

## Proposed Calendar of Events 2019-2020

| Sl. <br> No. | Date / Month | Name of the Event proposed | Product profile / Focus product |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 20-23 April 2019 |  <br> Furnishing Fair, Hong Kong | Home textiles and Clothing Accessories |
| 2 | 1-9 June 2019 | Global Indian Festival, Kuala Lumpur | IHB products |
| 3 | $17-19$, July 2019 | 30 <br> Garment Fair | India Home Furnishing Fair/40th |
| 4 | $22-24$ July 2019 | Hometextiles / Clothing accessories, Garments |  |
| 5 | $24-26$ July 2019 | Hometextile Sourcing / Apparel Sourcing <br> Expo, New York, USA | Home textiles |
| 6 | $11-14$, Aug' 2019 | India Trend Fair, Tokyo | Sourcing at Magic, Las Vegas, USA |

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## Chairman's Column

Dear Members,

On behalf of the handloom industry and Executive Committee members of the Council, I would like to congratulate Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his splendid electoral victory in Lok Sabha election 2019 and I extend my warmest congratulation to Smt.Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Women and Child Development. I wish all success ahead and I look forward to work jointly for the betterment of the industry.

As per DGCI\&S data, the export of handloom products for the period April 2018- March'19 was Rs. 2392.39 crore/US\$ 343.43 million as against Rs.2280.15 crore/US\$ 353.92 million for April 2017- March 2018
 registering positive growth by $4.92 \%$ in rupee terms and negative growth by $2.96 \%$ in dollar terms. Among the four categories of handloom export, products under fabrics and clothing accessories segment have shown positive growth around $46 \%$ and $22 \%$ and it was reflected in quantities also. The major export category viz. Madeups and Floor coverings was registered degrowth by $9.2 \%$ and $3.63 \%$ when comparing to previous year. The export data reveals the significant growth in export of handloom fabrics to Africa, UAE and other competitive countries in Asia. There is a market opportunity for fabrics in non-traditional market and Council is exploring the way to increase its share under fabric segment. The analysis of handloom export is detailed in the newsletter.

During the meeting with ministry, Council constantly raised on various issues affecting the exports. While addressing the issues of the exporter, Council had given its demand on extending RoSCTL scheme to fabrics and floor coverings sector, alternate incentive scheme at par with WTO norms, GST issues, new design development, logistics, etc. in order to boost export.

I request the member exporters to share their experience of buyer's requirement with our supply chain and the possible outcome in terms of export incentives, infrastructure support, design support, productivity, logistics, etc. to augment our export share.

With warm regards,


Dr. K.N. Prabhu, Chairman


Handloom Export Promotion Council congratulates

Shri Narendra Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on his re-election.


# Handloom Export Promotion Council congratulates 

 Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Women and Child DevelopmentHandloom Export Promotion Council
congratulates
Shri Piyush Goyal,
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry,
Minister of Railways


## Handloom Export 2018-19-An overview

Export of handloom products for the period April 2018 - March 2019 was Rs. 2392.39 crore/US $\$ 343.43$ million as against Rs. 2280.15 crore/US $\$ 353.92$ million for April 2017 - March 2018 registred positive growth by $4.92 \%$ in rupee terms and negative growth by $2.96 \%$ in dollar terms. Though the percentage of degrowth is insignificant, CAGR for the last 4 years was registered a negative trend by $-1.67 \%$ in dollar terms.

Handloom Export for 5 years

(Source: DGCI \& S data)

The export of madeups which is major contributor about $52 \%$ to the total handloom export declined by $9.2 \%$ in dollar terms during 2018-19 and the other major product segment of floor coverings have also shown negative growth by $3.63 \%$ when compared to previous corresponding period. Though the product categories Fabrics and Clothing accessories contributes around $8 \%$ and $5 \%$ respectively to the total handloom exports, it has shown remarkable growth by $45.69 \%$ and $22.36 \%$ respectively in dollar terms when comparing with previous year. The same trend reflected in the quantity export of handloom products during 2018-19. The quantity exported under Fabrics category has increased by around $150 \%$ and the major importing countries are Sri Lanka, UAE, Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, etc. Similarly, the quantity of clothing accessories export has also increased by around $37 \%$.

## Export Data

Product wise analysis for the period April 2018-March 2019 vis-à-vis April 2017- March 2018
Value US\$ million

| Products | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apl } 2016 \text {-Mar } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apl } 2017 \text {-Mar } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apl } 2018 \text {-Mar } \\ 2019 . \end{gathered}$ |  | \% growth (201819 Vs.2017-18) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INR | US \$ | INR | US \$ | INR | US \$ | INR | US \$ |
| A)Fabrics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. RMHK | 0.56 | 0.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2. Lungies | 17.32 | 2.58 | 5.84 | 0.91 | 11.43 | 1.65 | 95.68 | 81.59 |
| 3. Dhotis | 2.74 | 0.41 | 2.25 | 0.35 | 3.43 | 0.49 | 52.49 | 41.29 |
| 4. Sarees | 3.93 | 0.59 | 3.58 | 0.55 | 6.96 | 1.00 | 94.42 | 80.22 |
| 5. Other Fabrics | 147.92 | 22.12 | 112.54 | 17.47 | 174.71 | 24.95 | 55.25 | 42.81 |
| Total (A) | 172.48 | 25.78 | 124.20 | 19.28 | 196.53 | 28.09 | 58.23 | 45.69 |
| B) Madeups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Bed linen | 251.61 | 37.63 | 294.92 | 45.78 | 308.48 | 44.34 | 4.60 | -3.15 |
| 2. Table linen | 181.05 | 27.04 | 170.03 | 26.41 | 178.28 | 25.65 | 4.85 | -2.88 |
| 3. Toilet \& kitchen linen | 171.82 | 25.66 | 137.35 | 21.31 | 106.85 | 15.39 | -22.21 | -27.81 |
| 4. Cushion covers | 179.01 | 26.72 | 197.28 | 30.63 | 173.61 | 24.98 | -12.00 | -18.45 |
| 5. Other Furnishing Articles | 287.04 | 42.94 | 333.24 | 51.72 | 312.73 | 44.93 | -6.15 | -13.11 |
| 6. Other Madeups | 144.91 | 21.65 | 139.90 | 21.72 | 168.01 | 24.10 | 20.09 | 10.97 |
| Total (B) | 1215.43 | 181.64 | 1272.73 | 197.56 | 1247.95 | 179.38 | -1.95 | -9.20 |
| C)Floor Coverings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carpet and Floor coverings including mats \& mattings | 868.69 | 129.89 | 787.72 | 122.25 | 821.47 | 117.82 | 4.28 | -3.63 |
| D) Clothing Accessories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scarves, Stoles, Gloves, Mitts, Mittens etc. | 135.60 | 20.27 | 95.50 | 14.82 | 126.44 | 18.13 | 32.40 | 22.36 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grand Total }(\mathbf{A})+(\mathbf{B})+( \\ & \text { C })+(\mathrm{D}) \end{aligned}$ | 2392.21 | 357.58 | 2280.15 | 353.92 | 2392.39 | 343.43 | 4.92 | -2.96 |

