

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PLANS TO EXPAND INDIA'S GLOBAL PRESENCE IN TEXTILE AND FASHION SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives being taken to promote and strengthen international collaboration between Indian textile and fashion institutions, such as NIFT and global partners;
- (b) the manner in which these initiatives contribute to the global competitiveness of India's textile and fashion sector;
- (c) whether there are any plans to leverage such international collaborations to promote sustainable and innovative textile practices, while expanding India's presence in global textile education and research; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): Ministry has supported Export Promotion Councils/Associations in organizing a Global Mega Textile Event i.e. Bharat TEX 2025 to showcase the strength of the Indian textiles value chain, highlighting the latest progress/ innovations in textile & fashion Industry and positioning India as the most preferred destination for sourcing and investment in textile sector.

NIFT has established formal collaborations with over 22 institutions across more than 14 countries, including the UK, France, Australia, Japan, the United States, New Zealand, Finland. These collaborations are governed through MoUs that support student and faculty exchanges, joint research initiatives, dual-degree and twinning programs, collaborative curriculum development, and global academic immersion. Notable engagements include partnerships with institutions such as FIT (New York), UAL (UK), ENSAIT (France), and Bunka (Japan). Over the past five years, approximately 100 plus NIFT students and many faculty members have participated in international exchange programs, with reciprocal participation from global partner institutions.

(b): These international engagements enhance India's position in the global textile and fashion sector by fostering academic excellence, promoting innovation, and enabling knowledge transfer. They expose students and faculty to global design sensibilities, technological advancements, and emerging trends. By aligning curricula with international standards, these collaborations equip Indian graduates with the skills and insights needed to compete effectively in global markets and strengthen India's reputation as a hub for creative and technical expertise in textiles and fashion.

(c): NIFT is actively leveraging its international partnerships to promote sustainable and innovative practices in fashion and textile education. Several collaborations are focused on sustainable design strategies, ethical production, circular economy models, and textile systems, with specific relevance to SMEs based ecosystems.

(d): Through its international collaborations, NIFT has begun integrating global sustainability frameworks into academic programs and research initiatives. Examples include:

- Ongoing engagement with institutions like FIT (New York) and UAL (UK) to develop joint modules on sustainable fashion and textiles and semester exchange a collaborative initiative with FTTH at UAL (UK) focusing on circularity, responsible fashion, and cultural sustainability;
- Faculty participation in global forums on sustainable textiles and climate-conscious fashion practices;
- Student involvement in design projects, international exhibitions, and exchange programs highlighting sustainability.
