās), and a number of leading Better Cotton Retailer and Brand Members, as well as these members' suppliers.

Through a renewed strategic partnership, Better Cotton and CEA aim to further enhance the yields and sustainability credentials of Egyptian cotton while ensuring fair working conditions for farmers and workers.

At the event, participants discussed opportunities to collaborate and what is required to increase the uptake of more sustainable Egyptian cotton.



*Rachel Beckett, Senior Programme Manager at Better Cotton, shakes hands with Khaled Schuman, Executive Director of Cotton Egypt Association, at a multi-stakeholder event in Cairo celebrating the two organisations' renewed strategic partnership.*

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## RENEWCELL EXPANDS CIRCULOSE® SUPPLIER NETWORK TO 116 MEMBERS



**Patrik Lundström, CEO, Renewcell**

Renewcell, the leader in textile-to-textile recycling at scale, announced the expansion of the CIRCULOSE® Supplier Network (CSN) to 116 members, marking a significant milestone in the journey toward a circular textile industry. This expansion brings an infusion of innovation, diversity, and global reach, increasing the number of materials made with CIRCULOSE® that are available to source now.

The CIRCULOSE® Supplier Network, initially composed of 47 yarn and textile producers, has now evolved to include a diverse range of 116 members. Particularly of note is the geographical expansion, with new members joining from regions such as Vietnam, Taiwan, and the Czech Republic. The extension into the Southeast Asian region reaffirms Renewcell's commitment to advancing circular fashion on a global scale.

In addition to the geographic diversification, this growth includes onboarding a dozen knitters and more than thirty yarn spinners,

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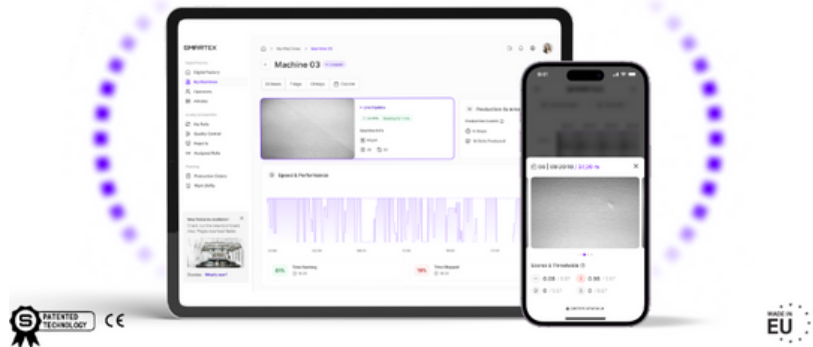
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