Quantity wise Handloom Export (figuresin thousand)

(A)Top 20 Destination of Indian handloom products

| S.\# | Country | $2016-17$ |  | $2017-18$ |  | $2018-19$ |  |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | USD | INR | USD | INR | USD | INR |
| 1 | U S A | 100.08 | 669.30 | 93.10 | 599.96 | 94.19 | 656.39 |
| 2 | SPAIN | 15.64 | 104.71 | 21.21 | 136.65 | 25.18 | 175.66 |
| 3 | U K | 18.45 | 123.47 | 26.14 | 168.46 | 17.81 | 124.14 |
| 4 | ITALY | 19.65 | 131.20 | 18.04 | 116.21 | 16.51 | 114.62 |
| 5 | U ARAB EMTS | 18.18 | 121.84 | 16.68 | 107.43 | 16.30 | 113.18 |
| 6 | GERMANY | 14.91 | 99.56 | 17.81 | 114.84 | 14.66 | 101.49 |
| 7 | FRANCE | 14.54 | 97.24 | 16.33 | 105.23 | 13.89 | 96.90 |
| 8 | AUSTRALIA | 13.35 | 89.31 | 11.61 | 74.82 | 13.49 | 93.95 |
| 9 | NETHERLAND | 13.69 | 91.72 | 13.71 | 88.36 | 12.14 | 84.40 |
| 10 | SOUTH AFRICA | 8.32 | 55.65 | 9.76 | 62.92 | 9.32 | 65.05 |
| 11 | JAPAN | 11.46 | 76.68 | 11.60 | 74.74 | 8.96 | 62.34 |
| 12 | BELGIUM | 5.50 | 36.84 | 5.14 | 33.11 | 5.92 | 41.14 |
| 13 | GREECE | 6.90 | 46.07 | 5.25 | 33.85 | 5.71 | 39.58 |
| 14 | CANADA | 5.16 | 34.52 | 5.45 | 35.13 | 5.57 | 38.72 |
| 15 | CHILE | 5.87 | 39.40 | 4.91 | 31.62 | 5.56 | 38.69 |
| 16 | SRI LANKA DSR | 5.57 | 37.24 | 3.22 | 20.73 | 5.12 | 35.85 |
| 17 | BRAZIL | 3.81 | 25.52 | 5.45 | 35.13 | 4.75 | 33.23 |
| 18 | SWEDEN | 8.42 | 56.43 | 8.44 | 54.38 | 4.69 | 32.72 |
| 19 | DENMARK | 4.39 | 29.39 | 4.67 | 30.06 | 3.73 | 25.84 |
| 20 | PORTUGAL | 3.66 | 24.50 | 3.18 | 20.44 | 3.58 | 24.83 |

