

Ministry of Textiles

Important policy decisions and achievements during June, 2019

1. Policy Decisions

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

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

In order to promote handlooms in overseas market, one International Fair viz; Global Indian Festival at Malayasia was participated from 1st June to 9th June, 2019 with 18 participants.

ii. Handicrafts Sector:

(a) The O/o the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has participated / organised following International Events:

- A live demonstration “**Global Indian Festival**” at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8-16 June, 2019.
- An Awareness campaign “**Dallas Temp Show**” at Dallas Market Centre, USA from 19-25 June 2019.
- An Exhibition “**Handmake in India**” at Amsterdam, Netherlands from 15-19 June 2019.
- A **Joint Exhibition between India & Kyrgyzstan** (jointly organized by DC(HC) & DC(HL) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) from 12-24 June, 2019 with a view to promote Indian handicrafts and access international market, also 12 artisans participated in the events.

(b) Hastkala Academy has been set up in the premises of National Handloom and Handicrafts Museum, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi as a part and partial activity of Museum.

- iii. **Cotton:** The second meeting of Cotton Advisory Board for the Cotton Season 2018-19 was held on 18.06.2019. Representatives from Central Govt., State Govt., Textile Industry, Cotton Trade and Ginning & Pressing Sector attended the meeting. The Cotton scenario was deliberated, also State-wise area, production, import, export and consumption of cotton were discussed. The state-wise area under cotton cultivation for the current cotton season 2018-19 and revision of state-wise cotton production for the current cotton season 2018-19 were decided.
- iv. **Samarth:** Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (Samarth) under the scheme, a training target of 1,20,440 persons was allocated to 14 State Government Agencies and 4 Sectoral Divisions of Ministry of Textiles.
- v. **Powerloom Sector :** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 9,731 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during June, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.15,89,094.