

Bharat Tex 2026

14th to 17th July 2026

Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

EPCH Represented Prominently with Textile Crafts from Major Hubs and Clusters



Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Textiles, Govt. of India seen inaugurating Bharat Tex 2026 in the presence of Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles; Shri Rakesh Sachan, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Handloom & Textile, Khadi & Village Industries and Sericulture, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Shri Biswajit Daimary, Minister for Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture, Govt. of Assam; and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Core Committee, Bharat Tex, Chairman, IEML and Chief Mentor, EPCH. The dignitaries visiting the exhibitor stalls at Bharat Mandapam

The 3rd edition of Bharat Tex took place from 14th to 17th July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Textiles, Government of India. The ceremony was attended by Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles; Ms. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles; senior officials of the Government of India; Shri Naren Goenka, Chairman, and Shri Bhadresh Dodhia, Co-Chairman, Organising Committee, Bharat Tex; Ministers and Officials from partner States; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Core Committee, Bharat Tex, Chairman, IEML and Chief Mentor, EPCH; global buyers; sourcing heads; industry leaders; exporters; investors; and representatives from across the international textile ecosystem.



The show brought together industry leaders, international buyers, artisans, and policymakers to honour India's centuries-old traditions while showcasing

modern advancements. Organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF)-an umbrella body of Textile Export Promotion Councils and industry associations, and supported by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, the event showcases India's complete textile value chain and serves as a premier platform for global trade, investment, innovation, sustainability and international collaboration in the textile and apparel sector. This edition spread across more than 16 lakh square feet, brought together 1,647 exhibitors, nearly 95,000 business visitors, 11,315 buyers, including 6,090 international buyers, 3,461 delegates and participants from 138 countries.

Bharat Tex 2026 attracted participation from Indian states, with Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu participating as State Partners, while several other states and Union Territories showcased their textile strengths through dedicated pavilions.

International participation included ministerial delegations from New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Russia, Cambodia and Portugal, alongside representatives from the European Union, and over 30 industry and international business delegations from countries including the United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, South Korea, UAE, Australia, France and Germany, among others.

Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Futures for Block Printing: Practical Pathways Towards Cleaner and Greener Production



On 15th July 2026, a Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Futures for Block Printing: Practical Pathways Towards Cleaner and Greener Production was organised. Mr. Rajesh

Rawat, Executive Director, EPCH, participated as a Guest Speaker.

The discussion focused on the environmental and health impacts of untreated wastewater and explored practical, indigenous and sustainable solutions for cleaner production in the hand block printing process.

During the session, Mr. Rajesh Rawat highlighted EPCH's initiatives to promote artisans, MSMEs and entrepreneurs engaged in hand block printing and other handicrafts. He emphasised the need to attract more young people to the craft sector by creating livelihood opportunities, encouraging design innovation, fostering entrepreneurship and making traditional crafts relevant to contemporary domestic and international markets.

He also highlighted EPCH's continued efforts to support artisans and exporters through GI fairs, buyer-seller meets, capacity-building programmes, knowledge sessions and compliance awareness initiatives to enhance their competitiveness.

The discussion concluded with a consensus that collaborative efforts among government, institutions, brands, buyers and artisan communities are essential to promote cleaner, greener and more sustainable hand block printing practices.



EPCH's Participation

EPCH participated prominently in Bharat Tex 2026, facilitating the participation of over 50 member exporters from leading handicraft and textile-producing states, including Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh. The participating exporters showcased an extensive range of home textiles, carpets and floor coverings, furnishings, apparel and garments, fashion and lifestyle accessories, textile-based handicrafts, home décor, giftware and other contemporary, design-led handcrafted products. The display reflected India's diverse capabilities in handmade,

sustainable, value-added and contemporary products, highlighting the strength of its craft and textile clusters.

The participation provided member exporters with an important platform to engage with domestic and international buyers, sourcing professionals, designers and industry stakeholders, while exploring new business and sourcing opportunities. EPCH's presence at Bharat Tex 2026 supported market access, business linkages, cluster promotion and export opportunities for India's handicrafts sector.

Bharat Tex 2026 showcased India's textile ecosystem, bringing together thousands of exhibitors across fibres, yarns, fabrics, apparel, home and technical textiles, handlooms, handicrafts, machinery and ancillary industries, along with leading textile clusters such as Tirupur, Ichalkaranji and Ahmedabad. Eight Sponsor States and nine participating States/UTs highlighted their industrial infrastructure, investment opportunities and policy support. International participation from 14 countries, along with representation from the United Nations and European Union and support from leading industry sponsors, further strengthened the event's global reach. Over four days, Bharat Tex 2026 provided a comprehensive platform for trade, investment, policy dialogue and business engagement. ■