(B) Product wise Export to Top 10 Countries

|  | USA |  |  | SPAIN |  |  | U K |  |  | ITALY |  |  | UAE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Products | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 2017- \\ 18 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2018- } \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { growth } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2018- \\ 19 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { growth } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018 \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \% \\ \text { growth } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018- \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | \% growth | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2018- \\ 19 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { growth } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ |
| A) Fabrics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Real Madras Handkerchiefs | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2. Lungies | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.10 | - |
| 3. Dhotis | 0.01 | 0.00 | -44.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.15 | 0.10 | -32.16 |
| 4. Sarees | 0.08 | 0.01 | -93.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $-100.00$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | -39.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $-100.00$ | 0.09 | 0.00 | -98.91 |
| 5. Other Fabrics | 2.22 | 2.25 | 1.45 | 0.22 | 0.14 | -34.83 | 0.92 | 0.76 | -17.58 | 0.66 | 0.44 | -33.59 | 4.29 | 2.35 | -45.18 |
| Total (A) | 2.31 | 2.26 | -1.76 | 0.22 | 0.14 | -34.84 | 0.93 | 0.77 | -16.86 | 0.66 | 0.44 | -33.71 | 4.54 | 2.55 | -43.74 |
| B) Madeups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Bed linen | 7.66 | 8.19 | 6.94 | 15.40 | 18.73 | 21.63 | 4.20 | 0.70 | -83.44 | 3.60 | 2.74 | -23.78 | 0.71 | 0.56 | -21.74 |
| 2. Table linen | 9.43 | 9.34 | -1.03 | 0.59 | 0.39 | -33.72 | 0.92 | 0.69 | -24.82 | 2.40 | 2.68 | 11.78 | 0.37 | 0.17 | -54.51 |
| 3. Toilet \& kitchen linen | 5.45 | 5.46 | 0.30 | 0.58 | 0.41 | -29.44 | 0.44 | 0.16 | -64.09 | 0.30 | 0.97 | 224.23 | 2.00 | 0.26 | -87.22 |
| 4. Cushion covers | 7.44 | 5.36 | -27.98 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 50.40 | 2.91 | 2.52 | -13.18 | 0.36 | 0.20 | -45.41 | 0.37 | 0.33 | -8.85 |
| 5. Other Furnishing Articles | 19.13 | 17.10 | -10.63 | 0.87 | 0.69 | -21.13 | 6.70 | 4.85 | -27.60 | 1.99 | 0.82 | -58.50 | 0.49 | 0.89 | 81.11 |
| 6. Other Madeups | 6.13 | 7.06 | 15.20 | 0.54 | 0.95 | 76.12 | 1.44 | 1.07 | -26.09 | 0.56 | 0.89 | 58.33 | 0.16 | 0.12 | -25.84 |
| Total (B) | 55.23 | 52.50 | -4.95 | 18.48 | 21.91 | 18.61 | 16.61 | 9.99 | -39.87 | 9.20 | 8.30 | -9.81 | 4.10 | 2.32 | -43.33 |
| C)Floor Coverings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carpet and Floor coverings including mats \& mattings | 35.32 | 39.12 | 10.74 | 2.45 | 2.86 | 16.79 | 8.44 | 6.85 | -18.75 | 8.06 | 7.58 | -5.87 | 1.31 | 1.11 | -15.05 |
| D) Clothing ccessories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scarves, Stoles, Gloves, Mitts, Mittens etc. | 0.24 | 0.31 | 27.03 | 0.07 | 0.26 | 289.79 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 19.66 | 0.13 | 0.19 | 45.32 | 6.73 | 10.31 | 53.08 |
| Grand Total (A)+(B)+ (C)+(D) | 93.10 | 94.19 | 1.17 | 21.21 | 25.18 | 18.68 | 26.14 | 17.81 | -31.86 | 18.05 | 16.51 | -8.53 | 16.68 | 16.30 | -2.29 |


|  | GERMANY |  |  | FRANCE |  |  | AUSTRALIA |  |  | NETHERLAND |  |  | SOUTH AFRICA |  |  |
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| Products | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018 \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | \% growth | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2018 \\ 19 \end{array}$ | \% growth | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018 \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | \% growth | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018- \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | \% growth | $\begin{gathered} 2017- \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2018 \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { growth } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ |
| A)Fabrics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Real Madras Handkerchiefs | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2. Lungies | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 3. Dhotis | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 288.16 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 41.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 411.19 |
| 4. Sarees | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 613.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| 5. Other Fabrics | 0.53 | 0.65 | 23.18 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 30.53 | 0.72 | 0.93 | 30.72 | 1.02 | 0.78 | -23.56 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -71.80 |
| Total (A) | 0.53 | 0.65 | 23.22 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 29.75 | 0.72 | 0.94 | 30.95 | 1.03 | 0.79 | -23.26 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -67.08 |
| B) Madeups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Bed linen | 3.33 | 4.44 | 33.36 | 2.26 | 1.57 | -30.45 | 0.42 | 0.30 | -30.06 | 0.20 | 0.16 | -21.06 | 0.27 | 0.36 | 33.79 |
| 2. Table linen | 1.26 | 1.03 | -17.66 | 1.52 | 1.06 | -30.37 | 0.22 | 0.40 | 85.45 | 1.03 | 1.20 | 16.40 | 0.57 | 0.24 | -58.09 |
| 3. Toilet \& kitchen linen | 1.86 | 1.06 | -42.72 | 0.93 | 0.66 | -29.25 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 9.50 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 1.94 | 1.06 | 0.51 | -52.05 |
| 4. Cushion covers | 1.33 | 0.99 | -25.08 | 1.35 | 1.17 | -13.12 | 2.44 | 2.94 | 20.49 | 4.17 | 3.06 | -26.64 | 0.71 | 0.62 | -13.17 |
| 5. Other Furnishing Articles | 2.76 | 1.10 | -60.11 | 3.33 | 2.71 | -18.46 | 2.85 | 3.18 | 11.76 | 1.73 | 1.58 | -8.49 | 1.55 | 1.65 | 6.49 |
| 6. Other Madeups | 0.93 | 0.53 | -42.50 | 1.21 | 1.80 | 47.91 | 0.98 | 1.07 | 10.00 | 1.86 | 1.81 | -2.48 | 1.85 | 1.89 | 2.28 |
| Total (B) | 11.46 | 9.16 | -20.02 | 10.60 | 8.97 | -15.38 | 7.00 | 8.00 | 14.28 | 9.08 | 7.91 | -12.93 | 6.01 | 5.26 | -12.37 |
| C)Floor Coverings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carpet and Floor coverings including mats \& mattings | 5.76 | 4.79 | -16.90 | 5.41 | 4.51 | -16.69 | 3.75 | 4.53 | 20.94 | 3.18 | 3.10 | -2.56 | 3.67 | 3.62 | -1.40 |
| D) Clothing Accessories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scarves, Stoles, Gloves, Mitts, Mittens etc. | 0.07 | 0.06 | -14.20 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 21.34 | 0.14 | 0.01 | -91.61 | 0.42 | 0.34 | -19.07 | 0.04 | 0.42 | 907.29 |
| Grand Total $(\mathbf{A})+(\mathbf{B})+(\mathbf{C})+(\mathrm{D})$ | 17.82 | 14.66 | -17.71 | 16.33 | 13.89 | -14.98 | 11.61 | 13.49 | 16.14 | 13.71 | 12.14 | -11.49 | 9.76 | 9.32 | -4.54 |

