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1 The Technical and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) and the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) have agreed to form a 'Textile Sector Council' to ensure better coordination. This agreement will facilitate both organizations to meet the opportunities that would arise in the textile sector in near future.

2 The exports of ready-made garments during the first four months of current financial year grew by 12% as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of last year.

3 Exports of raw cotton from the country during the first quarter of the current financial year increased by 53.65% as compared to the exports of the corresponding period of last year.

4 The cotton crop in Pakistan suffers major losses due to climate change and its production is reduced by 21 percent to 6.097 million bales as compared to 7.706m bales produced in the same period last year.

5 The Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) Senior Vice President (SVP) Zafar Iqbal Sarwar has proposed new textile policy for 2019-24 to make Pakistan world market leader in textile sector.

6 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) will collaborate with the European Union (EU) to ensure sustainability and growth of the textile industry in the country, said APTMA Punjab Chairman Adil Bashir.

7 The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Pakistan and China has dented India's cotton yarn exports after Indian cotton exports declined by a massive 38.8 percent during the first six months of the current fiscal year that ended in September 2019.

8 In a media briefing Abdul Razak Dawood said that Chinese companies have started locating business centers in different parts of Pakistan. They had started construction work in Lahore and Faisalabad to explore business in textile sectors.

9 Textile businessmen in Pakistan recently urged restoration of the zero-rating facility for the sector if billions of rupees in sales tax refunds cannot be released.

10 During a meeting at the FCCI, Miss Alicia, Dean marketing consultant of Austin USA said Pakistan should exploit its expertise in the textile sector to get a share from the textile market of Texas.

11 APTMA has lauded the government for releasing Rs17.6 billion in various drawback schemes pertaining to the textile value chain. The members also paid a special tribute to the efforts of the Commerce Division secretary, who expedited the refund claims.

12 The value-added textile sector has opposed the merger of commerce and textile divisions citing that it will affect the overall performance of the sector. ♦

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1 Bangladeshi apparel makers are pushing to change end consumer mindset because a recent survey showed consumers are expecting steep discounts. This trend among the consumers is deeply worrying and increases the urgency to create sustainability awareness among the consumers.

2 The Chinese Textile Association in Cambodia (Ctac) aims to increase Chinese investments in the garment industry in the country of Southeast Asia. So several Chinese textile companies have created the Chinese Textile Association in Cambodia (Ctac).

3 India rejects the RCEP deal textile industry hails decision Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced India's decision not to join the China-backed mega Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) deal.

4 The orders index for textile machinery compiled by ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, from July to September 2019 was down by 10% compared to the same period in 2018.

5 Kenya and Lesotho recently signed three agreements to boost bilateral cooperation. Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said his country is keen to learn about developing the textile sector from Lesotho, which has one of the most vibrant textile sectors in Africa.

6 Myanmar is coming up as a major competitor of Bangladesh in the global apparel markets. The country has really developed a lot in a short span of time. The export volume till the end of August

in 11 months of FY 2018-19 was worth US\$ 4.37 billion compared to the US\$ 3.2 billion figure in the same period a year ago—an increase of US\$ 1.17 billion, according to the Commerce Ministry of Myanmar.

7 The Senate appealed to the Nigerian Federal Government to ban importation of textiles for a period of five years to allow for the production of local textiles. This followed the debate on a motion sponsored by Senator Kabir Barkiya (APC-Katsina Central) during plenary session on "Urgent need to revamp the nation's comatose textile industry".

8 Singapore is by far the EU's largest trading partner in the Southeast Asian region, with a total bilateral trade in goods of over €53 billion and another €51

billion of trade in services. Over 10,000 EU companies are established in Singapore and use it as a hub for the whole Pacific region.

9 Swedish pulp and paper giant Södra claims that it made a new chemical 'breakthrough' that allows it to separate polyester/cotton blended textiles and turn them into raw materials for viscose and lyocell fiber production.

10 The Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association General Secretary Truong Van Cam said the country has been affected indirectly by the perpetual trade war. The yarn export to china has fallen since the year begins. There are other key factors like the shrinking of the global fashion industry also playing a critical role in this. ♦