

## Textile Briefs National

**1** Cotton output in Pakistan during 2018-19 seasons has already surpassed the total amount produced in the previous season. Ginneries in Pakistan have received 10.707 million bales of cotton by March 1, 2019, compared to the total arrival of 10.366 million bales in the previous season, according to the Pakistan Cotton Ginners' Association (PCGA).

**2** Designers from Milan have asked textile exporters to become a part of Milan Fashion Week 2019. Italian designer Stella Jean visited Faisalabad's textile factories and showed their interest in working with Pakistani fabric.

**3** APTMA Patron-in-Chief Gohar Ejaz urged the government to constitute a task force on cotton production to achieve 15 million bales and ensure its enhancement, sustainability, acquisition of high yield cotton technology, and provision of agricultural extension services.

**4** The value added textile segments particularly knitwear and ready-made garments saw an increase of 16% and 10% respectively in Jan-19 on a year-on-year basis. The volume growth was also impressive, with knitwear showing an increase of 36% in quantity.

**5** Shahzad Saleem, Chairman of Nishat Chunian Group highlighted the severity of the problem which has left textile companies in a liquidity crunch. Other industry stakeholders echo this sentiment and give the shut-down of over 100 textile companies as evidence of the liquidity issues due to a failure by successive governments to address these issues.

**6** The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) Chairman Syed Ali Ahsan has said that a competitive and viable domestic textile industry is in the larger interest of the textile sector across the value chain.

**7** Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan said that a long-term strategy is being devised to meet the needs of textile industry in the country. He said all available resources would be mobilized in collaboration with provinces to achieve the set target of 15 million bales cotton production next year.

**8** Pakistan's textile and clothing exports recorded 9.47% year-on-year decline to \$1.088 billion in March 2019, taking the nine-month (July-March FY19) exports to \$9.99 billion, as higher cost of doing business and economic uncertainty kept the industry under pressure. ♦

## Textile Briefs International



**1** Bangladesh textile chemicals market is forecast to grow from US\$ 864 million in 2018 to US\$ 1.38 billion by 2024, exhibiting a CAGR of around 8% during the forecast period, owing to robust growth in garment sector.

**2** According to the China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC), countries and regions along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have become major destinations for China's overseas investment in the textile sector. Over 80 percent of the industry's global investment has already flown to the BRI region in the past five years.

**3** Through the initial investment of an estimated US\$30 million and facilitated by Japan's public-private partnership the United Arab Emirates has revealed plans to establish a

plant in the city of Dubai that will leverage a solution developed to upcycle old clothes into raw material pellets.

**4** An upcoming conference seeks to raise awareness of industrial textiles for global construction projects. Buildtech, a part of the Techtexil trade fair, in Frankfurt, with the aim of growing awareness about how textiles can support the development of membranes, and light-weight and solid structures.

**5** For India, China remains the top sourcing market of textile machinery in Q2 too. The imports in the quarter totalled US\$ 368.07 million. In the previous quarter and CPLY too China was the top import destination for India's textile machinery requirements.

**6** Exporters from the India's largest man-made fabric (MMF) hub in Surat have stopped exports of fabrics to Pakistan in the aftermath of a dastardly attack on a CRPF convoy in Jammu & Kashmir's Pulwama district.

**7** The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has placed ban on forex access to textile industry. According to the CBN Governor, the action was taken to boost the textile industry and make it employer of labour.

**8** With funding from the department of science and technology, a peso 41.57-million yarn center will soon open in the Philippines' Miag-ao town in Iloilo as part of the Western Visayas administrative region's efforts to revive its textile industry.

**9** MP's in the UK urged the government to force fashion manufacturers to pay more towards collecting and recycling the waste they create.

**10** According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam-China trade turnover reached \$106.7 billion last year, up 13.5 percent compared to 2017. Vietnam exported goods worth \$41.26 billion, up 16.56 percent, while imports reached \$65.43 billion, up 11.68 percent.

**11** Vietnam exports its textile products to 180 countries. Garment manufacturing accounts for 70% of the total businesses. U.S. Europe, Japan, and South Korea are top markets for Vietnam textile and garment products. ♦