## Export Data

( C ) Major Market for Handloom Products

| HS Code | Products | Major export <br> Market during <br> 2018-19  | Export in INR cr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50079010 | Other Woven Fabrics Of Handloom | UAE | 14.84 |
|  |  | USA | 11.67 |
|  |  | Belgium | 6.77 |
|  |  | Netherland | 5.4 |
|  |  | UK | 5.07 |
| 51129050 | OthrWovne Fabrics OfComd Wool Or Comd Fine Anml Hair Of Handloom | Belgium | 0.62 |
| 52084121 | Sarees Of Handloom | Sri Lanka | 2.4 |
| 52085920 | Sarees Of Handloom | Sri Lanka | 1.52 |
|  |  | Nepal | 0.5 |
| 52091111 | Dhoti,Handloom | Malaysia | 1.37 |
|  |  | Singapore | 0.77 |
|  |  | ÚAE | 0.7 |
| 52091112 | Saree, Handloom | Nepal | 1.12 |
|  |  | Sri Lanka | 0.11 |
| 52091113 | Casement of handloom | Thailand | 0.3 |
|  |  | Sri Lanka | 0.02 |
|  |  | Bahrain | 0.02 |
| 52091114 | Sheeting (Takia, Leopard Cloth and Other than Furnishing), Handloom | Nepal | 0.16 |
| 52091119 | Other Fabrics, Handloom | Sri Lanka | 19.9 |
|  |  | Sudan | 19.5 |
|  |  | Pakistan | 12.65 |
|  |  | Afghanistan | 9.99 |
|  |  | Nigeria | 6.35 |
| 52095111 | Lungi Of Handloom | Sri Lanka | 6.59 |
|  |  | Singapore | 1.23 |
|  |  | Malaysia | 0.92 |
|  |  | Indonesia | 0.8 |
|  |  | Oman | 0.78 |
| 58021950 | Terry Towelling AndSmlr Terry Fbrcs, Handloom | Mauritius | 0.04 |
|  |  | Sri Lanka | 0.03 |
| 57024230 | Carpets, Rugs And Mats Of Handloom | USA | 44.95 |
|  |  | Germany | 12.24 |
|  |  | UK | 5.25 |
|  |  | South Africa | 4.35 |
|  |  | Italy | 3.48 |


| 57050024 | Cotton Durries Of Handloom (Including Chindi Durries, Cotton Chenille Duries, Rag Rug Durrie Printed Durries, Druggets) | USA | 30.97 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Finland | 9.26 |
|  |  | Germany | 6.84 |
|  |  | UK | 5.89 |
|  |  | Sweden | 5.07 |
| 57050042 | Mats And Mattings Including Bath Mats, Where Cotton Predominates By Weight, Of Handloom, Cotton Rugs Of Handloom | USA | 197.06 |
|  |  | Italy | 45.41 |
|  |  | UK | 36.54 |
|  |  | France | 28.28 |
|  |  | Australia | 25.73 |
| 62141030 | Scarves Of Silk, Handloom | UAE | 71.47 |
|  |  | Thailand | 15.52 |
|  |  | Nigeria | 6.99 |
|  |  | Afghanistan | 5.94 |
|  |  | Tanzania | 4.3 |
| 62160020 | Gloves ,Mitters And Mitts Of Handloom | Netherland | 2.31 |
|  |  | USA | 1.86 |
|  |  | UK | 1.2 |
| 63022110 | Other Bed Linen, Printed: Of Cotton, Handloom | Spain | 4.25 |
|  |  | Argentina | 1.75 |
| 63025110 | Other Table Linen: Of Cotton, Handloom | USA | 27.53 |
|  |  | Norway | 6.09 |
|  |  | Japan | 3.28 |
|  |  | UK | 2.92 |
|  |  | Germany | 2.79 |
| 63026010 | Toilet Linen And Kitchen Linen, Of Terry Towelling Or Similar Terry Fabrics, Of Cotton, Handloom | USA | 37.79 |
|  |  | Chile | 7.6 |
|  |  | Germany | 7.35 |
|  |  | Italy | 6.73 |
|  |  | France | 4.64 |
| 63029110 | Other Bed Linen, Table Lenen, Toilet Linen, Kitchen Linen: Of Cotton, Handloom | USA | 21.43 |
|  |  | Netherland | 11.38 |
|  |  | France | 10.43 |
|  |  | Australia | 6.57 |
|  |  | UK | 4.32 |
| 63041940 | Bed Sheets And Bed Covers Of Cotton, Handloom | Spain | 126.22 |
|  |  | Germany | 29.51 |
|  |  | USA | 25.9 |
|  |  | Italy | 18.87 |
|  |  | France | 10.27 |
| 63049211 | Counterpanes Of Handloom | Japan | 1.93 |
| 63049221 | Napkins Of Handloom | USA | 21.65 |
|  |  | France | 1.94 |
|  |  | Italy | 1.92 |
|  |  | UK | 1.75 |
|  |  | Denmark | 1.49 |

## Export Data

| 63049231 | Pillow Cases And Pillow Slips Of Handloom | USA | 30.88 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 63049241 | Table Cloth And Table Covers Of Handloom | USA | 37.19 |
|  |  | Italy | 16.43 |
|  |  | Belgium | 8.78 |
| 63049281 | Netherland | 7.49 |  |
|  |  | Chile | 6.5 |
|  | Cushion Covers Of Handloom | USA | 37.34 |
|  |  | Netherland | 21.1 |
|  |  | Australia | 20.45 |
|  |  | UK | 17.56 |
|  |  | Japan | 15.96 |
| 63049991 | Other Furnishing Articles Of Silk: Handloom | USA | 112.47 |
| 63049992 | Other Furnishing Articles Of Wool: Handloom | UK | 33.5 |
|  |  | Australia | 20.07 |
|  | France | 18.67 |  |
|  | Floor Cloth And The Like Of Cotton, Handloom | Greece | 13.75 |
|  |  | USA | 0.48 |

( D ) List of countries evidenced substantial growth in handloom export during 2018-19
Value in INR cr.

| Country | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 - 1 9}$ | \% growth | Major Product exported |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| PAKISTAN IR | 0.00 | 12.73 | 12726925000.00 | Other Fabrics of Handloom |
| DJIBOUTI | 0.07 | 5.49 | 8015.03 | Other Fabrics of Handloom, Scarves of silk |
| LIBYA | 0.10 | 2.00 | 1885.08 | Toilet Linen and Kitchen Linen |
| SUDAN | 2.16 | 20.12 | 832.42 | Other Fabrics of Handloom |
| AFGHANISTAN | 3.62 | 16.45 | 353.79 | Other Fabrics of Handloom, Scarves of silk |
| SENEGAL | 1.59 | 5.11 | 220.31 | Other Fabrics of Handloom |
| NEPAL | 2.81 | 8.70 | 209.93 | Other fabrics of Handloom, Bed sheets and <br> bed covers |
| QATAR | 1.70 | 4.50 | 165.10 | Other fabrics of silk |
| NIGERIA | 5.41 | 14.12 | 161.01 | Other Fabrics of Handloom, Scarves of silk |
| LITHUANIA | 1.26 | 3.27 | 158.29 | Other furnishing articles, Mat and Mattings |
| FINLAND | 9.34 | 17.46 | 87.03 | Cotton Durries, Mat and Mattings |
| SRI LANKA <br> DSR | 20.73 | 35.85 | 72.96 | Other fabrics of Handloom, Lungi, other <br> woven fabrics of silk, Sarees |
| REUNION | 1.13 | 1.84 | 62.35 | Mat and Mattings, Bed sheets and bed covers |
| MALAYSIA | 14.42 | 21.56 | 49.51 | Fabrics, Toilet Linen, Kitchen linen, Table <br> cloths, Table Covers. |

( E ) Countries witnessed significant decline in Handloom export during 2018-19
Value in INR cr.

| Country | $2017-18$ | $2018-19$ | \% growth |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| IRAN | 3.78 | 0.03 | -99.33 |
| TOGO | 1.71 | 0.14 | -91.58 |
| NETHERLANDANTIL | 1.16 | 0.13 | -88.71 |
| KYRGHYZSTAN | 1.00 | 0.22 | -78.20 |
| SERBIA | 2.95 | 0.52 | -82.41 |
| GUATEMALA | 1.06 | 0.15 | -85.89 |
| BOSNIA-HRZGOVIN | 3.34 | 0.92 | -72.40 |
| HONG KONG | 2.33 | 1.10 | -53.00 |
| HUNGARY | 3.07 | 1.40 | -54.30 |
| SWEDEN | 54.38 | 32.72 | -39.84 |
| THAILAND | 28.17 | 17.37 | -38.35 |
| POLAND | 16.90 | 10.80 | -36.11 |
| U K | 168.46 | 124.14 | -26.31 |
| DENMARK | 30.06 | 25.84 | -14.02 |
| JAPAN | 74.74 | 62.34 | -16.60 |
| ISRAEL | 16.26 | 13.40 | -17.59 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 17.10 | 14.02 | -18.02 |
| ROMANIA | 2.14 | 1.72 | -19.97 |
| GERMANY | 114.84 | 101.49 | -11.63 |
| FRANCE | 105.23 | 96.90 | -7.92 |
| NETHERLAND | 88.36 | 84.40 | -4.48 |

(F) There is an increase in export to African countries specifically products under fabrics category. The handloom export to African countries have increased from INR 85.93 cr. to INR 107.44 cr. witnessing $25 \%$ growth in export. The top 10 handloom export marketin African region during 2018-19 is as given below.

Value in INR cr.

| Country | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 - 1 9}$ | \% growth |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 62.92 | 65.05 | 3.37 |
| NIGERIA | 5.41 | 14.12 | 161.01 |
| DJIBOUTI | 0.07 | 5.49 | 8015.03 |
| SENEGAL | 1.59 | 5.11 | 220.31 |
| TANZANIA REP | 4.54 | 4.34 | -4.29 |
| MAURITIUS | 1.95 | 2.87 | 46.92 |
| GHANA | 2.73 | 2.77 | 1.41 |
| LIBYA | 0.10 | 2.00 | 1885.08 |
| REUNION | 1.13 | 1.84 | 62.35 |
| ANGOLA | 0.42 | 0.97 | 129.47 |

## Export Data

( G ) Top 10 Handloom Export Market in Latin American Countries
Value in INR cr.

| Country | $2017-18$ | $2018-2019$ | $\%$ growth |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CHILE | 31.62 | 38.69 | 22.33125 |
| BRAZIL | 35.13 | 33.23 | -5.42163 |
| ARGENTINA | 13.38 | 12.02 | -10.1725 |
| MEXICO | 5.97 | 6.72 | 12.53592 |
| PANAMA REPUBLIC | 6.47 | 5.64 | -12.7655 |
| PERU | 3.64 | 5.50 | 51.17613 |
| COLOMBIA | 4.98 | 4.79 | -3.82392 |
| URUGUAY | 3.74 | 2.85 | -23.8072 |
| COSTA RICA | 0.58 | 1.97 | -8.49651 |
| ECUADOR | 1.34 | 132.1825 |  |

(F ) Major Handloom Export Product identified during 2018-19 ( at 8 digit level)

| HS code | Description | Export during <br> 2018-19 (INR cr.) | Export during 2018- <br> 19 (in USD mn.) |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 57050042 | MATS AND MATTINGS INCLUDING <br> MATS, WHERE COTTON PREDOMIN | 622.90 | 89.44 |  |
| 63049291 | OTHER FURNISHING <br> HANDLOOM | ACRICLES OF | 301.87 | 43.37 |
| 63041940 | BED SHEETS AND BED COVERS OF COTTON, <br> HANDLOOM | 260.81 | 37.51 |  |
| 63049281 | CUSHION COVERS OF HANDLOOM | 173.61 | 24.98 |  |
| 63049241 | TABLE CLOTH AND TABLE COVERS <br> HANDLOOM | OF | 119.98 | 17.27 |

Competitor for the Major Handloom Export Product identified as above during 2018-19 (at HS 6-digit level) value in USD mn.

| HS at 6 digit level | Description | World Import in 2018 | Major importer |  | Major Supplier for the importing country |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 630419 | Bedspreads of all types of textile materials (excluding knitted or crocheted, bedlinen, quilts and eiderdowns) | 455.47 | USA | 98.63 | China (34\%), India (28.41\%), Pakistan $(16.96 \%)$, Portugal (13.84\%), Turkey $(2.25 \%)$ |
|  |  |  | India | 65.76 | China (98\%), USA (0.5\%), Turkey ( $0.25 \%$ ), Pakistan (0.2\%), Hong Kong (0.2\%) |
|  |  |  | Germany | 25.16 | India (31.07\%), China (17.39\%), Turkey (13.32\%), Pakistan (10.89\%), Austria (8.63\%) |
|  |  |  | UK | 20.15 | Romania (37.73\%), China (32.84\%), India (11.65\%), Pakistan (3.63\%), Portugal (2.61\%) |
|  |  |  | France | 15.54 | China (36.77\%), India (29.6\%), Portugal (15.14), Italy (3.69\%), Pakistan (2.10\%) |
| 570500 | Carpets and <br> other textile floor  <br> coverings  | 1489.5 | USA | 304.21 | China (62.67\%), India (26.88\%), UK (3.76\%), Mexico ( $0.74 \%$ ), Germany ( $0.58 \%$ ) |
|  |  |  | Japan | 129.93 | China (91.77\%), Indonesia (4.23\%), India (1.09\%), Vietnam (0.88\%), UK (0.62\%) |
|  |  |  | France | 93.61 | China (20.63), UK (16.78\%), India (14.45\%), Netherland (12.44\%), Poland (7.52\%) |
|  |  |  | UK | 74.27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { China (22.93\%), India (18.85\%), France } \\ & (10.17 \%) \text {, Belgium }(10.16 \%), \text { Netherlands } \\ & (8.46 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Egypt | 64.16 | Turkey (95.13\%), Saudi Arabia (1.74\%), France ( $0.68 \%$ ). China ( $0.63 \%$ ), India ( $0.46 \%$ ) |
| 630492 | Articles for interior furnishing, of cotton (excluding knitted or crocheted, blankets and travelling rugs, bedlinen, table linen, toilet linen, kitchen linen, curtains, incl. drapes, interior blinds, curtain or bed valances, bedspreads, lampshades and articles of heading 9404) | 709.856 | USA | 219.05 | China ( $48.6 \%$ ), India (33.67\%), Pakistan (5.93\%), Portugal (3.18\%), Italy (2.95\%) |
|  |  |  | Germany | 69.168 | China (42.23\%), India (24.84\%), Pakistan (9.57\%), Bangladesh (4.45\%), Turkey (2.62\%) |
|  |  |  | Japan | 29.219 | China ( $64.50 \%$ ), India ( $28.80 \%$ ), Italy ( $1.24 \%$ ), Korea (1.02\%), Estonia (0.99\%) |
|  |  |  | France | 28.683 | India (42.50\%), China (19.86\%), Netherlands (10.6\%), Tunisia (4.94\%), Spain (4.79\%) |
|  |  |  | United Kingdom | 24.483 | China (36.30\%), India (28.92\%), Germany (17.72\%), Italy (5.07\%), Belgium (2.52\%) |

(Source: ITC trademap)
( G ) World import of Cotton, Textile floor coverings, Apparels (not knitted ) and other Madeups(Chapter wise) value in USD mn.

| HS code Chapter | Description | World import | Major importer | Import value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | Cotton | 54763.77 | China | 9890.79 |
|  |  |  | Bangladesh | 6572.61 |
|  |  |  | Viet Nam | 5088.95 |
|  |  |  | Turkey | 2508.50 |
|  |  |  | Indonesia | 2396.85 |
| 57 | Textile Floor coverings | 15096.664 | USA | 3255.42 |
|  |  |  | Germany | 1258.63 |
|  |  |  | UK | 1177.23 |
|  |  |  | Canada | 774.25 |
|  |  |  | Japan | 630.11 |
| 62 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted | 217922.743 | USA | 39048.94 |
|  |  |  | Germany | 19679.00 |
|  |  |  | Japan | 14690.25 |
|  |  |  | France | 12564.85 |
|  |  |  | UK | 11899.55 |
| 63 | Other made-up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags | 61403.374 | USA | 16270.37 |
|  |  |  | Germany | 4638.71 |
|  |  |  | Japan | 3714.90 |
|  |  |  | France | 2723.74 |
|  |  |  | UK | 2465.50 |

Source: ITC trade map

## Observation

1. Increase in fabrics export to Sri Lanka, UAE, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Africa.
2. The major importer of cotton raw materials (upto Fabrics) is Asian countries viz. China, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia.
3. Overall export to USA and Spain during 2018-19 is increased significantly comparing 2017-18.
4. Non- traditional markets like African countries, Sri Lanka, Nepal are enlisted significant growth.
5. India is the second major importer of Bedspreads of all types of textile materials (630419) and $98 \%$ of it being imported from China.
(Note: The export of handloom products can be identified only at the 8-digit level HS code. However, HS code at the 6-digit level is captured in the global trade and hence, global analysis for import market is prepared at Chapter wise (HS at 2-digit level)/ 6-digit level for the corresponding HS codes allotted to HEPC)

## JUTE IN HANDLOOM DHURRY MAKING



Handloom is a traditional technology to produce specialty fabrics as well as regular fabrics in the rural and semiurban areas spread throughout India. In the present context, though the share of handloom industry has been significantly fallen due to advancement in power driven large scale sectors, this is one of the main decentralised small scale industry till today. Irrespective of the category and place of weaving, the handloom weavers produce multiple handloom products, viz. sarees, blankets, Dhurries, floor coverings, dress materials, furnishing materials etc., with the elegant designs, exclusive colour
combinations and durable texture.
Jute is a coarse, strong, rigid, annually renewable, natural, golden fibre and an important cash crop of Eastern India. After mechanization, jute is spun into yarn, which is traditionally used in packaging and carpet backing. Now-a-days, it is also used alone or as blend with synthetic fibre in various diversified areas, where weaving with excellent designs are required.

Manufacturing of woven fabrics on any type of weaving machine, called loom, involves interlacement of two sets of threads known as 'warp' and 'weft'. Basically handloom is human powered. The human design concept, not the power determines the aesthetic value of fabric. In some cases, the weavers involvement is a vocational, and the objects produced are utilitarian, or at least fairly traditional, in design. Otherwise, aesthetics plays the major part, and the objects produced through Handloom are classified as Art rather than Craft.

Jute dhurries are manufactured in handlooms, especially in 3 feet looms or 6 feet looms, in West bengal, Andhra, Telungana, Tamilnadu, Varanasi and Panipat areas. In making Jute dhurries, 10 to 11 picks per inch (PPI) of $6 \mathrm{~S} \times 6$ Ply of Cotton Weft and 7 to 8 picks per inch (PPI) of $8 \mathrm{lbs} \times 3$ ply of Jute Weft are interlaced with 10 to 11 ends per inch (EPI) of $3 \mathrm{~S} \times 6$ ply (generally called as 3 by 6 ) of Cotton Warp and 7 to 8 ends per inch (EPI) of $8 \mathrm{lbs} x 3$ ply of Jute Warp, to make the Jute and Cotton Union dhurries. Count of yarn for warp and weft, may vary depending upon the buyer requirement.

Jute Dhurries are generally light weight, manufactured in different sizes, like : 12 inches x 12 inches, 18 inches x 24 inches, $2 \mathrm{ft} \times 2 \mathrm{ft}$., $2 \mathrm{ft} \times 3 \mathrm{ft}, 2 \mathrm{ft} \times 4 \mathrm{ft}, 3 \mathrm{ft} \times 5 \mathrm{ft}, 4 \mathrm{ft} \times 6 \mathrm{ft}, 5 \mathrm{ft} \times 7 \mathrm{ft}, 5 \mathrm{ft} \times 8 \mathrm{ft}$, or $6 \mathrm{ft} \times 9 \mathrm{ft}$, depending upon the market requirement. Jute Dhurries are Plain-woven (or) Jacquard woven and are usually reversible. Known for their bright colors and graphic patterns, they tend to be durable and easy to clean. The concept of Jute dhurries is a little bit different from a rug or carpet, because they are used for bedding or packaging, not only as a floor covering. They have a variety of use depending on size, pattern and material. The smallest one is $12^{\prime \prime}$ by $12^{\prime \prime}$ and is used as a table cover for telephone stands and flower vases. They are also made in sizes that are ideal for doing meditation $24^{\prime \prime}$ by $24^{\prime \prime}$, known as an Aasan. Jute dhurries are made with $100 \%$ Jute and also in union with other fibres, like, Cotton, Wool, Polyester, etc., depending upon buyers requirement.

Jute Dhurries, have very good domestic market demand and also having good demand in the export front.

## THE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMER

## Who is she and what does she want from home textiles?

Conscious consumerism is on the rise. Conscious consumers see themselves as agents of change. They consider the impacts of their purchasing and lifestyle behaviors on the environment and society.
"'Conscious consumerism; 'conscious lifestyle' and 'conscious living' are relatively new phrases featuring in almost any sustainability related narrative," Jaya Ramchandani writes in an essay on the topic for Medium.

So who exactly are today's sustainable consumers? Looking through the prism of food purchases by consumers who are zeroing in on organic/ healthy/sustainable products, The NPD Group finds two key blocks. Older consumers, ages 55 and up, are focused on preventing or treating illness, according to joe Derochowski, vice president and home industry advisor.

The leading demographic, 25 -to 40-year-olds, are the most likely to be pro-active in their pursuit of such products, he said.
"They started with food, but now they're expanding on it. It's expanding to sleep, mediation, air purifiers - also how products
"The top considerations
are whether home
textiles are durable
and long-lasting,
then high quality and
innovation. In their
minds, sustainable
products resonate as a
positive attribute.

- Elena Taylor account executive Hohenstein Institute America are manufactured. We're seeing changes in materials -food storage containers moving from plastic to glass," he said. "The interest in what's more authentic and more natural is mostly led by the Millenni-als group."

A global survey released by Nielsen in August 2018 found $81 \%$ of respondents felt strongly that companies should help to improve the environment, with Millennial (85\%) leading the way as the generation that said it was "extremely" or "very" important that companies work to improve the environment. These consumers are projected to be spending $\$ 150$ billion on sustainable goods by 2021, according to global trend forecaster WGSN.
WGSN's 2019 report, "Sustainability and the Consumer," asserts that consumer awareness around sustainability hit a new level in 2018 - spurred in part by anti-plastic campaigns and heightened awareness about pollution in water systems.
"Brands were quick to establish themselves as responsible champions for conscious consumerism, particularly to appeal to Millennial who will enter a period of peak purchasing power in 2020," the white paper noted. "But analysis by PwC in 2018 discovered that while $72 \%$ of companies mention the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) -which include responsible consumption and production - in their annual reporting, only $27 \%$ include them in [their] business strategy."

Looking at home textiles specifically, Oeko-Tex's 2017 global consumer survey found that $56 \%$ of consumers said it was important that the home textiles they buy are safe from harmful substances. Awareness of eco-friendly home textiles was higher among parents with young children $(88 \%)$. This group also reported buying eco-friendly home textiles at a higher rate ( $44 \%$ ) than the overall population ( $28 \%$ ). The report, "The Key to Confidence: Consumers and Textiles Sustainability," concluded that as more Millennial have children - there were over 3.8 million babies born in the US in 2017-the demand for retailers to present sustainable home textiles will continue to grow.

## A QUALITY INDICATOR

"It is an attitude. It's an inclination to buy what is considered eco-friendly," said Susan Inglis, executive director of the Sustainable Furnishings Council (SFC).

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The organization's annual consumer survey finds that consumers buy home furnishings based on three factors: style, quality and price. "Eco-friendly now factors into the quality," she said.

SFC's research polls 30 - to 60 -year-olds with household income of at least $\$ 50,000$, all home owners, who have spent at least $\$ 500$ on home furnishings in the previous 12 months. "That's not everybody in the world, but there is a lot of variation," said Inglis.

However, what doesn't vary across the survey is the broader trend curve. When SFC first fielded the study in 2008, roughly half the respondents reported being concerned about one or more environmental issues. In the most recent study, which was released in late 2018, $98 \%$ of consumers in the survey group expressed concerns. Hot button issues included toxic pollutants ( $93 \%$ ), natural disasters ( $87 \%$ ), depleting resources ( $87 \%$ ), extinctions ( $87 \%$ ), indoor air quality ( $86 \%$ ) and deforestation (85\%).
"There's no difference among the demographics in the group - no difference by part of the country, age range or income range," said Inglis.

Elana Taylor, account executive at Hohenstein Institute America, said the progression of consumer interest in sustainable and safe products has transitioned from what goes into the body (food) to what goes on the body (skin care, cleansers and cosmetics) to what goes around the body (apparel and home textiles).
"Consumers think very highly of products with a sustainable message," she added. "The top considerations are whether home textiles are durable and long-lasting, then high quality and innovation. In their minds, sustainable products resonate as a positive attribute."

Hohenstein, which administers Oeko-Tex certifications in the US, has helped shepherd the expansion of Made in Green by Oeko-Tex labels into Macy's, Kohl's, Target, JCPenney and Costco. More are on the way, said Taylor. Globally, there are now over 14,000 companies that have Standard 100 by Oeko-Tex certifications and over 164,000 individual certificates have been issued.

Oeko-Tex's 2017 survey found that $65 \%$ of consumers who are aware of eco-friendly home textiles check a product's sustainability claims always, often or sometimes - and $52 \%$ check by looking for a certification label. Each Oeko-Tex certification carries a tracking number consumers can look up online to view the provenance of the product. The certifications are found on hang tags or sew-in labels and often promoted on e-commerce sites, said Taylor

And consumers are doing their homework on sustainable home goods, according to SFC's Inglis. The organization offers an online guide to its nearly 400 members and the sustainable products they produce. Roughly half the traffic to the site now comes from consumers.
"Certifications are an objective mark of assurance, and that is important to consumers," she said. "Companies need to be providing this information - and the more objective the better."

## SPREADING THE WORD

NPD's Derochowski sees a huge opportunity for home textiles retailers and brands to market into the ballooning consumer interest in clean and healthy living. He noted that retailers of kitchen electrics and home environment products such as air purifiers are going after the segment with gusto, raising prices and growing units in the process.
"There's no reason this couldn't be happening in textiles," he said. "It's sitting here for us as an industry. We've already got the products."

Consumers have transitioned from a shopping culture in which the activity itself was regarded as a rewarding pastime to a buying culture, searching for products that address their specific needs. Products have to fight for their attention,

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said Derochowski. Today, their priorities include getting better sleep, traveling more and new life moments: first home, downsizing, upsizing, getting married and having a baby.
"In a buying culture, you have to win the mind before you win the wallet," he added. He pointed to direct-to-consumer sites like Boll \& Branch and Brooklinen that are promoting their sustainably made home textiles across a swath of consumer media.
"There's no reason we shouldn't be crushing it right now. You want a healthy life? You need new sheets," he said.
WGSN's white paper recommends retailers look for opportunities to engage with sustainably minded consumers in their own communities. "While large scale, long-term solutions were a main focus for our Future Innovations 2021, smaller, hyper-local restructuring will create a network of replicable and highly scalable innovations," it said.

The firm pointed to British fashion designer Bethany Williams' Breadline collection of $100 \%$ sustainably produced apparel. Breadline grew out of partnerships with UK supermarket Tesco and the Vauxhall Food Bank to create a "cycle of exchange." Tesco donates food items to the food bank which customers can "purchase" with their unwanted clothing. Williams uses the donated apparel to create the Breadline collection. Thirty percent of Breadline's profits are invested back into the food bank.

The idea that economically distressed consumers are disinterested in sustainability is incorrect. While Oeko-Tex's survey found that interest in sustainable products runs highest among middle-income consumers in the US, the second largest demographic was comprised of lower-income consumers. High-income consumers came in at the bottom of the survey. Hohenstein's Taylor noted that while the Made in Green home textiles currently available in the market are all found at mid-tier retailers, extreme value retailers Aldi and Lidl also manage to offer Oeko-Tex and/or Fair Trade home textiles and apparel.
"Consumers are interested in making purchases they consider a smart decision for themselves and families," she said. "They see this as a small step toward doing the right thing." HTT


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